

# Budget Proposal from Little Stars School to Asha for Education, Berkeley Chapter for the Year 2025-26

11<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

## **I. Introduction**

The Little Stars School would like to express our gratitude to Asha for Education, Berkeley Chapter for your support over the years. As a school that educates about 900 children from disadvantaged families for little to no fee, we rely heavily on the generosity of donors like you in the pursuit of our mission. This proposal seeks funding for the education of underprivileged children from the Nagwa Lanka and surrounding area in Varanasi during the year 2025-26.

## **II. Review of past year**

In the past year, Little Stars School has advanced its mission of providing quality education to socially and economically disadvantaged children. Our teaching methods and curriculum have continued to engage students, and our enrolment has remained at 900, which we consider the school's capacity.

All 52 students in Class 10 and all 54 students in Class 12 and 14 students of CBSC passed their board exams in the session 2024-25. After class 12<sup>th</sup> we are trying to send few students every year for paramedical course, if not, students try to join college or some technical courses. When graduating students do not have access to funds to continue their education at universities, the Little Stars School supports these students financially.

These results prove our declaration: "We are a school for the poor, but not a poor school." In terms of other changes or improvements since last year, we can report that during this past school year (a) we have maintained Computer Science as an exam subject in class 9 and (b) kept up with the maintenance of our three smartboards and computers.

We maintain the CBSC pattern exams for 20 bright students.

Struggling annually to cover all of our costs, we consider it a success each year simply to maintain the quality education we provide.

### **III. Summary of requested funding for 2025-2026:**

- (a) Salaries continue to 9 individuals (8 teachers including Computer Science teacher and 1 Vice-Principal.)
- (b) Salary continue of 1 Counsellor/Social Worker for Hostel Girls.
- (c) One Digital Board

#### **Clarifying Notes:**

We offer a rich curriculum that includes music, dance and physical education

We feel strongly that we can offer Computer Science as a path of specialization, whereby students can take the UP Board Exams in Computer Science in Classes 10 and 12, expanding their vocational opportunities after Little Stars in the vast field of technology.

To provide further vocational support, we are employing a counsellor at the Girls shelter home. She is doing administrative work, interviews, and visits to Government offices, visits to hospitals for medical examinations or to courts to take care of the documents of girls who have lost their parents. These are compulsory governmental regulations that we must provide without any financial support. We are asking for support to provide continuity of services with this counsellor.

**We would like the school to become self-sustaining but the financial realities in India have been an obstacle to achieving this goal.**

Little Stars' mission depends on its teachers and securing funds for our teachers is critical for the continued success of our school. We ask you to help us ensure that we retain and hire the most committed and intelligent teachers who are available and willing to prepare our students for an engaged life in the world beyond Little Stars.

**Breakdown of requested funding for 2025-2026:**

*Please note that the salaries of the returning teachers listed below have increased due to inflation.*

**Returning Teachers’ Annual Salary in 2025-2026**

|                                           |                     |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Vocal Music Teacher                    | 63,500 rupees       |
| 2. Physical Education Teacher             | 61,000 rupees       |
| 3. English Teacher (Class 9-12)           | 1, 10,000 rupees    |
| 4. Math/Physics Teacher (Class 9-12)      | 99,500 rupees       |
| 5. Biochemistry Teacher (Class 9-12)      | 85,000 rupees       |
| 6. Chemistry Teacher (Class 9-12)         | 85,000 rupees       |
| 7. Computer Science Teacher (Class 5-12)  | 1, 17,500 rupees    |
| 8. Vice Principal (for Class 8-12 School) | 1, 35,000<br>rupees |

**For Hostel Staff:**

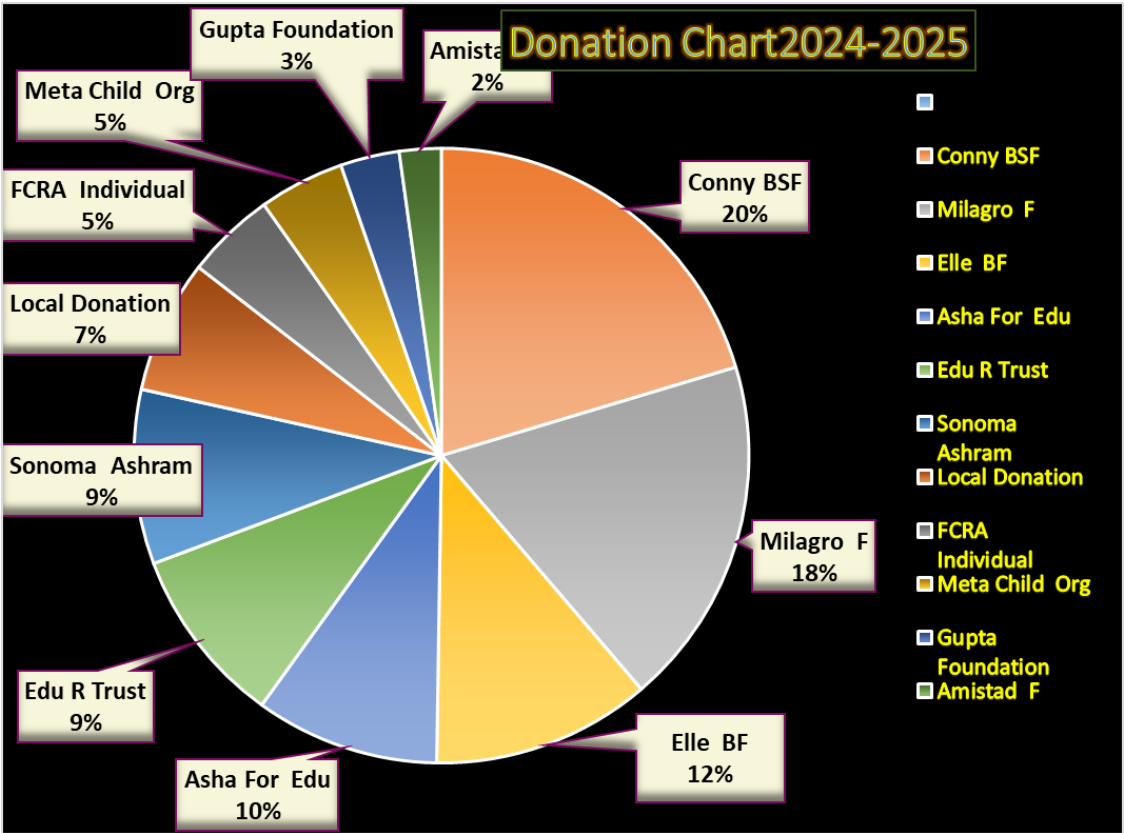
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| 9. Warden (in hostel)       | 1,20,000 rupees |
| 10.Counsellor/Social Worker | 85,000 rupees   |
| 11.One Digital Board        | 80,000 rupees   |

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Total Requested Amount</b> | <b>10, 41, 500</b> |
| <b>rupees</b>                 |                    |

**Review of Donations in 2024-2025 –amount received 4 lakh**

The majority of the money went to help pay for teachers’ salary and vice-principal salary, as well as for the counsellor.

Donations in 2024-2025



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Details of the Expenses 2024-2025

|                                                 | In Rupees   | In Dollars<br>(Rate – Rs 85/-) | In Euros<br>(Rate – 97/-) |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Donation Received                               | 91,69,347   | 1,07,875                       | 94,529                    |
| Expenses                                        |             |                                |                           |
| Administrative and General Expenses             | 7,18,302    | 8,451                          | 7,405                     |
| Students Sponsorship                            | 14,88,016   | 17,506                         | 15,340                    |
| Class Room Programme                            | 1,19,372    | 1,404                          | 1,231                     |
| Cultural Programme                              | 84,310      | 992                            | 869                       |
| Girls Shelter home (Hostel)                     | 12,75,557   | 15,007                         | 13,150                    |
| Health and Nutrition                            | 11,06,152   | 13,014                         | 11,404                    |
| Renovation and Repairs                          | 14,31,939   | 16,846                         | 14,762                    |
| Salaries                                        | 40,25,548   | 47,359                         | 41,500                    |
| TOTAL                                           | 1,02,49,196 | 1,20,579                       | 1,05,662                  |
| Amount Withdrawn From Contingency Funds At Bank | 10,79,849   | 12,704                         | 11,132                    |

