

Project Name: SRI VIDHYA

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Part I: Information about your group/organization

Please feel free to attach any additional sheets and/or information such as brochures, press reports etc. (Profile of Sri Vidhya and brochure annexed)

1. Name of the group/organization requesting funds.

Sri Vidhya's Centre for the Special Children

2. When was the group established?

January 6, 1999

3. Briefly describe the motivation for starting this group.

Ms. Shanthi Venkat, founder of Sri Vidhya is a qualified Special Educator and worked in various schools. Her plans of trying out new methods of training mentally retarded children with emphasis on self-help skills did not receive the encouragement/support from these schools resulting in her dream of launching her own school to cater to the needs of these children. Sri Vidhya is the culmination of this dream.

4. Name the key people running the organization and describe their background.

CHIEF PATRON

Dr. (Mrs.) SHANTHA SINHA : Secretary Trustee, M. V. Foundation
Magsaysay Award winner

ADVISORY BOARD

Dr. E.C. Vinay Kumar : Head of ENT Dept, Apollo Hospitals, Hyderabad

DR. Usha Raman : Communication Consultant, L. V. Prasad Eye Institute

Dr. Saroj Arya : Associate Professor in Clinical psychology NIMH

DR. Kalpana Kannabiran : Professor of Sociology, NALSAR University of Law

Sri K. Kalyanaraman : President, Navayuga Spatial technologies Ltd , Bangalore

Smt. C. Kanyakumari : Secretary ."Raksha International Foundation"

Sri. A. Kutumbarao : Film Director

Sri B. Ramajogarao : Vice President-PARIVAAR-NFPA

Sri. T. M. Marish : M. Srinivasan and Associates Chartered Accountants

Dr. Thyagarajan, MBBS : General Physician, Vijaya Healthcare, Secunderabad

Sri Murthy Magapu : Vice President, IMCS Group

Smt. N.V. Lakshmi : Asst.Vice President, IT, Associated Road Carriers Ltd, Secunderabad

Dr. I. Sreekant M.D.S. : Consultant Prosthodontist, Sridhar Multi Specialty Dental Hospital, Hyderabad

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Smt. S. Rama	: President
Sri S.V.S.Nagesh	: Vice President
Sri N. Venkateshwarlu	: Secretary
Smt. Shanthi Sivakumar	: Joint Secretary
Sri A.N.Raghavendra Rao	: Treasurer
Sri Manohar Pamnani	: Executive Member
Smt.Pushpa Ramachandran	: Executive Member
Smt.P.Madhuri Reddy	: Executive Member
Smt.Chitra Seetharaman	: Executive Member

5. Briefly describe the aims of your group.

- To impart specialized and intensive training to mentally retarded children.
- To make children self-reliant, helping them develop various life skills and wherever possible, providing vocational training.
- To integrate special children into the mainstream of life, in education and other areas.
- To provide support and guidance to parents and family members of children with special needs.
- To create and enhance public awareness and understanding of cognitive disabilities, and to promote positive interactions between the general public and those with mental retardation.

6. What other non education-related community development activities is your group involved in?

Sri Vidhya provides free education to 130 children and free education and shelter to 100 children of poor people hailing from surrounding slum areas.

7. Does your organization have FCRA (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act of 1976) clearance from the Indian government? This is required for you to receive foreign funds. If yes, please provide FCRA details.

Yes. We have obtained clearance from Govt. of India under FCRA vide 010230734 on 10th December 2007.

Part II: Details about your educational project/s

1. List the school/s run by your group, and their locations. If you are requesting funds for only a few of several schools, please specify which one/s.

Sri Vidhya's Centre for the Special Children is the only school run by our organization.

2. Who owns the school legally? Is it the organization or trustees or an individual. Please provide details.

The school is owned by Sri Vidhya's Centre for the Special Children, a non-profitable Society registered under the A.P. (Telangana Area) Public Societies Registration Act with Registration no.1559 dated 12.3.1999.

3. Location of school/s : Urban

4. Specify the type of education provided (e.g. basic literacy, vocational training etc.)

We provide Special Education in the following areas:

1. **Development of motor skills** like walking, running, climbing.
2. **Development of fine motor-skills** like atta kneading, threading etc.,
3. **Self-help skills** like brushing teeth, combing hair, and other activities like toileting ;dressing and eating contributing to personal hygiene and grooming.
4. **Academic skills** like reading, writing, simple mathematics
5. **Social and self-help skills** like shopping, using public transport , group and interpersonal interaction skills
6. **Pre-vocational skills** like tailoring; exchanging money and counting currency etc.
7. **Vocational skills** in activities like running flour-mill; making of different types of candles and envelopes etc.

5. Describe the socio-economic background of the children and their parents (e.g. education, occupational). If any of your students are employed, please tell us about that as well.

Apart from conventional techniques of teaching Special Children we adopt various Alternative techniques like yoga, meditation, music therapy, game therapy, cooking classes and outdoor excursions for enjoyment and recreation that are very often denied to Special Children.

6. What are the admission criteria for the students to join your school? Have you ever turned away students? If so, why?

We admit children based on our assessment of special education needs of the child .We have never turned away any student unless the child is afflicted with acute epileptic attack.

7. How many children attend your school currently? How many teachers do you have? How many full time students? How many part time teachers?

We have presently 130 children on our rolls. We have four trained teachers and eight trainee junior teachers. All our students are full-time students. The physiotherapist attached to our school is on part-time basis.

8. How much is the fees ? Is there an one time admission- fee ?

We collect charges from only 20 day scholars and 10 students staying in our hostel. Day scholars pay Rs. 800 per month and students staying in hostel pay Rs. 3,500 per month. Rest of the students, from poorer sections of society, do not pay any fees. There is no one-time admission fee.

9. Do you have parent teacher meetings (parent involvement)?

Parent-teacher meetings (referred to as Counselling sessions) are held twice a month regularly.

10. In addition to education, does your group provide any other services to the children in your schools (e.g. food, health care, clothing, etc.)?

We provide food; health care and clothing to all poor students free of cost.

11. What is the age group of the children currently enrolled in your school(s)?

Three to fifty eight years.

12. How many staff are employed at your schools?

Twenty five members work with us.

13. Is your program different from that provided at these schools? Please explain.

Yes. We take care of students who cannot be taught in the regular schools catering to normal children.

14. Do you try to involve the parents of the children in the running of the school (e.g. in setting the syllabus etc.)? Please specify.

Yes. In fact the Executive Committee is consisting of parents who render these services voluntarily.

15. What are your expansion plans for the future (e.g. adding more classes or schools)? How do you see your school impacting the village five years from now?

We are planning to acquire own premises for catering to more students; expand vocational training centre by adding more activities; increase the hostel intake for mofussil students.

16. Any additional details you would like to provide us with.

We have annexed scanned copies of remarks made by distinguished visitors to our Institute; compact discs showing activities of our school; annual day celebrations etc. Please visit our website www.srividhya.org for more information on our school.

1. **What sources fund your group's activities at present? List the sources and the current and future funding from each of them. If these funds are meant for a specific part of your group's activities, please describe those restrictions.**

Charges collected from parents of other than poor students; donations from well-wishers; funds raised through programmes sponsored by others; hand - loans from parents and other well-wishers and grant from Concern India Foundation.

2. Justification for the request

An existing school in our operational area i.e. West Marredpally, Secunderabad has closed down in April 2008. 34 children from this school have joined our Institute and most of them belong to the poorer sections like daily-wage earners, push-cart vendors etc and cannot afford to pay fees. Also 50 out of these children stay in our hostel. Consequently the expenditure on food; provisions, medicines, stationery etc have increased tremendously requiring additional funds. Hence we are looking for sponsorship for these poor children who have joined Sri Vidhya recently.

Estimate of funds required :

I Break-up of Provisions for the Hostel and other Expenditure

Particulars	Quantity	Rate (Rs.)	Rs. Per Month	Rs. Per Annum
Rice (Kgs)	250	35	8,750	1,05,000
Milk (14 Liters x Rs.25 per liter x 30 days)	420	25	10,500	1,26,000
Pulses; oils; sugar; Atta and other items			14,000	1,68,000
Gas (4 cylinderx350Rs.)	4	350	1,400	16,800
Vegetables (incl. fruits @ Rs.1000 per week)	4	1000	4,000	48,000
Medicines& Toiletries	Lump sum		3,000	36,000
Stationery	Lump sum		2,000	24,000
Purchase of clothes and other essentials (twice a year)	Lump sum			15,000
Miscellaneous Expenditure (festivals; birthdays; outings etc.)	Lump sum			5,000
Grand Total			43,650	5,43,800

II Break up staff Salaries:

Sl.No	Category	Per Month	Per Annum
1	Sr Spl educator	12,000	1,44,000
2	Spl educator	10,000	1,20,000
3	Jr. spl educator	8,000	96,000
4	Voc in charge	8,000	96,000
5	Speech therapist	10,000	1,20,000
6	Physiotherapist	10,000	1,20,000
7	Aya's (5) (4000X5)	20,000	2,40,000
Total		78,000	9,36,000

Sponsorship for Children

Amount spent per child for one month = Rs. 3,500 (including accommodation; training; food; clothes and medicines etc)

Funding Amount Requested to For Better Tomorrow:

Rs. 5,43,800 or \$ 10,000 (Approximately) for provisions expenses

Sri Vidhya hopes to use \$ 10,000 to support current enrollees. The funds provided by For Better Tomorrow will be used to support Sri Vidhya through reimbursable expenses, directly paid to vendors for food, dairy, clothing, books, transportation and other expenses. The funds will NOT be used for salary expenses or paid directly to Sri Vidhya or any directly individual associated with Sri Vidhya.

For Better Tomorrow's mission and vision align well with Sri Vidhya's. Sri Vidhya is not a political or religious organization. Sri Vidhya plans to comply with the guidelines of For Better Tomorrow and hopes to build a long term partnership. Sri Vidhya is interested in leveraging For Better Tomorrow's communication channels to spread the word and create much needed advocacy and support for the institution and its members.

Sri Vidhya is FCRA approved, enabling it to receiving funding from international organizations and foundations like For Better Tomorrow. Sri Vidhya's Vendors have the needed Bank account to transact electronically. One of For Better Tomorrow's volunteers, who currently resides locally in the same district, will oversee the relationship and serve as a Board Member for Sri Vidhya. This board appointment is to be executed and confirmed by Sri Vidhya's Board of Directors. This confirmation is expected after project effort is approved and initiated by For Better Tomorrow Board.

We hereby undertake to utilize the funds granted for the purpose for which it is approved.

For Sri Vidhya's Centre for The Special Children



(Shanthi Venkat)

Executive Director

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