**1. Empowering visually challenged BOYS AND GIRL’s by providing Computer Training**

**PROJECT PROPOSAL DETAILS AND OBJECTIVES**

The trust has been running computer classes for the visually impaired, particularly for ADULTS BOYS AND girls, for the last three years and so far has trained many blind people in computer skills. Visually impaired students are trained to use common computer-processing applications like Word Processor, Spreadsheets, PowerPoint and also the Internet. Appropriate syllabus has been prepared by us. The students are trained to operate the system using a KEYBOARD with the help of special software like JAWS (Job Access with Speech - to read electronic texts on screen), KURZWEIL (for reading printed text), MAGIC (to magnify the text to help a person who is partially blind to read). They will also be able to download information from the Internet for reading, browse the newspapers, do online research and continuously upgrade their skills.

* Computer Training help the visually challenged students to pursue and improve their level of education and enhance their employment opportunities,
* Training provides in-home vision rehabilitation training for blind people of all ages including training in independent daily living skills, mobility and mainstreaming into local senior centers.
* Also the training includes career awareness, pre-vocational and job placement assist with finding jobs for blind unemployed people especially for women
* Vocational training for Women to help them pursue a career as a call center operator, reception, I&R specialist.

The beneficiaries are local blinds (70% of them are female students) in and around the vicinity of Mysore who are aspiring to continue their education and training. This will help enable them to get employed in the future. Moreover, this will also help them access the internet for enhancing their knowledge and also for entertainment. In the near future, we are planning to increase the number of computers to ramp up our organization as the total number of students has increased.

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| Recurring Expenses | | |
| **Computer Training** | | |
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| Operating Expenses | Monthly | Yearly Expenses |
| Salary to Administrator | 15,000 | 180000 |
| Salary to Trainers 2 @10,000 | 24,000 | 288000 |
| Telephone & Broad Band and miscellaneous expenditure | 5,000 | 60000 |
| Total | 44,000 | 528000 |

**Eligibility criteria for availing this facility:**

* Target individual BOYS AND girls who are from rural areas and below the poverty line. We collect income certificate as well to assist this process
* Rural BOYS AND girls who have completed their 10th standard
* Minimum score should be 50 % marks in SSLC
* Written test will be conducted to select the candidates for training

**Impact till Date**

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|  | Number of Beneficiaries | Target Beneficiaries |
| 2014 | 8 | 12 |
| 2015 | 14 | 20 |
| 2016 | 23 | 25 |
| 2017 | 30 | 40 |

**Impact of our project**

* Assisting the needy disabled students to pursue education to the maximum extent possible by providing them with all facilities like Braille books, e-text,
* Providing the disabled with computer training and assisting them in getting certification from a recognized institution.
* Providing training and development to students with disabilities and enable them to choose their career path after they complete Senior Secondary Certificate (Class 10th). For this purpose, identifying a minimum of 10 students and providing in-house career guidance, personality development, counseling, motivation training and preparing them for further courses and placing them suitably.
* Providing voluntary services like reading and teaching to students and coaching them on special subjects like communication courses, enabling them better exposure to the outside world.
* Providing placement to the trained candidates in call centers and other corporate companies.