

DIVYA JYOTHI CHARITABLE TRUST® (FOR THE DISABLED)

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SIGHT is one of the five senses we are born with, -God's gift to us, which many of us take for granted. But look around, not all are blessed with these senses. Some people are born with or develop impaired vision, hearing or speech. Some have partial loss of vision and others more unfortunate have total loss of vision. These people have as

much right to live fruitful lives as those without disability. It is not easy for the visually impaired, but some people with such disabilities do persevere in life through determination, hard work and self confidence. One such person is **Shri Shivaprakash** of Mysore. He is completely blind yet remarkably he completed an M.A. in Political Science. What sets him apart from others is his concern for people with similar disabilities and a desire to help them succeed in life. Being blind has not stopped him succeeding academically or vocationally because he has a clear vision about his goals and the means to achieve them. And thus was born **DIVYA JYOTHI CHARITABLE TRUST** in 2008, a non-profit, non-Governmental Organization, with Shri Shivaprakash as the Managing Trustee and three other trustees

The goal of the Trust is to provide holistic, dedicated support to the physically and visually impaired people of Mysore to enable them to live productive, happy and independent lives. To make them realize their potential - not as "disabled", but as "differently abled". To achieve the above goal the Trust has already taken up several activities which are detailed below:

- **Computer Training:** The trust has been running computer classes for the visually impaired for the last three years and so far has trained many blind people in basic 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. All these help the visually challenged students to pursue and improve their level of education and enhance their employment opportunities.
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- **Braille transcription Centre:** Availability of books in Braille script is a very critical need for visually impaired students to continue their education. As such books are not provided by the Government beyond school level, NGOs have to step in to meet this requirement. Many students discontinue their studies just for the want of Braille books, for which they have to travel all the way to Bangalore. Not many of them can afford to go to Bangalore. Easy availability of books will enable students to complete their college education and get employment. For the benefit of many blind and visually impaired students in and around Mysore, we have started a Braille library, with a few books and audio CDs sourced from some donors. However, to significantly increase the volume of books in the library, we have to transcribe books in normal script to Braille script and print them ourselves. For this purpose we have very recently procured an automatic Braille Box printing machine which can print up to 900 pages per hour in Braille script. We print academic, story books, journals, magazines, novels and other required books on a large scale using an automatic Braille Box printing machine.
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- ❖ **Braille Books Library:** We aim to develop the habit of reading among the visually challenged. Our institution maintains a Braille Library. It is the only one of its kind in Mysore, with a few academic books, story books and magazines to cater to the needs of the blind students. Also we are collecting books from other NGOs and distributing them among the needy students. Our main focus is on school and college academic students, making the course materials available for study. Also, the library aims to stock academic books, competitive exam guides, and books related to personality development, current affairs etc.
 - ❖ **Talking Books:** Reading and recording services and several audio CDs are also provided for the benefit of college and University students. We intend to convert academic books, story books, journals, magazines, novels and other required books on a large scale in the audio form of CDs.
 - ❖ **Braille teaching classes:** Both the blind and others are taught to read and write Braille script.
- **Capacity Building Training:** Spoken English classes are held for visually challenged people to help them improve their communication skill in English. Lot blind and visually impaired women are extremely talented and gifted individuals. However, they lack the self belief and the confidence to unearth their true potential. We, at Divya Jyothi Charitable Trust, are involved in the overall development of the individuals. We do this by analyzing their problems and counseling them. Besides, identify suitable occupations for individual person with disabilities in a participatory

approach and the education to face the world. Education is important, but it is the psychological support and guidance which will hold them in good stead for the rest of their lives. Here is where we step in and make them believe in their abilities and achieve their goals.

- **Pick-up and Drop Service** for visually challenged ,Blind students living in different parts of the city find it difficult to move around in public transport, as the bus stops are usually quite far from their residence or college / school. They may have to change the buses before reaching the destination. Further, the buses are usually crowded, making the entire process highly inconvenient, particularly for girls. This acts as a deterrent to deserving students to fully avail the facilities available at the Trust.

To help mitigate this problem and motivate the students to utilize the facilities offered by the Trust, we have recently purchased a vehicle with capacity to seat 12 persons and operate it as Pick and Drop service. Operating this service will entail substantial recurring expenditure for salaries, fuel and maintenance for which we are seeking financial support

- **Empowerment of disabled women and girls** providing support to build capacity and perspective building for socially excluded women, Lot blind and visually impaired women are extremely talented and gifted individuals. However, they lack the self belief and the confidence to unearth their true potential. We, at Divya Jyothi Charitable Trust, are involved in the overall development of the individuals. We do this by analyzing their problems and counseling them. Besides, identify suitable occupations for individual person with disabilities in a participatory approach and the education to face the world. Education is important, but it is the psychological support and guidance which will hold them in good stead for the rest of their lives. Here is where we step in and make them believe in their abilities and achieve their goals.

- **Sports and other events:** Divya Jyothi trust offers a wonderful platform for the visually impaired to exhibit their talent in sports. Many visually impaired across Karnataka, have taken part enthusiastically in the district and state level Chess Open Tournament organized by Divya Jyothi trust. It is planning to organize many tournaments on an annual basis. We have specially designed chess boards, cricket balls and playing cards etc. Tournaments are aimed at spreading awareness in the public about persons with disabilities. Yoga, Pranayama and Meditation classes are also part of our day-to-day activities. The trust also provides Braille aids and appliances to the blind, like, folding sticks, long canes, signature guides, interpoints, Braille slates with different types of stylus, and different types of pocket frames etc. Physical Training has recently set up a gymnasium in its premises for the benefit of blind students. Equipment like tread mill, 6 station multi gym, shoulder press, incline bench, DAP machine with knee rise, vibrofit etc have been installed and are in use.



FUTURE PLANS

We wish to take more innovative steps to expand our facilities to provide services for the physically and economically challenged. Our goals:

- To print books in Braille on a large scale to fulfill needy requirements.
- To provide pickup and drop off services for severely disabled persons in Mysore City.
- To conduct more trainings in personal development skills.
- To provide more placement services matching people with work according to their education and training.
- To provide more recreational and cultural activities.



Project proposal Estimated budget details:

| S No | Expense Head | Amount in Rs |
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| 1 | Support Braille Transcription Center -Printing academic Braille books for visually impaired students and maintenance of the Braille library | |
| a | Salary for Braille box printing machine operator | 160000 |
| b | Salary for Typist and Proof reader | 150000 |
| c | Stationary, Braille Papers, Others | 681667 |
| d | Salary for Attender | 50000 |
| 2 | Pickup and drop facility for Visually and Physically disabled students for 1 Academic year | |
| a | Salary to the Driver | 100000 |
| b | Fuel for the vehicle | 100000 |
| c | Maintenance of 2 vehicles | 50000 |
| 3 | Hostel for Computer Trainers | |
| a | Purchase of Land (CA site from Govt of Karnataka) | 700000 |
| b | Construction of Building Materials | 100000 |
| c | Construction labor charges | 500000 |
| 4 | Computer Training | |
| a | Annual Computer Maintenance | 56670 |
| b | Salary to Administrator | 110000 |
| c | Salary to Trainers | 200000 |
| d | Telephone & Broad Band and miscellaneous expenditure | 50000 |
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| | Total (sum of above line items) | 30,08,337 |

APPEAL

Our organization respectfully request to support any of above mentioned projects recurring or non recurring expenditure. Your guidance and suggestions are equally important for our success, we would be grateful if you can visit our premise for any kind of assistance. For any queries please send an e-mail in confirmation to divya.jyothi.trust@gmail.com.

You can contribute by way of cheque or a DD favoring Divya Jyothi Charitable Trust for the Disabled or you may directly send in the money in to the following bank accounts of Divya Jyothi:

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| Bank | STATE BANK OF INDIA |
| Account name: | Divya Jyothi Charitable Trust (R) |
| A/c Number: | 31594261908 |
| Branch | Mothikhana Building Branch, Mysore |
| IFS Code: | SBIN0003130 |

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