

# Shristi Special Academy®

Engage Enable Empower Persons with Disability

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To  
The Committee  
Heart and Hand for the Handicapped  
New York  
USA

17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

Warm Greetings from Shristi!

Shristi deeply appreciates the consistent support that the Heart and Hand for the Handicapped has provided over the years. Shristi provides transport facility for the 180 children to be picked and dropped back to their homes as part of its services. Currently we operate 3 buses and 2 of the buses are almost 15 years old and frequently require repairs incurring a lot of expense and inconvenience. Law in India states that transport vehicles like buses need to stop plying and be replaced at the end of 15 years. Hence we request you to kindly support Shristi to procure a new bus.

Any NGO can achieve its goal with the assistance of generous contributions from the members of the community – individuals, foundations, trusts and business houses. In existence for 21 years we at Shristi Special Academy continue to strive to expand our programs, services and reach out to more number of Persons with Disabilities [PWDs] from the community each year.

Shristi's Vision is to improve the overall quality of life of PWDs, to ensure their full participation and acceptance in society. In order to meet our vision and continue providing services to our beneficiaries we rely on your partnership. With your participation and support, we would be able to engage, enable and empower more PWDs in our community year after year at minimal cost to the family.

**Background:** Shristi provides transportation facility for about 150 persons with disabilities. Transportation is a key for the PWD beneficiaries to reach the Academy to get the required intervention. The beneficiaries from villages around our campus have never had any intervention because they live far off from Bengaluru city and their parents are unable to afford the cost of daily commute, let alone the cost of rehabilitation services.

A majority of the parents do not have the facility to bring their children to the academy and the beneficiaries cannot travel by themselves using the public transportation. Hence Shristi shoulders the responsibility of providing a means of transport to enable access to education, therapies, training and guidance leading to future livelihood programs

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## Project Proposal:

Purchase of bus (Seating Capacity 40) for providing pick up and drop for PWDs from their home to the academy. **Approximate Cost –Rs 20 lakhs**

## Objectives and Impact:

- To reach out to 40 beneficiaries identified across 40+ villages around Shristi campus
- To provide an opportunity for Persons with Disabilities(1yr old to adults) to access necessary intervention services
- To provide Special Education and multi therapeutic services from Early intervention to Livelihood Program
- To enable access to disability benefits and services from the Government.

(3 Quotations attached) Our preference – Eicher Bus.The existing 2 buses are Eicher make and are found to be sturdy with efficient performance.

We are counting on the support of well wishers of Shristi with their family and friends to partner and make a positive difference in the lives of persons with disabilities. We hope that you will be able to make a generous contribution and help us achieve our goal.

## Join hands with Shristi to ensure Persons With Disabilities “Ride to A Better Tomorrow”

Our sincere and earnest appeal to be generous and make this dream a reality and set the BUS rolling in the new academic year.

Thanking You

With Warm Regards

For Shristi Special Academy

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Suchita', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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