**PROJECT: Support for Palliative care Link Centers**

**Estimated Cost - INR 16, 59, 500 per year**

**Executive Summary of the project**

BHT- Karunashraya is located in Whitefield on five acres of land, which is on a 30 year lease from the Government of Karnataka. The present facility is located on approximately two acres of land. The remaining three acres of free land has been landscaped in accordance with the ambience planned for the hospice. The capacity utilization at the hospice has been steadily on the rise, and the current average occupancy is touching 100% almost every day. In fact we have a waiting list of patients who require our care.

Cancer is growing at 11% per annum in India. This coupled with the fact that 80% of cancer patients visit hospitals for the first time when the disease has reached its advanced stage, there is a huge need for hospice and hospice related services.

In the last one year we at Karunashraya have been witnessing an increase in the number of patients, however we are not able to cater to patients in other parts of Bangalore such as north, south and west Bangalore. Therefore we wish to establish “Link Centers” in these areas to help to cater to out-patients

Your support in any capacity towards this project will be most appreciated and will help us to continue rendering free palliative care to more advanced cancer patients over the years to come.

**Logistic framework**

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| **Goal** | To increase our capacity to care for patients at home and to support their relatives and care givers. |
| **Objective** | Establish “link centers” in the North (Hebbal), South (Wilson Garden), and the West (Mysore) also offer Day Care services |
| **Output** | Creating a wider area of service in Bangalore. |
| **Measurable indicators** | 1. The patient’s records 2. Qualitative feedback from the patient’s family 3. Increasing number of patients |
| **Assumptions** | Increased area of service will allow our organization to reach out more Advance staged cancer patients. |

**Problem analysis**

Our organization is based on the outskirts of Bangalore – on the eastern end. Travel and coverage to other area is not easy.

**Facts about requirement**

1. Our organization is located in east Bangalore
2. Thus the a chunk of the population is inaccessible or difficult to access by us

**Project location**

Urban and Rural Bangalore

**Target group**

Men and Women/Youth/Children – All ages

**Project strategy**

These link centers will be outposts of the main hospice and will offer outpatient, counseling and physiotherapy facilities. Given space they could also offer day care. They will be the focus for the Home Care team working in that locality, saving valuable time and travel cost, thereby enabling them to be more responsive. They will have the same ethics and principle of Karunashraya, and run by our staff.

**Expected outcomes: [effect of the activities/ no. of direct or indirect beneficiaries]**

Increase the capacity of home care and day care facility all across Bangalore.

Saves valuable time and money, more efficient in reaching those in need

**Monitoring and evaluation**

Daily monitoring by Medical Officer

Weekly monitoring by Medical Director

**Cost involved (budget) for Link centers**

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| **Link Centre** | **Amount (INR)** |
| Counselor | 4,14,000 |
| Physiotherapist | 0 |
| Home Care Staff | 3,69,600 |
| Administrative staff | 1,58,400 |
| Driver | 2,22,200 |
| (Rent – with effective from Oct '16) | 3,10,500 |
| Vehicle Maintenance (Home Care) | 1,05,600 |
| Daily allowance | 79,200 |
| **Sub total** | **16,59,500** |

**Please Note:** Further documents related to the project are available upon request.