



BLIND PERSONS' ASSOCIATION

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TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

Sub : Project Proposal for help the aged scheme

Dear Sir /Madam ,

We would like to submit a project proposal for financial assistance. The attached project is to assist visually impaired senior citizen who do not have sustainable income. We hope your esteemed foundation will extend fullest support for the marginalize section of our society.

Thanks and Regards,

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India". However, this assistance was for a limited period and after the expiry of that period, the association has continued the project till today by seeking help from its donors and corporate supporters. Presently we support about 40 blind elderly people. At this juncture we are only able to support these senior citizen to the tune of Rs: 500/- per person per month . But we realized that this is highly inadequate and our aim is providing Rs: 1,000/- per person per month, if resources permitting. Another unique characteristic of this project is the fact that the assistance is provided in kind as per the requirement of the beneficiary such as medicines, food grains, toiletries and any other articles needed for daily living. This provides them an opportunity to listen to the problems of these elderly blind beneficiaries and provide them some moral support and counseling. Our staff, members visit the residence of the beneficiary and hand over the required things to them. This has been found quite beneficial for our clients.

The assistance is being provided to the elderly blind people who are economically very poor and at the age of 60 and above, irrespective of their caste, creed and /or religion. As mentioned above, at present we are giving assistance to around 40 elderly blind people at the rate of Rs: 500/- per person per month because of our limited resources. Hence our annual budget for this project would be around Rs: 2,50,000/- per annum, which we wish to increase to Rs: 5,00,000/- if the resources permits. We may also like to increase the number of beneficiary if you could provide financial support for this cause.

We have already setup a corpus fund for this project which is insufficient and intend to increase the quantum to a sizable amount. We request your esteemed trust to support this project either donating Rs: 5,00,000/- which is the projected cost or donate substantial amount to increase our corpus fund. Kindly treat this as special case. *

CASE HISTORY

To analyze importance of this project we would like to quote few case histories for your perusal.

The Blind Persons' Association, Mumbai is a self-help organization registered under societies registration act 1860 (No 1581 of 174-48), Bombay Public Trust Act 1950 (No F114B) and Foreign contribution regulations act 2010 (No. 08378046). It was established way back in 1947 by blind person to empower their brethren. It works in and around Mumbai including adjoining districts of Thane, Raigad and Palghar. It runs various schemes, some of which are unique. These include inter alia providing scholarships and study materials to sighted children of poor blind parents, providing scholarships to college going blind students, helping aging blind, establishing a Medical Corpus for medical aid etc. We also organize recreational of Hawker's Day, International Women's Day etc. exclusively for the visually challenged people aiming to exhibit their talents on an open platform.

As we are not getting any grant in aid from Central or State Governments, all our activities and services are fully depended on generous donations from philanthropists, Charitable trusts and well-wishers like you.

HELP THE AGED SCHEME

The project started in mid-seventies when it was realized that a lot of blind people who were living in slums of Mumbai and surrounding had several difficulties. Their financial situation was marginal. This was especially true for blind elderly people who were unable to work and earn their livelihood. It was further realized that many of these blind elderly people were either living alone or with their spouses but away from the rest of the family. This resulted in solitude and despair. Due to this reason, it was considered necessary to start some regular financial assistance and counseling to our blind elderly people. Hence, "**Help the aged scheme**" was brought to existence with initial assistance from the "**Help Age**

1. Ms. Krushna Walavalkar is aged 67 year old totally blind women residing at Virar, who is completely bed return. She has no source of income and looked after by her elder sister who is also destitute and patient of Alzheimer .
2. Shri. M. Nagrajan is 66 year old totally blind male who is also hearing impaired . He has no source of income and depending on monthly financially assistance from BPA. He is residing at Vangani, Dist Thane.
3. Mrs. Mansi Sawant is 68 year old totally blind female residing at Girgaon, Mumbai. Apart from her visual impairment she is also intellectually retarded, who is look after by husband.

Kindly grant us an appointment to present our proposal in person. Please feel free to contact us for more details. Hoping for a positive response. Yours in the cause of the blind.