



# Residential Orphanage

**Project Proposal for  
Residential Orphan school in Donakonda  
Andhra Pradesh, Southern India.**

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## **1. Organization Profile**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMERY**

Bethanya Vision Trust is a Social, Educational, Economical, Trust, Non Governmental, non-partisan and none profit making Organization that is registered with the government of India. The organization operates in Chennai, Tamil nadu state of south India. Its major goal is to support the rebuilding of live and happiness in the communities, BETHANYA nurtures young dreams and molds children and youth into change-makers of their communities and the nation through a range of tailor-made development projects.

BETHANYA focuses on providing children and youth with quality education, equal opportunities, and an environment to develop holistically. By providing the right combination of educational, extra-curricular, and financial support to poor and orphaned children - as well as youth, BETHANYA aims to inspire dreams among those who otherwise do not stand a chance. Its current focus is restoration of peoples' hope through economic recovery, capacity building, and psychosocial support for the marginalized children especially orphans. These shall be through basic Educational training, practical skills in technical institutions, promotion of hygiene and sanitation in basic primary health care and sport promotion.

The primary beneficiaries of the program shall be the targeted vulnerable groups of orphans especially those who have lost their parents, and have no one to care for them. This will improve their lives hence being in line with the millennium development goal of reducing illiteracy level among the rural poor especially the developing nations or third world countries. Such initiatives facilitate and promote family educational, health and social needs.

### **Bethanya Vision Trust, Governing Body India**

<b>Founder</b>	<b>S Zachariaiah</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>S E Kumar</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>S J Raju</b>
<b>Executive Trustee</b>	<b>M Jacob</b>
<b>Executive Trustee</b>	<b>S Solomon</b>

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### Organization Legal Status in USA:

Bethanya Vision Trust	# 914 , 164th , St SE, B12 PMB 203 , Millcreek, WA 98012-6339. USA
EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) / TAX ID	81-0781266
Company Number	USWA603565418
Banking	Bank of America, Seattle Washington
Governor & International Affairs Director	Karen Barger ( USA )
Chief Executive Director	Sreeramu Esrael Kumar

### Organization legal status details india & license's in India:

Registered under Christian, Religious, Social, Educational, Indian Trust Act, 1882

- ❖ Organization Name : Bethanya Vision Trust
- ❖ Established Date : 21 July, 1999
- ❖ Registration Number : 327/1999
- ❖ 12A (a) License : DIT(E)No.2(470)610/06-07  
(Income Tax Exemption Act, 1961)
- ❖ FCRA License : 075901137  
(Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 1976)  
(Equivalent to 501(c)(3))
- ❖ Bank Name : State Bank of India
- ❖ Bank Account Number : 33989696337
- ❖ Swift & IFSC Code : SBIN0002248
- ❖ Permanent Account No ( PAN ) : AABTB2468E ( Income Tax Returns ID )
- ❖ Focusing States : Tamil Nadu & Andhra Pradesh
- ❖ Country : India

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### GOAL

Bethanya Vision Trust (BVT) has a very strong goal of improving the quality of life of the vulnerable children and orphans through provision of education and psychosocial support programs

### MISSION

To transform the lives of marginalized people especially the vulnerable children especially those underprivileged for improved quality of life in their future.

### GUIDING PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy and experience of BVT is based on the reality that every human being is a unique individual and that we all have a right to good health and basic needs and should have access to a comfortable life with dignity

### CORE VALUES ARE

*Equality for all:* God made all people equal; our organization is committed to a development process that promotes equality for all humanity regardless of religion, sex, color and ethnicity

*Rights and dignity for all:* BVT believes in and strives to uphold the rights and dignity of all people irrespective of geographical location.

*Stewardship:* BVT believes in God to protect the dignity of everybody to exploit the Earthly goods in accordance with God's Law and individual order.

*Institutional partnership in development:* BVT welcomes and respects ongoing International initiatives and national policies to take care and give support to vulnerable children and disadvantaged people, fight poverty, ignorance and diseases such as Malaria, Immunisable diseases and HIV/AIDS. Our activities will be unison and in collaboration with other stakeholders.

### SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- 1) To improve the quality of life of the orphans and vulnerable children by establishing a permanent home, school and health care centre for them.
- 2) To train care givers in care giving skills to enable these children get adequate care, love and support
- 3) To provide adequate education to these children to make them good citizens and have a better future through good education right from a tender age
- 4) To create awareness to the community and the outside world for the need to protect, promote, preserve and support the vulnerable children and the orphans including their rights.

## **2. Educational scenario in India**

“Education is considered as the panacea for all the ills prevailing in the society”. Since ages every civilization has accorded prime importance to education so as to sustain itself for the ages to come. Even the learned scholars were received with highest regard at every place they visited. Access to education becomes even more important in this digital world, without which an individual’s survival itself is at stake. In the Indian case, which has a huge demographic divide and where majority of the People living below the poverty line, education is seen a one size fit policy to eradicate all the ills in the society. Though the government machinery is in place to cater to the need for education, most of the children are turning out to be drop-outs in most of the cases for numerous factors. The situation further accentuates as we move towards our rural interiors and tribal habitations. Rural hinterlands which hosts the major chunk of our population is unable to educate its children due to varied reasons.

- Lack of proper infrastructure.
- Lack of proper guidance from their elders
- Lack of competitive environment.
- High teacher student ratio.
- Declining level of commitment amongst the teacher.
- Lack of stringent mechanisms to make hold of the educational committee of the village accountable for the growth of the children.
- Children being seen as a source of economic income.

It is at this juncture that private institutions are championing the cause of providing education to the children. Though it’s a welcome relief for the government infrastructure, the exorbitant fees charged by these private institutions are limiting the access to these institutions only to upper fiscal realm. Besides they are making money out of the instinct of the parents who want their children to be educated. Amidst this huge competition the quality aspect of education is at stake. ASER reports indicate that majority of secondary school going students are not able to perform the basic mathematics nor can they read the basic sentences. The situation turns out to be much more acute in the case of physically challenged/differently abled people. Though the situation is mending to change of late, yet there is a huge cross section of people who are yet to be included to ensure that the process of development is an inclusive and a sustainable one.

### **3. Genesis**

Bethanya has firmly believed that the education of our younger generation is of prime importance to check the onslaught of social evils. Besides in the last 19 years of its operations, Bethanya has engaged itself in undertaking comprehensive surveys regarding communities and their way of life. From the surveys various inputs have poured in, which only entrenched our belief in education and the wonders it can create. There have been varied learning's from the surveys reports.

Some of the learning's include:

- They have been a huge drop out as one move up the ladder of education. Orphans form the major chunk of the drop outs as they are highly dependent on their relatives/guardians for their survival.
  - Most pitiable scenario is, the orphan children are not even considered as citizens of India (majority) and are denied for availing most of the government schemes applicable to them as they seldom possess any residential proof in case of complete orphans. (Hopefully Laws are being amended lately with low accountability and transparency with Government machinery)
  - Majority of the drop outs are girls.
  - There is clear absence of towering personality who can guide the children to aim for better heights.
  - Lack of teacher's responsiveness has been a common complaint in majority of the schools. Absentee teachers and irresponsible village committees are a common sight.
  - Majority of the teachers do not live in the villages in which their school is situated.
- With the above inferences in place, a thorough region in our strategies led us to envision our dream project Bethanya Residential Childrens Home which can act as one stop solution for the problems prevailing by providing residential status and dignity to the orphans and imparting quality education to the orphans and the under privileged children.

## **4. Our project**

Education wing of the Bethanya came up with a project called Bethanya Residential Children's Home, a residential orphanage setup and school, to strengthen the quality of education and produce academically competent and ethically disciplined citizens besides taking into account each and every section of the student community so that no child is left out in this developmental paradigm.

We consider the Nature as the ideal teacher for any being in this universe and we do give utmost importance to the surrounding environment. The proposed Bethanya Residential Childrens Home is a residential orphanage setup and school that is going to be established at Donakonda village (Donakonda Mandal) which is at about 88km distance from Ongole city, in a stretch of 5 acres land to meet the educational needs of about 1000 students in the age group of 5-16 years in a phased manner. The entire setting would be in the lap of nature so that student can integrate into the environment and develop an attitude of dynamism and at the same time accommodative which are the inherent characteristics of Nature. We Endeavour to create an atmosphere where in the child feels openness against that of the stuffiness which is the status of 90% of the schools.

The openness refers to both the physical setting as well as the way the child gets interacted with the outer surroundings. Here, the students are expected to be nurtured, not in the academic atmosphere of scholarship and learning, or in the maimed life of monastic seclusion, but in the atmosphere of living aspiration. They shall learn the lessons of the life, cultivate kindness to all creatures, and grew in their spirit with their own teachers' spiritual growth. From the lessons learnt from the previous works, we have made it a point that the under privileged children get access to admission in the residential quarters.

Two blocks with residential facilities are created such that each block hosts 15 children who are supported by a care- taker. They shall have a dining facility which can accommodate all the children in a single instance. Besides the dormitories for orphan children the teaching staff also shall be provided with residential quarters. Day scholars commute daily from their place of stay. A complete breakup of the expenses is shown in the finance section of this report.

## **5. Our Credentials**

Bethanya has gained rich and varied experience in the field of education as it has been associated with this field for the past 19 years either directly or indirectly. We have made our presence in Chennai Thiruvallur, Saint Thomas Mount, and Macherla Andhra Pradesh (Tribal Village) etc.

**The following are some of our credentials acquired in education sector:**

➤ **Thiruvallur : New Life Gypsy Children's Home**

It's a Nutritional Home for Children's . To say in simple words, at New Life Gypsy Home a family lives – a family that has a mother taking care of her children with all the love and affection. Presently there are 66 children in the home, It has been recognized by District Women and Child development agency. Bethanya plays the role of a father providing Physical and spiritual , intellectual guidance and monetary support.

➤ **Saint Thomas Mount Chennai : Bethanya Childrens Home ( Nutrition )**

Here we come to have the beautiful faces of the Children's come from the scavengers background, this is the programme aimed at strengthening Childrens in the slums. Under this programme we identify meritorious students with poor financial background and provide scholarships to them who in turn would share their time and knowledge in improving the standards of students at Govt. High Schools. The high schools students are benefited by various activities like daily sessions for academics, periodical sessions on aptitude, linguistic, moral, fine arts development etc. This programme covers 60 schools going students.

➤ **Free Computer Education**

Computer learning classes at BC/SC/ST's with support of M/s New Life Foundation: We have conducted computer coaching classes at BC/SC/ST Villages at Thiruvallur District, and Chennai region of Saint Thomas mount, for the benefit of local youth who were not exposed to the computer education. The computers for the same were supported by M/s New Life Foundation . The students were given certificates and were later employed in various BPO service organizations.

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### ➤ Creating awareness amongst the villagers

Bethanya team has actively associated itself in working with villagers and has vociferously campaigned for the strengthening of village school committees. We have conducted many awareness camps for the villagers so that they themselves take part in the village reformation programmes and help create a better destiny for their children and village at large.

### ➤ Summer Camps

Undertaking programmes like SUMMER CAMPS/ SMARTKIDZ: Every year as a part of quality improvement programme for the government school children we organize camps and inter school competitions to reestablish the scientific temper within the students and ensure that their creative minds do not die down.

### ➤ Urban based activities

Most of the children we support attend government-run schools in their own localities. In some cases, such schools are not equipped with suitable child-friendly conditions, necessary infrastructure or adequately trained staff. BETHANYA offers support to such schools by supplying improved infrastructure, trained teachers, etc. to benefit the children.

### ➤ Youth awareness programme

We have been continuously taking up motivational classes for youth of various colleges and trying to engage them in the nation building process. We try to infuse them with the spirit of nationalism, provide them with career development opportunities, and also encourage them to take an active participation in issues of social concern. We addressed and motivated around 1000 students in 10 colleges.

### ➤ Vidyanidhi

At Bethanya we recognize the importance of timely and adequate financial aids. We also know that such aids will encourage more children to stay in school, reducing their chances of dropping out or becoming child laborers. Deserving children and youth, hailing from financially-challenged families and first-generation learners are encouraged by Bethanya through monthly scholarships that help them attend school.

### ➤ High profile Bethanya members:

Last but not least it is our members who have always kept our flag fly high by their active support. Many of our members have completed their education from premier institutions (IIT, NIT, IISc etc) and are at present pursuing their careers with reputed organizations which have a global presence. The above experiences propelled us to take projects for holistic development of child. Thus while providing residential facilities through orphans we wish to establish In pursuit of this goal we have purchased a suitable land at Donakonda village. We request your kind assistance for us to construct a residential facility for orphans and school for providing education to them along with under privileged children in the vicinity.

## 7. Summary

*'If we all understand the needs of the present day, we must see that any new schools founded by us fulfill the following conditions:*

- *That their courses are both lively and varied, and nourish the heart as well as the intellect that no disunity or discord disrupts the minds of our young; and that education doesn't become something unreal, heavy and abstract with which the pupils are concerned only for those school hours when they are at school.'* - 'Viswakavi' Rabindranath Tagore in "Towards Universal Man". Our vision is to foster a society in which every child from the school will become a Universal man with no bias towards any particular creed but for only the ultimate truth. To equip him with
  - a strong mind to deal with the gales of disturbing thoughts,
  - a strong intellect to face the critical challenges of life,
  - a strong conviction to conquer the world by his selfless love ,
  - a strong bondage with the every being in the nature to spread the harmony Since the project is capital intensive it is proposed to implement the project in a phase wise manner and in this direction we have already procured the required land. We request you to support us in endeavor to construct a residential facility for orphans and school for providing education to them along with under privileged children in the vicinity. We would be glad to provide any further information if required.

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PROJECT TITLE	Residential Orphan School Construction
PROJECT NAME	Bethanya Vision Trust
TARGET BENEFICIARIES	1000 orphans children
PROJECT LOCATION	Donakonda Village, Prakasham Dist, Andhra Pradesh. South India.
PROJECT CONTACTS	info@bvtindia.com / barger.jk@gmail.com
WEBSITE	www.bvtindia.com
CONTACT PERSONS	Karen Barger
PHONE	425-345- 5887
PROJECT TOTAL COST:	\$ 67,932
PROJECT PERIOD:	24 months

### Cost Estimation for Residential Orphanage & School construction

	No	Area in Sq.ft	Cost in INR	Cost in USD \$1 = INR 65
<b>Orphanage Home Construction Cost</b>				
Children quarters (15 Children per block)	2	600	Rs.8,40,000	\$12923.07
Care taker quarters	3	200	Rs.4,20,000	\$6461.53
Kitchen with Dining and storage	1	1500	Rs.10,50,000	\$16153.84
Toilets	8	36	Rs.2,01,600	\$3101.53
Bore well			Rs.1,50,000	\$2307.69
Dormitory(beds, mattresses, pillows, fans, tube lights etc)			Rs.1,50,000	\$2307.69
Kitchen Utensils			Rs.50,000	\$769.23
<b>Construction Cost School</b>				
Class rooms	4	300	Rs.8,40,000	\$12923.07
Library	1	150	Rs.1,05,000	\$1615.38
Activity hall	1	600	Rs.4,20,000	\$6461.53
Toilets	6	20	Rs.84,000	\$1292.30
Office room	1	150	Rs.1,05,000	\$1615.38
<b>Total cost for School &amp; Orphanage</b>			<b>Rs.44,15,600</b>	<b>\$67,932.30</b>