

SPONSORSHIP - A BRIDGE OF LOVE

“AN APPEAL”

“We are guilty of many errors,
But our worst crime is
Ignoring children,
Neglecting the fountain of life,
Many of the things we need can wait
The CHILD can not
To him we can not say “**Tomorrow**”
His name is “**TODAY**”!

Schooling is all about “playing” & “enjoying”. The U.N. declarations for the Rights of the Child guarantee “free and compulsory education for all, without any discrimination and no hazardous employment to any child below 14 years of age”.

But our children here are exposed to a life of hardships to make both ends meet, slogging from day till night to earn money, surviving on a frugal meal imbalanced nutrition and not knowing what is good quality of life, happiness, enjoyment, play and school means.

How can children think of going to school, when they know that the family barely manages two meals a day and won't be able to pay for his school fees. The situation/saying “Right now the family has some debts to clear, hence school can wait another year” holds true for them.

Every child needs an opportunity to grow, develop and attain the place in life that the child deserves. The needs of children must be fulfilled today, for tomorrow may be too late. The sooner we recognize this, the better will we be able to work on it and create the best environments for our children.

But then, knowing all this, should we just sit back and accept the situation OR try to find a way out ?

YES! There is a way out -

YOU..... Yes You, can help this child for his/her schooling by generously donating a small amount annually. Your contribution of Rs.3,000/- or USD 75 per year, per child, will go a big way in helping a family come out of poverty and ignorance and start life on a new footing - a path towards achievement, fulfillment of dreams, dreams of a better life and future which are very distant for them as of now.

How Does Your Contribution Help---

1. From the monetary contribution that you will send, your sponsored child and siblings will be given their school uniforms, text and note books and other necessary things, at the beginning of the school term.

2. Every month, they will be given some aid in kind as per the needs which include the every day school stationary and once a year aid which vary from slippers/shoes to umbrellas and sweaters.
3. Besides that we supplement medical expenses of the families, and also medical requirements if any (up to reasonable amounts)
4. If the child or any of the family members are found to be malnourished, we provide Nutritional supplements in the form of milk, eggs, carrots or a protein-rich, not-so-expensive mixture - called 'Hyderabad Mix'.
5. Other proactive services provided by BSSK include guidance and counseling services for vocations, family and individual needs etc. All this is done by our professionally trained social workers.
6. Many other supportive services are provided to the sponsored children and their family members. The supportive services include Family Health Clinic, Children's camps, Mahila Bachat gat, (women's self help groups) Tailoring Classes, Balwadi etc. Through these group activities the children and their family members get a varied exposure and good opportunities towards self growth and development.

This is how BSSK does it---

BSSK carries out these activities in Pune and its three branches in Chiplun, Aurangabad and Sangli. Most of the activities are common in all these places, however, there are some variations based on the local situations/ needs/ initiatives.

*BSSK Chiplun emphasizes on conducting skill building activities for sponsored students so that they can earn while learning.

*BSSK Aurangabad reaches out to the adolescent students through its specially designed educative programme called 'Palavi' which aims at empowering youth and understand sexuality.

*BSSK Sangli provides loans for small income generating activities to the parents of the sponsored students.

Your sponsorship contribution will help us support a needy child's education and provide the opportunities of growth. The needy and deserving candidate will be carefully selected either from Pune, Chiplun, Aurangabad or Sangli. We will send you six monthly reports on the child that you sponsor along with a photograph.

Your contribution will help build a life, a family and provide opportunities denied to them earlier. You in turn will receive much more - the satisfaction of making a family stand up on it's own, watching the seed blossom into a flower and enable a generation with capacity.

**BECOME A SPONSOR AND GIVE A CHILD
A CHANCE
TO COMPETE IN THE WORLD!!**

**MRS. ROXANA KALYANVALA,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



BHARATIYA SAMAJ SEVA KENDRA,
EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME
CONSENT LETTER OF A SPONSOR

Sponsorship aid is usually started when the child is in Vth grade, if he/she is really in need of encouragement and support. The aid is given up to XIIth grade if the child is found to be motivated, needy and shows atleast average scholastic performance.

Date: -----

1. Sponsor's Name : -----
2. Date of Birth : ----- Age: -----
3. Address : -----

4. Tele. No /Mobile : ----- (Office) ----- (Residence) -----
5. E-mail address : -----
6. Would you like to receive the Progress Reports of the sponsored child/ ren by email: Yes/ No
7. Occupation : -----
8. Referred to BSSK by : -----
9. Reason for becoming a sponsor: -----
10. How long would you like to continue your Sponsorship: 1yr. /2 yrs./3yrs/5yrs./as long as possible.
11. Number of children you wish to Sponsor: -----
12. Gender of the child preferred : Boy/ Girl/ Either
13. Location preferred : Pune/ Chiplun/ Aurangabad/ Sangli/ Any
14. Can BSSK assign any suitable child: Yes/ No

I agree to contribute Indian Rs. 3000/- / US \$ 75 / £ 50 per year per child towards the educational sponsorship.

I hereby pay cash/ enclose a cheque/ D.D. of the amount of----- for the academic year June----to May -----.

A Request: If you wish to discontinue the assistance please let us know one year in advance, so that we get enough time to find another sponsor for the child.

(Crossed cheques are to be drawn in favour of Bharatiya Samaj Seva Kendra)
Contributions are exempted U/S 80G of I.T.Act 1961.

SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE