

Ananda Ashram

A h o m e f o r h o m e l e s s

Karunamoyee, Maa Karunamoyee Ramkrishna Sevashram,
32 M.G.Road, Kolkata:- 700082
REG. NO. SL38235

A. General Information

- i) **Project Title** : Ananda Ashram- A home for homeless
- ii) **Name & address of implementing Trust** : Karunamoyee, Maa Karunamoyee Ramkrishna
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- iii) **Contact Person** : Mr. Ashok Roychowdhury
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- iv) **Bank details** : Union Bank, Tollygunge, Karunamoyee Branch
Type of Account: Savings
Account No: 554402010002921
- v) **Budget**
- Fixed cost (Invested) : Rs. 2,19,016.00
- Recurring Cost / year : Rs. 1,24,200.00

B. Background Information

Introduction

Karunamoyee Kali temple, founded in 1760 by Nandadulal RoyChowdhury, a descendent of Zaminder Sabarna RoyChowdhury, is the abode of spirituality since the beginning. It is also the symbol of equality across the entire population in and around Tollygunj, the place where the temple is located. People, from all backgrounds, irrespective of their social and financial differences find the same treatment in front of Mother Kali.

This equality of mankind got more refined in the lines of “Service to Man is Service to God.” – as preached by Swami Vivekananda. The worship of the God, confined within the four walls of the temple, was not getting complete, unless the urge to worship the little Gods, living in the slums and running across the roads with empty stomach, came to the mind of the people here. The current priest, Ashok Roychowdhuri, and a few local residents like Satyajit Sarkar and others felt the pain of the poor kids around. It started with lunch and dinner for them twice a week from January, 2008. Food was cooked by Ashokda’s wife and the kids started flocking around for a sumptuous meal in more numbers. A cook was appointed and the place was renovated to accommodate more kids. The frequency of food increased to thrice per week. Books were also distributed to the kids. A tutorial home which runs in the evening, has been organized at the temple only where few teachers provides voluntary service by imparting education to the slum children.

But this was just the beginning. Some of the kids expressed their strong interest in studies and the will to stand on their own feet someday was apparent in their bright eyes. They expressed the lack of support and love at home, where nobody is there to take care of them. This touched Ashok RoyChowdhury, Satyajit and others. They started dreaming of Ananda Ashram – a residential set-up for some of the kids from the next academic session of 2009. A 700 sq ft area was developed for the dormitory, kitchen and other facilities. Ananda Ashram was inaugurated on 1st Jan, 2009 with a purpose to give the best available opportunities to three (3) such kids so that they can stand on their own feet in future. The vision is to expand its service to more such kids – both poor and orphans in future.

‘Amader Arpan’ a social humanitarian organization, which serves the poor and unprivileged children has also extended their hands in this effort. They have been associated with the project from the initial planning stages and they have committed to provide not merely a financial support but a proper environment for the rearing up of the children.

Today they have people like Mr. Atanu Bhattacharya, Mr. Amitava Mukherjee, Mr & Mrs. Subrata Majumdar, Mr Aniruddho Bose, who have extended their help in all forms for realizing this dream.

C. Project location

The ashram is located at Karunamoyee, Tollygunge. A 700 sq ft room has already been constructed having a capacity of accommodating eight children & comprises a toilet as well. It has been partitioned into two, thus leading to an area of study room and a dormitory. Although we have a capacity of keeping eight children but initially we would admit three children , establish a process & system., groom them slowly & then slowly increase our strength. We have accordingly planned our activities, infrastructure & the resources keeping in mind of our final strength.

D. Aims and Objectives

Ananda Ashram plans to bear all the financial and other responsibilities in educating the kids till they graduate and stand on their own feet. They will be provided with the best possible schooling, health care, tuitions inside the ashram under the care and guidance of RoyChodhury, temple staff and anybody who volunteers to support this cause. The primary objective is to build complete men out of these little kids, so that they themselves can take care of more and more such deprived children, thereby serving the society at large.

In order to meet the objective, the following will be performed:

- i) Providing Food, clothing & shelter
- ii) Providing proper medical care
- iii) Providing education which includes admission to school, tutor, vocational training etc.
- iv) Providing facilities for sports and recreation.
- v) Introduction of a **House Brother** who would be with these children for 24 hours to monitor and supervise.

Induction to the Ashram

The Ashram will induct poor boys below the age of 10 years. The current set up is not capable to handle girls at the moment, though in future the Ashram will expand its service to the girls also. Orphans and poor kids with single parent or from vulnerable backgrounds will be given preference in selection procedure.

Schooling and Study At Home (Tutorship)

In order to be a part of the society, we understand the need of education & the importance of value system. Since these children would be coming from educationally weak background where formal education may or may not exist, Ananda Ashram will be taking special care for grooming them. Special tutor/teacher will be appointed so that all these three (3) children get proper attention in addition to their study at school. They will be admitted to the best possible schools around the Ananda Ashrm.

Health, Medical & Food system

We understand the importance of diet & feel that solid nutritious food should be provided to the children. Seasonal vegetables would be provided along with fruits & milk.

A medical clinic, which provides treatment to the poor living around the place is already existing inside the temple complex. The temple also has an ambulance. The existing facilities will be utilized to provide the basic healthcare to the children. Any emergency treatment can be supported through local hospitals and medical insurances.

Vocational Training and Extra-Curricular Activities

The boys will be provided with vocational trainings in their areas of interest so as to increase their employability in future also. They will be trained in basic computers, music and drawing. There will be facilities for games that can be played inside the temple complex also.

E. Budget

Total Budget is for the financial year 2009-2010 is Rs. 3,43,216 which includes the recurring cost as well for running the ashram & we have already collected & spent Rs. 2,19,016 against construction, panting, & furniture of the building.

Fixed Cost

Sl. No.	Activity	Total (Rs.)
1.	Cost of materials for building construction	90,215
2.	Roof Casting	29000
3.	For Grill & staircase	9000
4.	Doors & Windows	13500
5.	False ceiling	26000
6.	For Room partition	8000
7.	Bricks	4800
8.	Labour charges	7600
9.	Plumbing	10787
10.	Paint, Electricity	2114
11.	Cost of Cot, Mattress, Pillow, Mosquitonet, Bedsheet etc	8000
	Total	2,19,016

Out of the above mentioned amount, Rs 2,11,016 has already been raised and expended for the purposes as mentioned. The remaining amount of Rs 8000 for cot, pillow, mosquito net, bedding etc needs to be raised.

Recurring expenses / month / child

Sl. No.	Activity	Total (Rs.)
1.	Education	50
2	Medical	50
3	Food	1500
4.	Total	1600

Total expenditure for three kids is Rs 4800

Miscellaneous expenses / month

Sl. No.	Activity	Total (Rs.)
1.	Food for one house brother	1500
2	Medical expense for one house brother	50
3	Salary of House Brother ,a maid servant & a cook	3000
4	Electricity	500
5	Contingency	500
6	Total	5550

TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENDITURE IS RS 10,350

F. Donations

We have already received some amount in the form of donation for constructing the room and invest on certain infrastructural expenses.

- Sri Ashok Roychowdhury has collected more than 1 Lac of Rupees by his own means & efforts
- Sri Sailendra Prasad Bhattacharya, a well wisher, has made a grant of Rupees 50,000.00 for this noble cause.
- Sri Satyajit Sarkar, another well wisher, has donated Rs. 5000.00
- Remaining amount has been funded by Maa Karunamoyee Ramakrishna Sevasram

Future Objectives

Our main objective is to expand this ashram to the fullest extent and include as many students as possible. We intend to provide the underprivileged students an environment which would be very congenial for young students. We hope that our initial effort with three students would be a platform which would provide us with invaluable experiences and courage to move forward.

This would require a separate stretch of land, where we intend to set up a campus. This would be both for boys and girls. Every inmate would be admitted to a good school and would be provided with all the basic facilities required to bring up a child. This includes food, clothes, education, proper environment, medical facilities etc.

Deliverables for the Sponsors

Organisations and Corporate houses interested to be a part of this project are always welcome. Here are a few things on offer:

- Karunamoyee Kalibari is one of the holiest places in Kolkata taking into account its historical importance and holiness. People from various parts of West Bengal come over here.
- The trust publishes an annual souvenir every year (around 500 copies) which summarizes the activities and the welfare tasks taken up by the trust. The part played by the in realizing the trust's dream sponsors would be showcased in the souvenir.
- Sponsors would be associated with the name of this ashram in its endeavors in the form of engravings.

For Donations: Cheques / Drafts to be drawn in favour of **“Karunamoyee, Maa Karunamoyee Ramakrishna Sevasram”**, payable at Kolkata.

Donations towards Ananda Ashram shall qualify for deduction (u/s 80G for the Income Tax Act, 1961) by the office of the Director of Income Tax (Exemptions) Kolkata.

G. About the Children

Three destitute children have been identified within the age group of 7-10 on the basis of their background & monetary condition. It was found that these children roam around on the street with no one to look after as either their mother have deserted them or have nobody to care for. Due to this lack of proper attention, these children do not get a solid food throughout the day where question of school does not arise.

Amit Mandal

Father's name: Bimal Mandal

Mother's name: Sri Aparna Mandal

Age: 10 years

Present Address: C/o Nirmal Mondal
Mathurapur East
(yuva snagha club)
Sonarpur (5 mins walk form Bidyadharpur station)
Thana, Sonarpur , Kolkata -150.



Amit's mother, Aparna Mondal, works as a maid help to households. His father, Bimal Mondal is mentally handicapped and is dependent on Aprana. Amit has another 5 year old sister, Ria.

Aparna has to look after her husband. Though Bimal stays separately and she has to bear his leaving and medical cost which becomes huge after paying her sons education expense and room rent.

Amit's grandfather, Jiten Mondal used to keep Amit's sister at no expense; but recently the grandfather is suffering from illness and might not be able to continue the support.

Aparna's main challenge now is Amit not getting any adult guidance while she is at work (mainly starts at 5 morning till 4 pm). The boy is getting spoilt and performing poorly in present school. Amit is currently in class 4 in a local government school.; seems he has failed couple of times

Sumit Mandal

Name: Sumit Mandal

Father's name: Sri Parimal Mandal

Mother's name: Shila Mandal

Age: 5 years 6 months

Permanent Address: C/O Ananta Mandal
Bagula
P.O.: Sindrani
Dt. : 24 Parganas

Present address: C/o A.K Mukherjee
BB 213, Salt lake
Kolkata – 700 064



Brief history of the candidate: Father has left the family in distressed condition few years back. Mother is working as maid servant in salt lake. Her elder son is a resident student at an NGO organization called 'Parivaar' in Sajua. The average income of her mother is Rs 1000(approx) pm. The candidate is having good health and has no disease. His basic knowledge is at home and his habits are active

Arun Paik

Name: Arun Paik

Father's name: Sri Gopal Paik

Mother's name: Purnima Paik

Age: 6 years 5 months

Present address: C/o Smt. Kabita Bachka
27A M.N.Sen Lane
Kolkata – 700 040



Brief history of the candidate: The parents discarded the child at the age of 1 year 6 months & from that time Arun has been brought up by his aunt, Smt, Kabita Bachka.