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My Social Responsibility (MSR)

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Spandana Foundation is a registered 501 c 3 tax-exempted non-profit organization striving to help needy back at home in the areas of education, health care and basic living.

- Formed as a group on Aug-13, 2005
- Registered as a non-profit in Hyderabad on June-15, 2007
- Registered as a non-profit in Illinois on Oct-11, 2007
- Acquired 501 C 3 tax exemption status on May-11, 2009
- Organizing events in more than 10 cities across USA
- Largest NRI charity organization with 3833 members
- Supported thousands of needy people in the areas of education , health care and basic living
- Raised/disbursed around $700,000 funds so far
- Achieved all these with ZERO employees, wouldn't have been possible without our volunteers support.

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- Spandana was established with an aim of serving society and helping people who are less privileged than us. We understand that it is a mammoth task and we can't do it alone. We invite individuals like you with a similar vision to help us to reach more needy people back at home.

Spandana model is to motivate our members to support needy people back at home at their own village and/or school.

Your School… Your Village…. Our Spandana Foundation

Spandana will facilitate the process from planning all the way to execution

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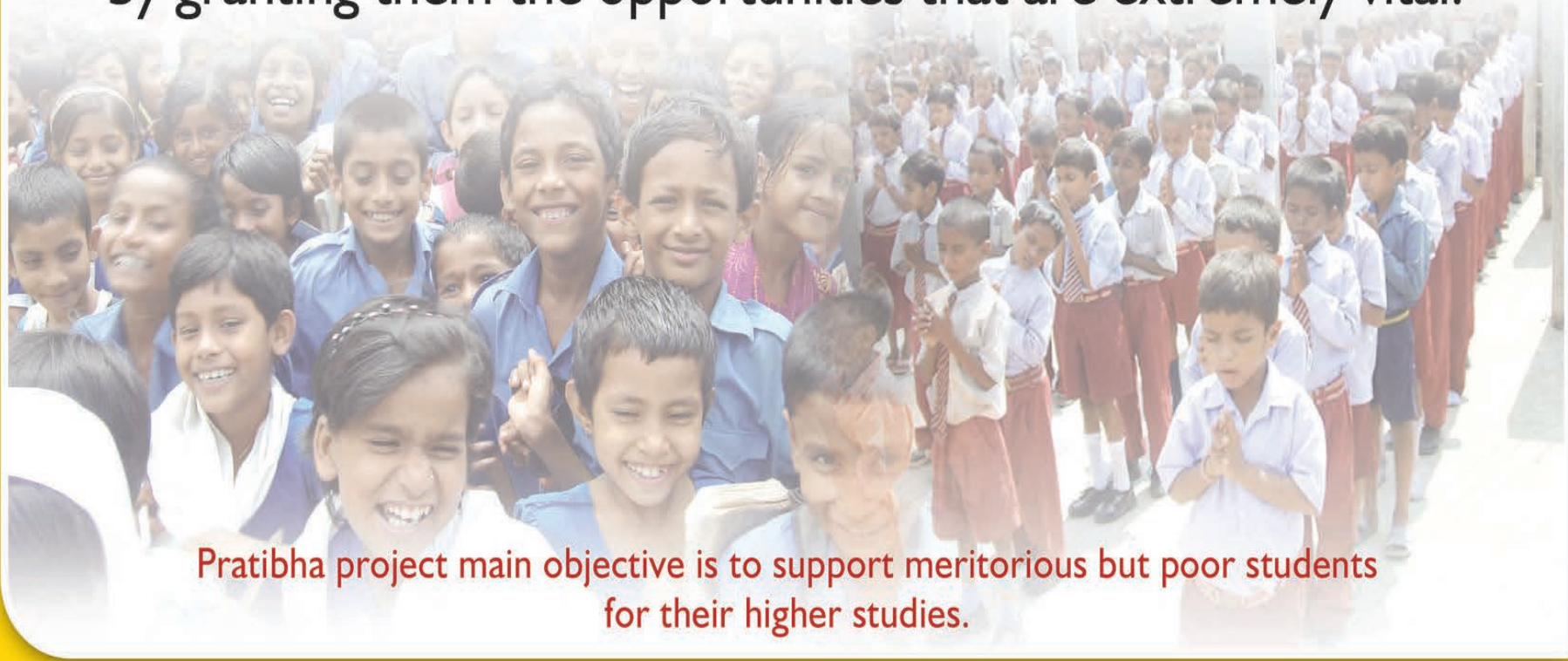
Projects

- **Pratibha** : To support meritorious but poor students
- **Vidyalaya** : To provide basic infrastructure to schools
- **Cheyutha** : To provide basic health care
- **Aashraya** : To provide basic living for needy

PRATIBHA

Helping the talented students in need reach their full potential by granting them the opportunities that are extremely vital.



Pratibha project main objective is to support meritorious but poor students for their higher studies.

VIDYALAYA

Paving the way for the nation's glorious future
by strengthening the back bones of it's schooling infrastructure.

Vidyalaya project main objective is to provide basic infrastructure to govt. schools to enhance the working conditions.

CHEYUTHA

Help spread the divine gifts of health and life
by donating to the needy patients going under knife.

Cheyutha project main objective is to provide basic health care to underprivileged.

AASHRAYA

Supporting the victims of a powerful natural calamity by displaying the force and compassion of humanity.

Aashraya project main objective is to support victims of natural calamities and orphanage and old-age homes.

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Volunteering

- Service to humanity is service to god – Swamy Vivekananda
- The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others – Gandhi
- Be the change that you wish to see in the world - Gandhi
- I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy - Rabindranath Tagore
- Give your hands to SERVE and your hearts to LOVE – Mother Theresa
- We make a living by what we get , but we make a life by what we give – Winston Churchill
- Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are doing for others? – Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Volunteering

- Spandana Foundation has a long proud history of volunteer service. Our volunteers are working to meet the needs of needy people and the community by executing Spandana projects and events from time to time.

- Volunteer hours helped us to execute the projects without any employees and related overheads for past 8 years

- To that matter volunteers hours play a vital role in the existence of any non-profit organization and bring a revolutionary change in the communities where non-profits serve.

- Being a beneficiary of volunteers and their valuable time, in order to motivate volunteers towards systematic volunteering to Spandana Foundation as well as fellow service organizations, we came up a project called “My Social Responsibility”.

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Presented By :

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My Social Responsibility
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My Social Responsibility project is an integral part of Spandana effort to provide opportunities for our members of all ages and backgrounds to give back and serve in their communities.

- Personalized web page
- Motivate and involve members in service activities especially youth volunteers in a structured manner
- Involve members in local service activities
- Involve members in service activities back at home in India
- Ability to showcase your contributions to service world
- Archive yester years contribution
- Volunteer hours credits to youth to reach their career goals
- Volunteer recognition certificates to all
- Spandana Star service awards to those who meet or exceed the award criteria.

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MSR Web Page

- **Personal Profile**
  - Personal , family and professional background
  - What inspired you to enroll into this project
- **Service to needy in local community**
  - Any contribution to local community
  - Like local schools, homeless, township etc.
- **Service to needy in India**
  - Participate in Spandana' s service activities back at home
  - Like supporting student, school, orphanage , homeless etc.

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Local Service Activities

- Volunteer to any local 501 c 3 service organization
- Volunteering to any political , religious and cultural organizations will not considered for awards and can not be published on this page
- Make a note that this is intended to serve exclusively the local community
- You may choose your own local service activity through any service organization
- Need to submit the proof of activity with number of hours
- Ex: Local schools, Fire/Police departments, Food Banks, Homeless Centers, Townships, Parks, Red Cross, Ameri Corps, Citizen Corps, Hospitals, Health Care etc.

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Service Activities in India

- Spandana Foundation model is to motivate non resident Indians and involve them in service activities in India
- Choose any of Spandana' s projects: Pratibha, Vidyalaya, Cheyutha and Aashraya and help us to serve the needy in India
- Choose "Support Your Vidyalaya" to support your own school/college
- Choose any of Spandana' s project activities:
  - Orphanage home Old-age home HIV Positive kids
  - Mentally challenged kids Spandana School
- Organize/volunteer local fund raising events like cricket, Volleyball, bowling, spelling bee, 5K run etc. and spread the word about Spandana
- Or else, simply donate and do a Email campaign to introduce the initiative that you are supporting to your friends , family and colleagues by sharing your MSR page.
- Log Spandana hours online and mention Spandana coordinator name you worked with to seek his approval and that itself serves as a proof.
- Please make a note that only volunteer hours associated with Spandana service activities will be considered

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Spandana Volunteer Service Awards

Perhaps the first and biggest benefit people get from volunteering and service is the satisfaction of incorporating service into their lives, and making a difference in their community and country. The intangible benefits alone—such as pride, satisfaction, and accomplishment—are worthwhile reasons many Spandana members participate in service.

The following Volunteer Service Awards will be given for the outstanding volunteers in Kids, Young Adults and Adults categories to those who meet or exceed the award criteria.

- Spandana Star – Gold
- Spandana Star – Silver
- Spandana Star – Bronze

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Kids

- 14 years or younger
- 50 hours or less – Certificate
- 51 – 75 hours – Spandana Star Bronze Award
- 76 – 100 hours – Spandana Star Silver Award
- 101 or more hours – Spandana Star Gold Award

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Young Adults

- Ages 15 to 25 years
- 75 hours or less – Certificate
- 76 – 125 hours – Spandana Star Bronze Award
- 126 – 175 hours – Spandana Star Silver Award
- 176 or more hours – Spandana Star Gold Award

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Adults

- Ages 26 years and up
- 100 hours or less – Certificate
- 101 – 150 hours – Spandana Star Bronze Award
- 151 – 200 hours – Spandana Star Silver Award
- 201 or more hours – Spandana Star Gold Award

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The President's Volunteer Service Award(PVSA)

- Spandana Foundation is proud to announce that we are a certifying organization of the **President's Volunteer Service Award**, a prestigious national honor offered in recognition of volunteer commitment.

- As a Certifying Organization of the President's Volunteer Service Award, we will nominate potential recipients from Spandana Star Awardees and distribute the Award to those who meet or exceed the award criteria.

Please visit our website for more information and selection criterion of PVSA awards: **http://www.spandana.org/pvsa.html**

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Abroad Volunteering

- Spandana Foundation will announce different volunteering projects in India to all the MSR participants from time to time.
- Members are free to choose whatever project they like
- Spandana is not responsible for lodging, boarding and security. Volunteers have to make their own arrangements.
- Abroad volunteering projects does not have fixed start and end dates, the time and duration of your project is flexible.
- A great opportunity to truly make an impact on the lives of others as well as your own by being an international volunteer with volunteering projects abroad.

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Who

- **Eligibility criterion**
  - All the members are eligible to participate, no age restrictions
  - Annual donation of $25 per year to enroll, which is due on Jan-1st of every year
  - Attend optional monthly first Saturday meetings to explore new volunteer opportunities and/or get the clarification on any issues.

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Objectives

- **Main objective of the initiative**
  - Motivate youth towards volunteering
  - Platform for adults to contribute to the society
  - To contribute back to the society we hailed from
  - To contribute back to the society where we live
  - To have a greater impact on younger generation
  - Helps youth to do systematic volunteering and earn credits for their career
  - Volunteer credits will be very useful to youth while pursuing higher studies
  - Empowers the charity organizations with more volunteer hours
  - Helps Spandana Foundation to help more needy back at home

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Contact Us

- Please write to us at spandana@spandana.org if you are interested to enroll in “My Social Responsibility” initiative.

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It’s our social responsibility!!

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