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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 India 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 the 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 Model

- 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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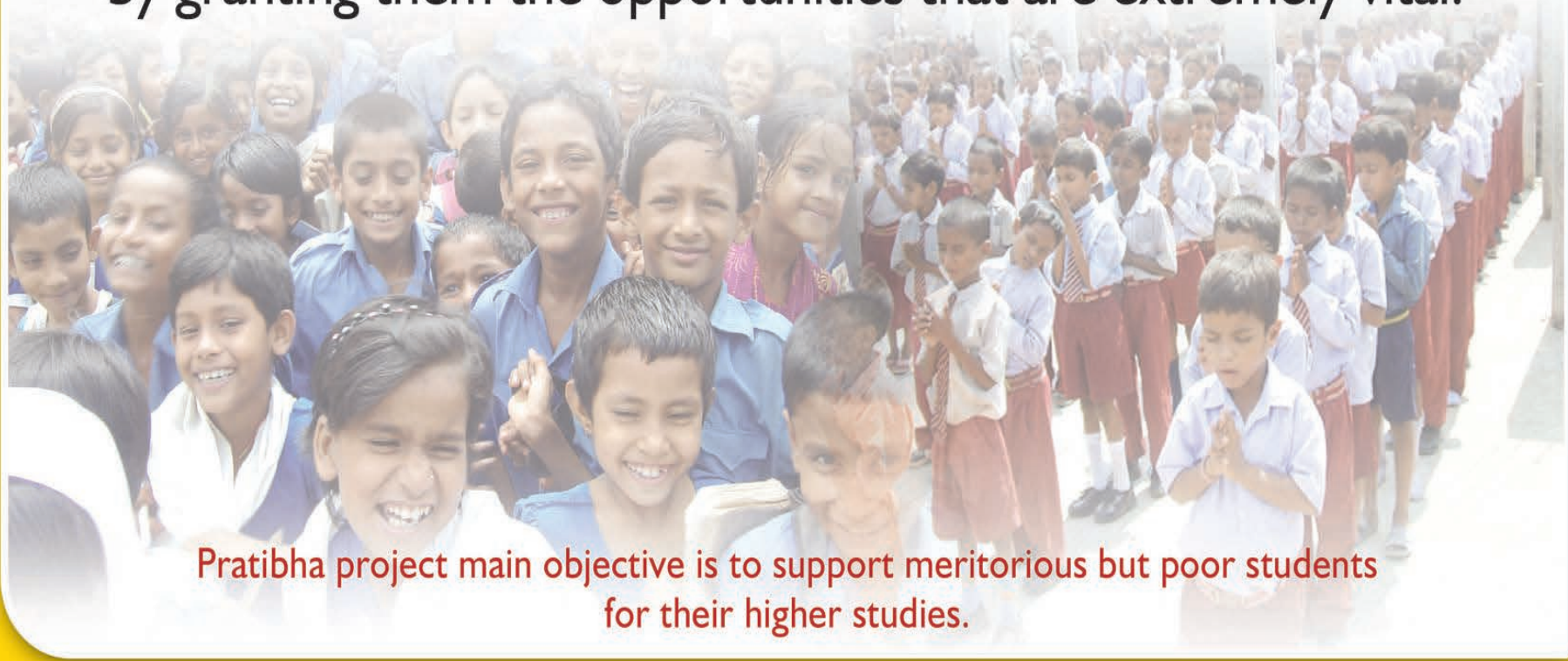
Projects

- **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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Background:

This initiative is a mixture of Pratibha and Vidyalaya projects since it caters the needs of both individuals and as well as educational institutions. However we have decided to move it under Vidyalaya as we are supporting at institutional level.

This initiative is going to replace our flag ship initiative “Pratibha Annual Drive” under Pratibha project.

Spandana Foundation has been doing “Pratibha Annual Drive” since 2006 to support government school going kids by providing the following things to motivate them:

- 2 pairs of uniforms
- Text books
- Stitching charges
- School bag
- Note books
- Geometry box etc.

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Background:

Some of the state governments took a decision recently to provide all the items that we are giving as part of “pratibha Annual Drive” to government school going kids. This is a good news! All those needy students are going to get help.

Spandana use to support 3000+ students on average year under this project.

It’s very unfortunate that we had to sunset “Pratibha Annual Drive”, but in a way we are very happy that all those needy students are getting help from government.

Spandana Foundation took a decision to sunset out “Pratibha Annul Drive” effective from 2013 to avoid duplication of the effort.

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New Initiative:

Ever since Spandana decided to sunset “pratibha Annual Drive” project , we have been trying very hard to come up with similar kind of project in education area. Finally , here you go…

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Spandana Foundation started this initiative to encourage our members to associate with their school/college where they studied and/or to support school/college that is located in their native place.

- **Alma mater -** School/College where you studied
- **Native place -** Educational institutions located at your native place. You need not be a old student of the institution

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What?

- **Adopt a school and/or college**
  - **Mandatory**
    - Scholarships to meritorious but poor students every year
    - Bring social awareness in students
    - Encourage and motivate students to volunteer for local service activities
    - Motivate students in the school/college to perform well and be a topper to be eligible for the merit scholarships
  - **Optional**
    - Provide basic infrastructure (classrooms, water tank, desks, etc.)
    - Provide better quality teaching environment (library, competitions, computer lab, providing study material etc.)
    - Provide tools (vocational aids or resources, seminars, workshops etc.)

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How?

- **Spandana Merit Scholarships (SMS)**
  - Merit Scholarships will be granted to the toppers every year
  - Not more than INR 5,000 for junior college (11th & 12th) students and equivalent courses like polytechnic/ITI courses etc.
  - Not more than INR 7,000 for non-professional degree students
  - Not more than INR 10,000 for professional degree students
  - Scholarship amount will be disbursed directly to student
  - 3 to 6 students from each government school
  - 3 to 6 students from each private/govt. degree college or one student from each discipline
- **Other activities**
  - Other activities like seminars , social awareness, involving students in service activities, competitions, providing basic infrastructure are optional.
  - However Spandana encourages to organize at least one more group activity per year to motivate all the students in the school/college.

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How?

- **Eligibility criterion**
  - Only government schools are eligible (10th or below)
  - Both government and private colleges are eligible (Above 10th)
  - Activities like providing basic infrastructure (building class rooms, water tanks, libraries, desks etc) are limited only for government institutions.
  - Spandana Merit Scholarships(SMS) , Seminars, Workshops, Personality Development classes and Competitions are allowed in both private and government educational institutions.
  - Spandana Merit Scholarship will be issued purely based on merit in government schools
  - Spandana Merit Scholarship will be issued based on merit and as well as financial background in private institutions. Spandana Core Team will work with college management to announce the scholarships.
  - 32 hours of volunteering to 80g charity organizations

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Volunteering

- We at Spandana strongly believe that “Service to humanity is service to god”
- We encourage all the students in the enrolled school to involve in the service activities with local 80g charities. However students those who are interested in receiving “Spandana Merit Scholarships” **must** complete 32 hours of volunteering with any local 80g charity organization in order to be eligible for the scholarship apart from the merit and financial background.
- Submit a letter from a charity explaining what you did and number of hours
- What if the school/college is located in a remote village and have no access to 80g charity organizations?
  - Inform Spandana Foundation while enrolling itself and take an exception
  - Volunteer time for your own school towards planting, cleaning, organizing events, National Cadet Corps (NCC) etc.
  - Submit a letter from head master explaining what you did and number of hours

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How?

- **How to enroll**
  - Only Spandana Core Members are eligible to enroll the school/college
  - 1 or more Spandana Core Members can enroll and support a school
  - 2 or more Spandana Core Members can enroll and support a college
  - Member who enrolls the school will be primarily coordinating the effort closely. He could choose to nominate other Spandana Core Member as coordinator.
  - One member can coordinate as many schools as possible as long as each school is enrolled by a Spandana Core Member.
  - Identify primary contact from school/college staff for further coordination
  - Get a letter of interest from a school/college to enroll in this project and nominating a staff member to coordinate from their side
  - Number of students to be supported and activities to be organized will be decided by Spandana Core Team in consultation with volunteers and/or school/college staff.

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How?

- **Selection criterion for scholarships**
  - Spandana Core Team decision is final
  - Government schools and colleges: Toppers will be selected as is, no other extra criterion applied since all the students who are studying governments schools are from very poor family background.
  - Private Colleges: Toppers may or may not be selected as is from private colleges. The following selection process will be followed
    1. Marks – Selection still will be based on merit only
    2. Educational background – Those who studied earlier in govt. institutions of high priority
    3. Family background – No parent and Single parent children of high priority
    4. Finance background – Students from poor families will be considered
    5. Those who are willing to volunteer 32 hours per annum only will be considered
    6. Selection criterion will be modified from time to time by Spandana Core Team to support most deserving students among the merit students

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Why?

- **Main objective of the initiative**
  - To motivate like minded people and involve in service activities
  - To contribute back to the society we hailed from
  - To support meritorious but poor students for further studies
  - Encourage and motivate those who are studying in government schools/colleges
  - Though scholarships granted to toppers , it would certainly motivate all the students in a given school/college to compete with each other in a healthy environment to perform well and be eligible for the scholarships
  - To improve positive attitude in students by organizing personality development programs
  - Motivate younger generation towards volunteering
  - To have a greater impact on younger generation

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Contact Us

- Let’s join hands to make a difference back at home!
- Be a Spandana core member and take up social responsibility projects back at home
- Would you like to support a school/college? To make your idea a reality and for the benefit of many needy and deserving students, please contact Spandana core team at spandana@spandana.org
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