1. About Nilaya Foundation

A bright child shines by his own light. It is so true that sincerity and hard work in a student makes him/her instantly likeable to society. The fact that the child upholds the purity of education above tempting distractions - at a young age too, is something not many of us can resist appreciating. What can be more painful than knowing that such a student is handicapped by the lack of resources to justify his/her talent? And to think in countries like our own such a case is as common as some of the more fortunate of us being able to read this!

It was similar thoughts that brought together some of us to make a difference ... and Nilaya Foundation was born.

Nilaya Foundation is an institution dedicated to help the economically weaker, deserving Brahmin students achieve their educational goals by providing financial help, mentoring and continued career guidance. “Nilaya” or home is exactly what we at Nilaya Foundation strive to give promising, needy students so that they come out successful in their academic pursuits.

Nilaya Foundation started in year 2003 by alumni of Prahlada Vidyarthi Nilaya (PVN), Dharwad. PVN is one of first and oldest hostel started by H.H. Shri Vishvesha Teertha Swamiji of Pejawar Mutt under ABMM. Government officially recognized Nilaya Foundation on 25th January 2006.
2. Scholarship Project

A. Objective

- Provide much needed economical support to poor and meritorious Brahmin students.
- Overall mentoring and guidance of the students till completion of their education.
- Increase the number of beneficiaries each year to meet considerable percentage of actual demand.

B. Type of Scholarship

- General Scholarship: for poor & meritorious students who cannot bear entire expenses of his/her education.
- Special Scholarship: A donor or institution takes care of the entire education expense of a particular student.

C. Fund Raising for Scholarship

- Spandana (Corpus Project) – One time Fund Raising Drive was done with help of committed team of volunteers in Sep-Oct 2009. Though this drive Nilaya Foundation was able to raise a corpus of around 8 lakh rupees. Nilaya Foundation members pooled in another 2 lakhs and made FD of 10 lakhs. Interest of this corpus fund is used every year for awarding scholarships.

- Sankalpa – which aims to identify and involve sustained donors in Nilaya Foundation activity. Any donor can commit (take sankalpa) for donating Rs.100 every month towards scholarship scheme. Amount collected through Sankalpa project each year is utilized for scholarship in the same year. Sankalpa project helps to increase beneficiaries every year through sustained donors. So far 65 donors have taken Sankalpa to donate to scholarship.
D. Adoption – Special Scholarship

- Identifying donors; briefing all donors on all “special scholarship” students.

- As per donor’s instructions, sanctioning entire scholarship amount from that donor to the one student he/she selects (Adoption type)

- Receiving the above mentioned amount from the donor and transferring it to the student.

- Tracking the student’s academic progress and updating the donor on the same.

E. Achievements – Scholarship Awarded

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For student details visit: [http://www.nilayafoundation.org/](http://www.nilayafoundation.org/)

Beyond everything we take pride in the lifestyle of the students benefitted by our venture – their academic success, dream jobs, and above all the values they inculcate being part of our program.
3. Granthalaya Project (Library Project)
   
   **A. Objective**
   
   - Set up and maintain good library facility for students studying in various Vidyarthi Nilayas
   - Subscribe periodicals to libraries at Vidyarthi Nilayas

   **B. Status Update**
   
   - **Library** set up at Prahlada Vidyarthi Nilaya – started with 80 reference books and text books in 2009-10
   - Added 50 new books to Library set up at Prahlada Vidyarthi Nilaya in 2010-11
   - **Shri Chidambar Chikkerur** (98443 17480) is co-ordinating this project.

4. Akshaya Patre Project (Food for Students)
   
   **A. Objective**
   
   - Provide economical assistance to Vidyarthi Nilayas through Akshaya Patre project thereby reducing burden on students.

   **B. Project Plan**
   
   - Presenting unique option to donors to sponsor one day food expense at Vidyarthi Nilaya. Project was inaugurated by H.H. Shri Vishveshteertha Swamiji on 05th February 2011. Present scope of project covers Dharwad Vidyarthi Nilaya. Plan is to extend it to other Vidyarthi Nilaya by next year. Ultimate goal of this project is to provide hostel facility at free of cost or at token charges to poor and meritorious students in next 5 years.
C. Status Update

- Rs.1200 is marked as per day food expense at Dharwad Nilaya for 45 students. Donors can select one or more than one day in a year by donating Rs.1200 or in multiples of 1200.

- Shri Anandateerth Guttal (98459 68032) is co-ordinating this complete project. Separate SB account for same is opened at Canara Bank in Foundation name.

- Many donors’ have shown interest in this concept. By end of May 2011, donors have already opted for around 100 days food expense and transferred amount Akshaya Patre account.

5. Analysis of past 2 years Scholarship data

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- For the past 2 years close to 500 students are applying each year to Nilaya Foundation seeking scholarship.

- Applications are received from almost every corner of Karnataka. From Sirsi to Raichur, Nanjangudu to Bidar! Also we have few applications from AP and Maharashtra.
It is heartening to note more than 50% have very good score and many of them truly deserve any kind of benefit from society at large. Due to budget constraints Foundation could award scholarships to ONLY 93 students among 500 applicants. We need helping hand to increase scholarship awardees and reach out more 'n' more deserving students.

6. Future Plan

- **Scholarship** – Large number of students write to us seeking help. To meet at least 25% of demand from student community, scholarship amount and number need to be increased. Target to increase Scholarship amount to 2 times in next 2 years!

- **Scholarship** – Many deserving students need more assistance than current amount, hence need to find more number of donors who can adopt a student. From 2011-12 sponsor full fees of at least 5 students.

- **Granthalaya** – Add 500 text books and reference books to Library @ PVN in next 2 years.

- **Akshaya Patre** – Already 100 days expense of Dharwad Nilaya is covered. Target to implement this project in phases. Plan is to add 100 days in each year for next 2 years this end of 3rd year close to 100% expense will be covered.

- **Sambandha Project** – Donor to own a career of a child by taking care of whole expenses of a child for a year till students completes a particular course. Foundation will work as liaison between donor & student. Start this activity from 2011-12 (current year).
7. Your VOICE!

What donors have to say about Nilaya Foundation work? Here are some email snippets, we have many such emails!!

“The initiative that association has taken is much bigger than my contribution. I really appreciate your efforts”—Rajeev Murthy, LSI.

“It’s really nice that you people are running the foundation in such an organised way.” – Vani Bhujang, Infineon

“So very nice to see the Nilaya Foundation growing and growing the right way, after all its your and your team's industriousness to take to good heights! My good wishes are with Nilaya!! – Swapna Vishwanath, GE,

“You have taken a noble initiative. I should congratulate you for that, I know the contribution is small this time...but count on me for more contributions in the future...” – Raviraj Bhat, LGE

“It is ultimately helping few people in need. And honestly, I am doing the easy job and you people are putting the hard time and taking pain physically to do this, I have a lot of respect for that.” – Harsh Jahagiradar, NOKIA

“It's the great thing that you people are doing Vidhya Dhana. As per as my knowledge "Vidhya Dhana is Shresta Dhana". I should be Thankful to you people for giving me an opportunity to do something which I wanted to do. If the money we contribute is helpful in a proper manner that's more than enough for us and I know, it will surely be” – Ashwini HS, MISYS.

“Please convey my good wishes to everyone who have given me the chance to participate in this noble activity.” – Girish Kulkarni, SBI Life.
8. Bank Account and Contact details
   
A. Scholarship Account
   
- Bank Account Number - 04272010205945
- Bank Name - Syndicate Bank
- IFSC Code - SYNB0000427
- Branch - Vijayanagar Bangalore
- SB A/c name - Prahlada Vidyarthi Welfare Association

B. Akshaya Patre Account
   
- Bank Account Number - 1146101929827
- Bank Name - Canara Bank
- IFSC Code - CNRB0001146
- Branch - Vijayanagar Bangalore
- SB A/c name - Prahlada Vidyarthi Welfare Association

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