# HELP SAVE OUR School in this pandemic



#### MRS. ELLEN SHARMA MEMORIAL NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL, MYLAPORE CHENNAI, INDIA

WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP TO SURVIVE THE NEXT 6 MONTHS

### WHAT WE DO

Since 1937, we have provided inclusive education for children from all **socio-economic** and religious backgrounds, as well as **challenged children**. We provide the needy with **meals**, **books**, **free tuition** and other essentials. We support around 25% of the children, partly met by donors, in education, books, clothes and food. Our school is a safe space for these children to feel loved and important.

Over time our teaching methods have evolved, we now use interactive methods ranging from hands-on play-way modules to "smart classes", with a holistic approach incorporating art, music, dance, theatre, puppets, workshops and museum visits for our children. We also give our teachers skill development opportunities and constantly upgrade their skill-set to suit changing times.

### THE EFFECT OF COVID-19

- 1. As per various directives, we are unable to recover previous arrears in the stipulated school fees, nor can we collect more than 40% of this year's fees. The students who were earlier able to pay the nominal fees, helped the school meet basic expenses.
- 2. Normal resources of credit have slowly dried up since the start of the pandemic, now severely impacting our ability to pay our staff and meet overhead expenditures.
- 3. We have had to make a sudden shift to online teaching for the benefit of our children, and to avoid disrupting the educational process. However, many of our teachers and students do not have the resources to study or teach online. For this we urgently require aid for sourcing laptops for our teachers, and mobile phones/data connections for many of our children.

## **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- 1. **Donate!** So we can cover our expenses, i.e. salaries and maintenance of the school. The bank account details are given below.
- 2. You can give us or sponsor laptops for the teachers. We need 17 laptops- Rs. 30,000/laptop.
- 3. You can sponsor the internet connection for a child or a teacher. We need 417 data plans-Rs.50/plan for a month (for 6 months at least).
- 4. Spread the word, every rupee will help our children at a chance for a good future!

#### Donors in India (qualifies for tax exemption)

The Children's Garden School Society Indian Overseas Bank Dr.Radhakrishnan Salai Branch Branch Code : 0291 Account No. 029101000000764 IFSC : IOBA0000291 Donors from overseas The Children's Garden School Society, FCRA Union Bank of India Mylapore Branch Account No. 395702010001284 IFSC :UBIN0539571 SWIFT CODE: UBININBBOMD

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