



Purkal Youth Development Society

Rising to a Better Future

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YUVA SHAKTI A Program for Youth Development

Our Yuva Shakti program aims to provide **holistic support to children and youth by providing access to quality education, mentoring and attention to nutrition and healthcare**. The belief is that if youth in this rural community are provided a support mechanism that offers mentoring and resources for learning, they will have a newfound hope and succeed in acting as agents of transformational change in their society. This growth effort commences with their **entry into good English medium schools in the city through scholarships provided by our program**. The children attend our **Learning Center** after school to receive **additional support and guidance** from our staff.

Over the last nine years, we have been able to help **over 140 children** develop the skills and knowledge needed for a bright future. We aim to provide more than basic education, and with generous support from our donors, are able to ensure a **well-rounded education for our students**.

We provide the following:

- A space for intensive educational assistance
- A nutritious afternoon meal
- Medical care and immunizations
- Computer training
- Access to library resources, daily newspapers and other electronic media
- Yoga classes, sports facilities and equipment
- Field trips, educational movies and guest lecturers
- Post 12th education and work experience



Bus Them to Purkal

In February of 2008, we began a new education scheme called 'Bus Them to Purkal' for preparing a **group of local children, ages 8-12, who lack basic education to be integrated into the mainstream education system**. The group is composed of 23 students, mostly girls, who come from very poor families in the interior regions of the mountains. The children are transported to our learning center every day by bus and are taught by our qualified teachers. They spend a full day at our center and are provided **nutritious meals and fruit** throughout the day. The children participate in a one-year course, which aims to build their general knowledge and foundation in English, Hindi and Mathematics. In addition to the usual classroom environment, the children use **educational games and puzzles to learn, play sports and have use of our computers**. The children are showing dramatic improvements, including an increased level of confidence. We aim to continue this program and begin another course for new children in December 2008. The



Group that joined us in 2008 will begin their regular school life through an admission into a school in the city.

Highlighted Programs

Our effort for proper development and quality education for children begins with an attention to nutrition and healthcare. With support for our **Fund A Meal and Healthcare Scheme**, we are able to provide our students with a daily nutritious meal composed of rice, vegetables and lentils. We also ensure the children's medical needs are met through **needed medical care, updated immunizations and regular check ups**. The society has also helped **construct 52 toilets** in homes and villages around the communities we serve. 300 more toilets are planned for construction



We work extensively with our students to prepare them for their future. Through our **Career Development Program**, 11th and 12th class students are assigned mentors and given opportunities for Post 12th education and work training. With help from our donors, our students participate in **preparation courses and gain work experience in their field of study**. The society also conducts a distance learning degree program in **Bachelors and Tourism Studies** for a group of Post 12th students interested in a career as a Tourism Executive.

In addition to the regular computer training classes for our students, we offer an additional course in **Computer and English Training** for young adults in the community, including women from the Stree Shakti program. The course aims to develop the **professional skills and knowledge of young adults** for helping them become qualified for better paying jobs in the private sector.

Environmental Awareness

PYDS is dedicated to conserving the environment and takes various steps to promote green awareness. (1) The road that leads to our Learning Center is lit up by **solar powered lights**. (2) We meet the water needs of our society through a **rain harvesting system** that stores water in a large tank. (3) **Trees are planted** around the Learning Center in the name of donors. (4) Eleven bins were constructed in the community for **collection of plastic waste** in the area. An additional five more bins have been constructed around our Learning Center for segregating waste. Degradables are collected and put into a manure pit meant for humus collection. (5) The children spearhead regular **environmental clean-ups** in the community and educate families on proper waste disposal.



In addition to these initiatives, PYDS **employs local men and women** in jobs that provide food, transportation, carpentry and maintenance for the society. As a result, the entire community is strengthened by our activities.

Make A Donation

Our society is able to sustain its educational programs for youth with support from our donors. We collect **child sponsorship** fees and operate a **Corpus Fund** for collecting donations to run our programs. Yearly sponsorship fees are collected to cover the cost of tuition, school supplies, uniform, transportation to and from school and other educational expenses. Rs. 30,000 is collected for a full sponsorship, Rs. 15,000 for a standard sponsorship and Rs. 8,000 for half sponsorship. Endowments are also possible Rs. 1 Lac, Rs. 2.5 Lac & Rs. 4.5 Lac Half, Standard and Full sponsorships respectively. The Fund a Meal Scheme contribution, made to remember any event, funds the daily meal given to the children and the comprehensive health care that we provide all the children under our care. Those interested in making a donation can send a cheque in the name of the Purkal Youth Development to the address listed on this page. We appreciate your support in helping to ensure the student's needs are met. **All donations are eligible for exemption from Income Tax under Section 80(G) and 35 AC.**