



## About Us

The Clarke School for the Deaf is one of our country's finest schools, dedicated towards the education and the betterment of the lives of the differently able. I have been associated with The Clarke School since its inception in 1970.

The growth of the school can be tracked from its humble beginnings in a small rented room with just three students to the internationally recognized institute that it is today. A fully functional State Board affiliated school as well as a registered society; this school has grown from strength to strength under the able governance of our board of trustees, steered by our passionate team of qualified teachers and staff.

*Our mission has been to Educate, Train and Rehabilitate the Hearing Impaired, Intellectually Challenged, Deaf-blind and Differently Able children and to help them avail all the privileges that are available to the able bodied.*

The Institute presently has a number of programmes that are being undertaken simultaneously, some of which are;

- The Senior Secondary School affiliated to the State Board [in Chennai].
- The Rural Extension Project in Kelambakkam [34kms away from Chennai City, in Kanchipuram District].

We take in students from varying economic backgrounds and fully support their much needed education and also provide hostel facilities for our outstation hearing impaired students.

We now have a total of 137 students in Mylapore & 30 Children in REP and as opposed to a normal school where the student to teacher ratio is a minimum of 35: 1, we, being an institute for the disabled, have maintained a ratio of 3:1 and sometimes even less depending on the disability. As we continue to progress and endeavour for the best of the best, we find that the only possible set back is the need for financial support, quite mandatory for such types of philanthropic institutions. We depend on donations and grants for our economically backward students as we treat all children as equals.

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It is important to us that no child is deprived of quality education and other benefits simply for lack of monetary resources but, the actual revenue collected from each class is almost negligible and doesn't even begin to cover the basic running expenses.

## Our Need

One of our main challenges was to reward our teachers equivalent to their abilities which we still have not achieved satisfactory levels.

We are able to maintain the high standards of academic excellence mainly due to the extraordinary contribution from the staff's, who are highly qualified & experienced. All the staffs have continued to teach these children with so much of personal care & dedication without seeking any financial benefit.

Unlike various other professions where people seek different working environment on account of financial benefits, our teachers have always focused only on the development of the child & never their personal benefits.

We attach herewith their qualifications & their experience, from which you would agree that, they deserve much more than what we can afford, in other words, what they are getting.

Considering that, we are reaching 50 years of service, we would like to reward these teachers with the onetime pay-out & we seek your support with your contribution to the welfare fund.

Presently we are not able to cover the cost of expenditure of the total cost although we have always maintained a principle of keeping the managerial roles, purely advisory and not revenue oriented. As such, we have shortfall of INR 40 Lakhs to continue our existing projects. This imbalance of our revenues and expenditure is a stumbling block in the development of the school. We need to bridge the gap of this financial restraint. In fact we don't have any resources to develop & maintain the infrastructural needs too.

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Please note that our school is registered under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act XXI of 1960, S.No. 237 of 1972 and donations to our organization are exempted from Income tax under Sec. 80 G. We also have a valid permanent FCRA number given to us by the Ministry of Home Affairs, New

Delhi. All donations can be in the form of cheque/DD favouring '*The Clarke School for the Deaf*' payable at Chennai and addressed to – The Clarke School for the Deaf, No.3, Third Street, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Chennai, 600004. The school is permitted to receive donations under FCRA from individuals and organisations all over the world.

Any gesture on your part will make a world of a difference in the lives of these children.

Warm Regards,

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