PROPOSAL FOR A FOUNDATION GLOBAL GRANT FOR A HUMANITARIAN PROJECT-ROTARY CHARITABLE DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE

ROTARY CLUB OF CHANDIGARH CENTRAL

Rotary Club of Chandigarh Central was chartered in 1987. Presently, it has 42 Members. The Club is running a few sustaining projects in the City of Chandigarh. It is running an Immunization Centre since 2002 and a T.B. Rehabilitation Centre in Government Medical College and Hospital, Sector 32, Chandigarh. It has installed an EEG Machine as well in the Hospital. Club has its own building in village Kishangarh, Chandigarh, where it is running a dispensary on the ground floor and a Computer Training Centre on 1st Floor. The Club is also running a Stitching and Embroidery Skill Development Centre. The Club has highly dedicated members, residing in the tricity comprising of Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali.

Community Assessment

One of the Rotary's area of focus is 'Disease Prevention and Treatment'. An assessment was carried out by the members in Mohali. The total population of Mohali District is about 13 lakhs approximately out of which population of the urban agglomeration is about 3 lakhs. It is an Industrial Focal Point and a District Head Quarter. It is also an IT Hub.

The City has a number of multi-facility private hospitals like Max Super-specialty Hospital, Fortis Hospital, Silver Oak Hospital etc. etc. Thousands of patients visit these hospitals from various locations in Punjab, especially from the nearby cities, towns and villages. There are various diagnostic centres in the City to cater to the needs of the population. But the major constraint is the high cost of various diagnostic tests which a large population, particularly the economically weaker section of the society cannot afford the tests at the present rates. There as such, is a dire need of the community for a charitable diagnostic centre providing the tests at minimum rates so as to cover only the sustainability cost of the Diagnostic Centre. To respond to the real community need, the members of the Club, who had been making a community assessment in the area, have identified a place for setting up a Laboratory/Diagnostic Centre.

Land, Building and Cooperating Organization

It is proposed to set up the Diagnostic Centre in cooperation with a reputed social service organization. The Club has identified a building at a prominent location in Sector 55, Mohali (Sector shared between Mohali and Chandigarh), located at a corner on the main road dividing Sectors 55 and 56. The building is owned by 'The Association for Social Health in India-Punjab State Branch'. The Chief Patron of the Association is the Governor of the State of Punjab. The objective of the proposed project aligns well with the 'Aims & Objectives' of the Association. It is also an objective of the Association to collaborate with like-minded Associations to carry out its objectives. Subject to the approval of 'Foundation Global Grant' we have an understanding with the Association to provide the building owned by it in Sector 55, Mohali for the purpose of the Project at a very nominal lease. The building is constructed in a plot of 420 sq. mtrs. with a covered area of about 1620 sq. ft. on the ground floor. The building is well ventilated and nicely maintained.

The inter-state bus terminus is located in adjoining Sector 56 catering to about 60000 people per day. There are many villages in vicinity to the area. About 5% population of the City lives in colonies and slums. The location of the project is ideal to cater to the needs of the population.

Details of Project

As per the community assessment and the proposed budget, it is planned to start the Diagnostic Centre initially with the following equipments. The budget cost is also indicated along with the details of the equipments.

Sr.	Name of equipment	Estimated cost of	Cost in
No.		the equipment (in	Dollars
		Rs. Including	
		taxes)	
1.	Color Doppler Ultra Sound	17,00,000/-	\$23288
	System. Model HS 40		
2.	HF X-ray	5,44,000/-	\$7452
3.	CR System	6,27,000/-	\$8589
4.	Semi-automatic Bio-	1,28,800/-	\$1764
	chemistry Analyzer		
5.	Fully Automated Blood Cell	3,89,400/-	\$5334
	Counter		
6.	Electrolyte Analyzer	1,12,000/-	\$1534
7.	Urine Analyzer	53,100/-	\$727
Total		35,54,300/-	\$48688
Add contingencies @ 10%		3,55,000/-	\$4869
Grand Total		39,09,300	\$52124

It is proposed to buy the entire equipment locally so that there is no difficulty in its maintenance and availability of spare parts.

<u>Goal</u>

The main goal/objective of the project is to provide diagnostic services at a highly nominal cost or the benefit of public in general and particularly for economically weaker section of the society, who cannot afford the tests at the present market rates. The facilities shall be provided at non-profitable and charitable rates. Ultimately, more facilities shall be added in the second stage along with the provision of a poly-clinic with various specialist doctors in the OPD along with a Physio-Therapy Centre. However, this shall be done gradually as the Centre becomes popular with the local population and on availability of additional funds.

Sustainability of the Project

The idea of the Club is to create the facility which can be supported by the community thereafter. The Club has identified 'Sri Guru Granth Sahib Sewa Society' (Regd.), Chandigarh which is a registered NGO of dedicated professionals having 65 doctors, more than 100 paramedical staffs. They are already running three hospitals and 17 ambulances in Chandigarh. The Society agrees to run the center and provide the facility of diagnostics free of cost to the poor and needy and at no profit no loss basis to the general public. Preliminary discussions have already been held with them and shall be finalized after approval of Global Grant.

Beneficiaries

On the basis of assessment, it is anticipated that initially about 100 patients will be benefitted every day. Thus, the beneficiaries are expected to be more than 30000 annually. The list showing the comparative cost being presently charged by 'Sri Guru Granth Sahib Sewa Society' (Regd.), Chandigarh in the Mission Hospital being run by them in Chandigarh; and which are likely to be fixed in the proposed Rotary Charitable Diagnostic Centre and the comparative market rates in Mohali is enclosed. There shall be huge benefit to the public. Later when the poly-clinic and other diagnostic/physio-therapy equipments are added, the beneficiaries will increase.