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Under IRC Section 501 (c) (3)

PART – VI

Benefits Recipients

Line 1a: Benefits to Individuals

Online tele-tutoring: Under the **IGNITING MINDS** mission program, the Foundation plans to provide **FREE** online tele-tutoring, tele-education, mentoring, etc. on a variety of subjects and topics by many of our volunteers to help the poor children and students in many parts of the world.

Online Adult education: Similarly, in the Adult Education part of the Knowledge Connectivity program under the **IGNITING MINDS**, grown-ups shall receive **FREE** online skill development courses and training on topics the recipients want to learn about. These would be as varied as the interests of the beneficiaries such as in agriculture, water conservation, better irrigation techniques, improving farm yield, organic farming, vermi-culture, food storage, food processing, composting, bio-mass, bio-diesel, alternative energy generation, health care of the people & of the cattle, sanitation, setting up business, entrepreneurship, marketing, financing, etc.

Helping rural women: Under the Women Advocacy program, rural women shall be trained how to make use of the micro-loan program to set up small scale industries, form cooperatives, market their products, be creative and innovative, etc.

Improve Employment Opportunity: Under the **FREE** skill development programs, the poor recipients will learn how to use their newly learned skills to find better employment opportunities; participate in rural development programs, become job creators instead of being job seekers, etc.

No plans for funds to any individuals: The Foundation does offer funding to any individual at any point in time. Any fund raised will be to provide the maximum benefit to a lot of people and not one individual at a time.

Line 1b: Benefits to Organizations

Virtual Classrooms in many countries: To set up the virtual classrooms, it costs a one-time capital expense of about US \$ 5,000 per school, including the routine maintenance for a period of five years. In a school with > 500 poor enrolled students, this one-time cost is less than \$ 10 per student. There are well over 600,000 villages with more than 300 million children below the age of 15 in the rural parts of India. Most of them lack access to quality education and better opportunities in life. There are over 1.3 million schools in India and over 60 % are in rural areas. Several millions of dollars will be required to set up the Electronic connectivity, design and develop interactive relevant course contents and deploy them all over the Tele-education network, etc., in order to provide quality education through Electronic connectivity and Knowledge connectivity.

Currently each Virtual Classroom is set up with:

- 1) 42" HD Monitor
- 2) Local Server
- 3) Inverter
- 4) Solar power, where feasible to provide un-interrupted power supply
- 5) Adequate Broadband connectivity – if available

Follow up Tech Service: The IT Tech staff train the teachers and students on how to use these properly. They visit each location once every ten days to ensure these are used properly and in good working condition. The contents are updated in the local server with new ones. Efforts are underway to translate these in multiple languages to ensure students learn these lessons well.

Virtual Classrooms in Operation: Under PART VIII, Line 12a, details of 13 Virtual Classrooms already in operation in many parts of India are provided. Under the Terms of Acceptance, each school shall adhere to those terms and conditions in order to enjoy the benefit long term.

Nodal Centers in Public Libraries: The Foundation plans to establish hundreds of FREE Public Libraries with a NODAL CENTER with broadband connectivity for anyone to use free. The Foundation shall link each nodal center with digital library and its Tele-Education network to webcast educational programs of interest to the public who shall use these.

Benefit many at a time: The Foundation has started with the Virtual Classrooms and provides FREE top level multi-media contents. It also is collaborating with many educational institutes to bring K-12 and post-secondary courses free to millions of poor students all over the world. In order to continue this benefit to reach millions of poor students, sufficient funds are needed. The Foundation shall appeal to philanthropic organizations, local, regional, national and international bodies for grants, sponsorships, etc. to make the Electronic and Knowledge Connectivity a reality in many parts of the world.

Tele-medicine Consultations: Under the FREE Tele-Med program, primary care givers in remote / rural / poor parts of the world shall be linked online with our medical volunteers to receive appropriate consultations as and when needed. Webcast of common medical conditions presentation, diagnosis, treatment, etc. shall be available free to download anytime from the digital library.

Avoiding funds misuse: The Foundation does not plan to distribute or provide donated / grant FUNDS to any organization; but to ensure it is directly paid to the vendors who provide required products and satisfactory service, as approved and chosen by the recipient organization. Each local team shall be accountable to how the funds are used and send a periodic update on the use of the facilities set up as well as the benefits accrued from these to the poor population.

Line 2: Anyone POOR qualifies as a beneficiary

Non-discrimination and Equal Opportunity: The benefits are available to ANY POOR person without regard to race, color, ethnic origin, nationality, gender, religion, or any other factor. One need not be a member of the Foundation to receive any of the benefits extended to the poor billions to empower them.

NO FEES to register: The Foundation encourages the beneficiary organizations to register as a 'BENEFICIARY MEMBER' and there are NO FEES of any kind. Registering as a Beneficiary Member allows the Foundation to publish their needs in our Foundation website to bring that to the attention of potential donors and sponsors for any specific projects they seek help.

NO PAYMENT to any Volunteer: The Foundation (i) Individual Volunteers (ii) Institutional Partners and (iii) Beneficiary Members are NOT charged any fee for registration or participation and none receives any compensation for their volunteer work at any time. If any one expects to be compensated for any third party products or services, these must be approved well in advance by the recipients and if there is any potential conflict of Interest, must fill up the appropriate form and submit to the Board for clearance well in advance.