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To,
All our donors, partners, friends and well wishers

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Dear Friends,

Our rural school, Round Table Abhinav vidyalaya, has completed eleven years of operation. It started in April, 2015 with just two rooms, two teachers and fourteen students in classes I and II. Today it has grown up to the level of a junior high school, starting from nursery, LKG, UKG and going up to class VIII. At present it has 450 students, 18 teachers and 12 non-teaching staff. In its decade long existence, it has earned the confidence of the local community and a reputation for its quality of education. All this development has been possible because of your support and encouragement. My sincere thanks to you.

We are now poised for starting our second phase development to take the school up to the higher secondary level. Our building partners Varanasi Round Table (VRT196) have already completed construction of the ground floor and the first floor of second block of a planned four storied building with a plinth area of 3100 sq.ft.. The other two floors are expected to be built soon. We are now looking for donors to add additional infrastructure needed for a higher secondary school. The total cost of this second phase of development has been estimated at Rs. 400 Lakh.

As you are aware, our objective is to provide quality education at a low cost so as to make it affordable to the parents. Almost all of them belong to the low income group. The tuition fee has been kept at Rs. 500/- p.m. for the pre-

school classes and Rs. 600/- for classes I to VIII. At this low level the fee collection meets only about 60% of the operating expenses. To raise the remaining 40% we seek donations under two schemes. One is 'Educate a Child'. Under this scheme we have been inviting donors to pay Rs. 6000/- per year to support the education of one child for a year. In the previous FY we received a total of Rs. 5 Lakh from 80 donors under this scheme. With all round rise in costs this figure has now been raised to Rs. 10,000/- per year. Those of you who have been paying at the old rate may kindly switch over to the new rate. The other scheme seeks contribution to the Endowment Fund. This fund is invested in MFs and only its monthly returns are used for meeting the operating expenses. In the previous year we received donations amounting to Rs. 11.79 Lakh from 17 donors to this scheme.

During the year under review we received a contribution of Rs. 20 Lakh from Letz Dream Foundation, My Heartfelt thanks to them. This amount has been used for acquiring additional land for sports ground. We also received a CSR grant of Rs. 5.5 Lakh from Windlass Biotech Ltd. for promoting value education. As you know, imparting value education is a special feature of our school. We are developing an innovative method of imparting value education using attractive story-telling short films. After projecting the film a discussion is initiated to bring out the significance of values depicted in the story. This method is more effective in communicating the significance of values in life.

Many well-wishers and donors have instituted scholarships for meritorious and needy students. This year another scholarship has been instituted in the memory of late Prof. Mritunjay Bhattacharya by his daughter Mrs. Vishakha Bhattacharya. Prof. Bhattacharya was my very close friend and colleague at IIT-BHU. We now have a total of 10 scholarships available to our students. We need many more such scholarships to help educate the needy students.

As the number of employees has increased above 20, we are now required to register them under the Employees Provident Fund and Government Health Insurance scheme, and also comply with the Minimum wages rules. We have successfully implemented these measures from this year. As a result our salary bill has nearly doubled. This has strained our financial position. However, we have been able to meet our obligations somehow. The welfare of employees is our highest priority. But we definitely need more funds for meeting the operating expenses. Can I request you to garner additional support for the project from your friends and other contacts?

Our school project has now attained a reasonable level of maturity and sustainability. Its academic and other extra-curricular activities are being carried out in a more systemic manner. Happily a friendly and cooperative work culture

is also developing among the teachers and other employees. I am sure with your help and encouragement we will be able to move forward towards higher levels of excellence in the coming years.

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