

## Chrysalis project partners

**The Sir Ratan Tata Trust** is one of the oldest philanthropic institutions in India. It has played a pioneering role in changing the traditional ideas of charity and introducing the concept of philanthropy.

The Trust was established in 1919, after Sir Ratan's untimely demise following a prolonged illness, with a corpus of Rs8 million. The younger of the two sons of Jamsetji Tata, the founder of the Tata Empire, Sir Ratan (1871- 1918) was extremely kind hearted and generous, always willing to lend a helping hand to any individual or institution in distress. To him, serious charity meant making the effort to identify a cause one deeply cared about, and then devoting time as well as effort and money. In his short, but satisfying lifetime, he identified several issues, which bear testimony to his munificence.

The objects to be aided by the trust funds were to be public in general, in preference to sectional. The institutions or organizations to be aided had to subject their accounts to periodic audits by the Trustees. The ventures to be aided needed to have their schemes carefully prepared by competent personnel. Looked at in perspective, these concepts of charity were ahead of their time, and even today, are considered exceptional in the context of philanthropy.

Growing steadily over the years, for the period 2001-08, the Trust grew from Rs319 million in the first year to Rs601.6 million in the final year. The grants were made in five thematic areas, though some initiatives were restructured. Currently, the Trust's grant making policy encompasses two kinds of grants.

**Institutional Grants** which include Programme Grants in the areas of rural livelihoods and communities, education, health, enhancing civil society and governance and arts and culture; Endowment Grants and Small Grants.

**Individual Grants** which include meeting medical expenses for a critical illness and meeting educational needs for higher education within India and assistance for education related overseas travel.

Source: [www.srtt.org](http://www.srtt.org)

**Asha for Education, NYC-NJ chapter** is made up of professionals and graduate students in New York City and New Jersey. The chapter develops and funds projects in various states of India to educate and support underprivileged children. Asha for Education is an all-volunteer worldwide non-profit organization that works to provide basic education to underprivileged children in India. Since its inception in 1991, Asha has raised over \$4,000,000 and has directly supported 385 projects in 24 states benefitting thousands of children in India.

Source: [www.ashanet.org/nycnj/](http://www.ashanet.org/nycnj/)

**Praleen Public Charitable Trust** was established by Justice Prabodh Desai on his wife Mrs. Leena Desai's first death anniversary in 1995. The objects direct the trust funds to be utilized, without reference to caste, sex or creed, for public charitable purposes such as relief of the poor, education, medical relief and advancement of any other object of general public utility as elaborated under the Trust Deed.

Source: [www.justicepddesaifoundation.org](http://www.justicepddesaifoundation.org)



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"If I am slow, I simply have to start earlier"- Robert Lafon

## About us

**Setu Developmental Intervention Centre (Setu)** specializes in the field of childhood developmental disabilities and works with parents as equal partners. Setu provides early screening, diagnosis and multi-disciplinary intervention services for various disorders and attempts to reduce the lifetime burden of childhood disability. Setu has established itself in Ahmedabad, India as the key organization in its area of work by providing an immediate and adapted response to its consumer group, by developing innovative projects to fill existing gaps in service delivery and by ensuring better long-term outcomes for the children.

## Our philosophy

We believe that all children are equal and that they deserve the opportunity to learn and experience success regardless of their limitations. We aim to nurture the child's natural desire for independence and high sense of self through assisting and facilitating development of skills. We further promote achievement of daily life skills with the belief that this manifests itself in the form of better relationship between the child and the family. Additionally, we seek to establish a positive link between the child's learning success and parents' participation.

## Services offered

We offer following services to our consumers:

### Age group 0 to 5 years

New born, infant and developmental assessments  
Home based management plans for children living outside Ahmedabad  
Multi-disciplinary early intervention with active parental participation

### Age group 6 to 12 years studying in mainstream schools

Functional educational assessments  
Remedial education services

### Other services

Awareness, outreach and counseling  
Research and training

## Infrastructure, personnel and facilities

We run two early intervention centres in Ahmedabad; one catering to urban population and the other catering to urban slum population. Both centres are spacious, well lit and ventilated. They are equipped with appropriate infrastructure to help children overcome their difficulties. We have a qualified and enthusiastic rehabilitation and managerial team that has a child centric, rights based orientation.

## Legal

We are a not for profit social enterprise registered as a Public Charitable Trust. We offer tax exemption u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act and are permitted to receive foreign contribution under FCRA. We were accredited by the United Nations' Department of Economic and Social Affairs to attend the Ad Hoc Committee meetings on the "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" from 7th Session. We are also registered under various rehabilitation related Acts of the GoI. Details are on our website.

## Project Chrysalis

Project Chrysalis is our flagship project. Through this, we aim to scale up and field test our comprehensive early intervention services in order to develop an evidence based model. We also aim to institutionalize this model to facilitate easy replication by other service providers.

## Significance of the name

A chrysalis has little to show for what is taking shape inside until the butterfly emerges from it. While we delight in its exquisite form, we rarely acknowledge the changes the butterfly had to go through and the threats it had to overcome to achieve that beauty. Culturally, this entire process symbolizes rebirth into a new life after being inside a cocoon for some time. Similarly, the children we work with are exceptional beings, ready to emerge out of their shells. They have the inner ability to learn and to lead meaningful lives. All they need is a supportive and enriching environment in early years.

## Aims

- To refine and strengthen the ongoing, centre based comprehensive early intervention programme by increasing its scientific accuracy
- To improve mode of service delivery for optimum impact by striving for quality assurance through establishing quality benchmarks, stake holder participation, research and continuous need assessment

## Approach

Project Chrysalis adopts a 4-pronged approach. This includes;

- Early identification, assessment and intervention services in two economic groups
- Early screening services in paediatric clinics
- Remedial support services to children with disabilities in mainstream schools
- Training programmes for stakeholders from various groups

## Project sustainability

Project Chrysalis has a well developed plan of financial and operation sustainability covering following five areas:

- Regular consumer flow
- Clear management, accountability and reporting mechanisms
- Stakeholder and organizational capacity building measures
- Multiple partner involvement for financial and material requirements
- Earmarked human and material resources for fund-raising and resource mobilization

## Our appeal to you

To meet the next three years' financial provisions, as main project partners, the Sir Ratan Tata Trust and Setu, both have agreed to contribute Rs5.5 million and Rs4.5 million respectively. We have two partners at present meet part of our commitment. We appeal for your support in helping us meet our programme commitments. Should you be interested to know more, we will be happy to make a personal presentation and discuss ways of partnerships.