

SAMPLE GRANT PROPOSAL 2

GRANT SEEKER:

SUNRIDGE SUPPORT

CALOOCAN CITY, PHILIPPINES

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**COMPUTER EDUCATION FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED STUDENTS
OF STA. RITA & SAN SEBASTIAN HIGH SCHOOLS
CALOOCAN CITY, PHILIPPINES**

By:

SUNRIDGE SUPPORT

Submitted to:

Southwest Corporate Fund

Mr. Brian Davids
Project Officer
Southwest Corporate Fund

Dear Mr. Davids:

Warm greetings!

Sunridge Support, a Philippine non-profit organization, would like to seek assistance from the Southwest Corporate Fund to provide technology and computer education to underprivileged students in Caloocan City, Philippines.

To fulfill this mission, this proposal seeks financial aid in the amount of \$20,000.00 for two public schools- the Sta. Rita and the San Sebastian High Schools, located in Caloocan City. 60% of students from these schools come from families of minimum wage earners.

With your support, some 500 teenagers in the area will benefit by having working knowledge of computer education programs and Internet. This new knowledge will help improve their chances of employment upon graduation.

Our Program Director, Ms. Jennifer Gomez, will be more than willing to discuss this project with you further. She may be reached at (632) 878 2334.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Jose Gonzalez
Executive Director

Executive Summary

Sunridge Support seeks \$20,000.00 to fund computer education and technological support for 500 teenagers in two marginalized schools in Caloocan City, Philippines. Computer classes will be conducted after school hours by volunteers from Sunridge Support's 50 corporate members and 90 individuals in a 'computer café' that will be accessible to students 60 hours weekly. This high-impact program will have a long-term effect on the beneficiaries, as they will be better equipped for employment upon graduation.

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A. Organizational Overview

Sunridge Support's mission is to bridge the technological gap between privately-funded schools and public schools (government-run schools) in the Philippines that lack the budget for computer education and technology. Located about 15 kilometers from the financial district of Makati, the two public schools we are focusing on are the Sta. Rita and San Sebastian public schools in Caloocan City. These schools are in a low-income community that consists of some 30,000 families.

With over 1,000 corporate volunteers, Sunridge Support can offer a broad range of technology-related services to the students. Their acquired computer education will help improve their chances of employment upon graduation.

B. Description of Programs

Sunridge Support works to bring computer access, education and economic opportunities to high school students of both Sta. Rita and San Sebastian schools. The program will benefit at least 500 low-income students in the area. The training for the use of the computers and basic software will be managed by the corporate volunteers of Sunridge Support. The training will be offered after school hours to targeted students.

ENTERPRISE:

Sunridge Support began as a volunteer-support organization, tapping into corporate volunteers in two financial districts. We are funded by the monthly contributions of our corporate and individual members and have a core staff of 15 (fifteen).

ACCESS:

To ensure that the students have access to computer-related technologies, we operate a **computer café room** within the schools. This operates seven days a week for 60 hours. It offers Internet and research access; word processing, graphic design, computer tutorials and technical support.

C. Population Groups Served

Sunridge Support serves people of all ages and backgrounds in the Metro Manila area. We serve approximately 300 people a week - 75% of which are children and teenagers.

Sunridge Support's mission is to reach out to public schools by way of our corporate volunteers' skills. This has aided thousands of low-income students since 1990. Our volunteers have contributed their time for reading literacy programs, sports coaching, field outings, cooking, baking and sewing.

Despite its proximity to the financial district, this community has not reaped the benefits of the technological revolution due to:

- **Limited access to computer technology and communication:** At the moment, both Sta. Rita and San Sebastian High Schools have very limited number of computers available for their students. According to the high school principal of Sta. Rita High School, the ratio is 80 students per 1 computer. On the other hand, the head teacher from San Sebastian High School has reported that the ratio for them is 75 students per computer. Both schools have no internet access yet.
- **Low income:** Our community has one of the lowest per-capita income in the country.
- **Bleak job market:** The number of unemployed persons in July 2006 was estimated at 2.9 million, resulting to an unemployment rate of 8.0 percent. Males had a higher unemployment rate of 8.2 percent compared to females at 7.8 percent. The estimate of 2.9 million unemployed persons was 7.1 percent higher than the estimate for the same period last year. About fifty percent of the unemployed belonged to age group 15-24 years. One third of the total unemployed (33.0%) were high school graduates and 19.3 percent were college undergraduates. (Source: *Income and Employment Statistics Division, Labor Force Survey*)

Please see the attachments for a list of achievements to date.

D. Project Description

Sunridge Support seeks \$20,000 to fund its computer education classes for teenagers. We believe that the earlier a person is introduced to technology the opportunities for economic advancement will likewise increase.

To ensure the success of this program, we are taking an educational approach with these elements:

***Output-oriented:** The classes will work on specific projects that will measure the output. The finished product for example, can be a newspaper article, a PowerPoint presentation, or even a web page. By working on these types of projects, students will learn practical applications of the programs taught.

***Dynamic:** Since we will be working after school hours and because our program is not officially part of the school curriculum, our classes will be more open to exploring subject matters outside of the curriculum. We will however, have lesson plans and clear objectives for each class.

***Teacher to student ratio:** We aim to have one volunteer for every eight students. With this ratio, the corporate volunteer can attend more to each student. This will also enable the students to be more comfortable with their time on the computers and their teacher.

***Skills enhancement:** We believe that the use of technology enhances critical thinking and other developmental skills such as spatial knowledge and artistic capabilities.

Our web site at <<http://www.sunridgesupport.org>> provides samples of our projects that have been completed in our computer education classes.

E. Project Evaluation

While class content may vary, the program's objectives will be measured by the following:

- 1. Attendance sheets: These will be compiled and submitted on a weekly basis.*
- 2. Class diaries: Instructors will be required to have class diaries which will document the day's lesson plans, activities and other notables. These will be sent to and reviewed by Sunridge Support's board members, staff and sponsors through e-mail.*

F. Budgets

Sunridge Support requests \$20,000-one-third of our budget for computer classes for young people. Our total budget for computer classes for children and teenagers is \$65,000.00. Eighty percent of all our classes are targeted towards this age group.

We acknowledge our sponsors and members by printing their logos and names on our website, brochures and news articles generated. Please see the attachments for the project budget and the agency budget.

G. List of Key Staff Members

Please see the attachments for the list of key staff members.

ATTACHMENTS