

FRIENDS OF MONGOLIA SMALL GRANT APPLICATION

OPEN TO MONGOLIA BASED VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1st, 2017

Application information: Applications are reviewed and decisions are made within one month after the application deadline. See end of this application for additional information.

Please return this application via email to officers@friendsofmongolia.org. **Applications are not considered complete unless all materials requested are received.** See application checklist at the end of this document.

Please answer the following questions in the order presented and numbered. Please attach any supporting documents as needed.

1. Project Title:

2. Organization Name

Physical Address:

3. Mailing Address:

Website:

<https://www.facebook.com/Happy-Center-Jargalin-Tov-629044323912592/>

3. Contact Information

4. Please provide the names and titles of the officers of the organization. If a member of Peace Corps, provide only the name and title of direct supervisor(s).

5. What is the purpose/mission statement of the organization? (if not Peace Corps)

The Happy Center for Children with Disabilities (CWDs) and Friends is a Peace Corps Volunteer established program. Happy Center's goal is to improve the quality of life for children with disabilities and create an inclusive environment for them to reach their human potential. Its goal is to bring children who are not in the school system to receive a specialized education, social interaction with peers with and without disabilities, nutritional food, and medical treatment. It has recently become an NGO, named Happy Hands.

Happy Hands strives to change the ingrained ideas and stereotypes about people with disabilities and encourages good governance practices through an innovative social integration program. Students of the Happy Hands include children from ages 10-17, with disabilities ranging from blindness and epilepsy, to cerebral palsy and Down's syndrome. The social integration program fosters critical thinking skills as students have unbiased interaction with disabled students and are able to create their own personal values from the interaction.

Happy Hands NGO is a direct transformation of the Happy Center into larger organization that includes not only its original mission of peer-to-peer exchanges for CWDs and specialized education, but also more advocacy trainings, widespread support from the healthcare community and human rights activists. Happy Hands NGO is expanding its investment in community wide behavior change to increase inclusion and decrease the stigma surrounding persons with disabilities through friendship, support, and love. Its goals include:

- 1) Protect the rights of disabled youth through advocacy trainings of peers and parents
- 2) Develop Disabled Youth in mind, body and spirit and
- 3) Building Family Support system for increased capacity in skills and communication.

Happy Center's original support system included peers, social workers, and Human rights advocate has expanded to include medical professionals, healthcare advocates, and a parent's support club. After a year of expansion, with new teachers and revitalized community support, Happy Hands NGO has stayed true to its original mission of peer-to-peer exchange component, modeled off of the Best-Buddies franchise, and specialized education. Happy Hands continues to have a peer-to-peer exchange club, now called Happy Hands Club, and has incorporated a parent-friendly club, called Happy Helpers, wherein parents of children with disabilities learn to make handi-crafts to sell that will benefit Happy Hands NGO. Happy Helpers will take over as an income generating tool after the initial fundraising for 2017 programming costs.

6. For US-domestic or Mongolia-based non-Peace Corps/VSO organizations, how is the organization registered/chartered? i.e. registered charity (501c3), a foundation, etc.

Mongolia Based NGO: Registration Number (000130642)

7. For US-based organizations, what is the organization's Federal Tax ID Number? Please include a scanned copy of the organization's charter/registration with this form (if non-Peace Corps).

8. Where will the project take place?

The organization will be established in an office space located in the city center of Yesonbulag Soum, Govi-Altai City, Govi-Altai Aimag, Mongolia.

9. Provide the project timeline.

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Work Plan
Time
Staff
Activities
1
Seminar for Parents and Caregivers
2017 05-08,09
2017 09-18,19
2
“Happy Hands” Education Program
2017. 09-01
All
Daily Education Schedule, Curriculum Benchmarks
3
Skill and Talent Development
2017.09-01
Participation in Clubs that cater to their skills and interests.

4

Life Skills Education

2017 Year 2 Seasonal Months: 9,10 ,11,12

Social Integration, Develop Independent Self Care Skills, Career Development and Skill Training

5

Happy Hands Volunteer Peer Support Network Training

2017.09-15

100 Students from the 7th-11th grades. Educating them on Life Skills, Disabilities Education, Training for how to work with Disabled Youth

6

Happy Helpers: Parents Club

2017. 10-01

Hand craft, sewing, felt product production/development, partner with local shops to sell the items, create a Happy Helpers website to shop for products.

10. Define the project goals and objectives.

In order to give a complete picture of the goals and objectives Happy Hands NGO will accomplish this 2017-2018, we have included the goals that a FOM grant will help to support, as well the other programming objectives that will not be included under the FOM grant.

Happy Hands Goal with FOM funding:

Goal 1. Protect the rights of disabled youth.

- Objective 1.1 During course of 2017 partnering with the Govi-Altai's National Human Rights Representative we will have a monthly seminar to give the parents and caregivers education on the laws and rights of their child. We plan to educate an estimation of 120 parents and caregivers through these seminars by the end of 2017
- Objective 1.2 During course of 2017 we will establish a Peer Support Network with young adult volunteers from Govi-Altai and train them during a series of seminars on the laws and rights of their child. There will be education on advocating for the youth living with a disability and how to be a liaison between the Happy Hands Staff and the students.

Objective 1.1 and Objective 1.2 of Goal one, protecting the rights of disabled youth, is one of the most important aspects of the Happy Hands NGO program. Goal one specifically addressed the sustainability of the impact Happy Hands will have in the future by building the knowledge base of parents, siblings and peers of CWDs with a curriculum that will address current human rights laws in Mongolia, how to lobby support for CWDs and how to advocate for their friends.

Happy Hands has already completed Goal Two Objective 2.1 this past January by hosting the Western Regional Special Olympics. The event was a huge success, with in-kind donations from the local Medical College, hospital and direct funding from the Provincial Government up to \$5,000 USD.

To build off the large community support, Happy Hands is looking for start-up funds for trainings that will provide the rudimentary basis for the community outreach program. Friends of Mongolia's small grant will provide the start-up capital necessary that is otherwise unavailable to a newly-minted NGO in Mongolia, to buy training materials and other goods for said trainings.

These trainings serve the disabilities community by providing training on the rights of the child and parents, as well as serves to increase community awareness of disabilities and inclusion. If the community is continuously engaged through its students and its parents, Happy Hands will continue to develop as a result. If Happy Hands continues to develop and expand its reach, societal behavior will continue to change to a more inclusive and tolerant society.

The funding from FOM will directly benefit our participants because it allows them with the means to be hands on, work with the materials on hand, and be immersed and engaged within the Disabilities Advocacy community. The trainings give our participants a chance to design and network with professional speakers, as well as other trainees. The large quantity of printed and written materials will further their education and allow them to each create personal project workbooks towards our cause. Hosting the training in our Government Building provides a great amount of exposure and creates a united front with our benefactors who are directly involved. Trainings held in the conference room are filmed and the staff members are also interviewed to provide information to our community via the local TV network.

Happy Hands Goals 2 and 3:

Goal 2. Develop Disabled Youth mentally and physically

- **Objective 2.1** During January of 2017, we will prepare our Happy Hands students, parents staff members in multiple disciplines such as: raising awareness, athletic development, professional health promotion event, building the capacity of our counterparts working in the community, recruiting local volunteers to participate in the operation on the event, social integration amongst athletes, and providing a cross cultural exchange among the athletes from all 7 Aimag's. (*COMPLETED*)

- **Objective 2.2** During the course of 2017, we will meet with 87 children registered with a disability and provide their families with education options and opportunities both at Happy Hands and in their homes.

- **Objective 2.3** During the course of 2017, we will provide our students with education and activity opportunities to explore and improve their talents and interests.

- **Objective 2.4** During the course of 2017, we will establish a Happy Hands Clubs to allow them to broaden their education and practice their specific interests with youth volunteers living without a disability to provide an opportunity for their social skills to develop

- **Objective 2.5** During the course of 2017, we will practice and provide training to our Happy Hands students to increase their independence geared towards basic hygiene and self-care routines.

Goal 3. Family Support system for increased capacity in skills and communication

- **Objective 3.1** During the course of 2017, we will work with a minimum of 20 parents to establish the Happy Helpers Club. Through this club, we will provide work opportunities for the parents by teaching them hand craft skills in the areas of; felt products, national clothing, and personalized house hold times.

- **Objective 3.2** During the course of 2017, we will provide Life Skills lessons for a minimum of 100 parents in the areas of communication and empathy to strengthen the relationships between the children and their parents and or caregivers.

11. Please describe the criteria you will use to assess your progress and outcomes.

M&E evaluation includes:

Obj 1.1 and 1.2 : Supporting the capacity of peers and parents of CWDs to be advocates for their children's rights will be measured through Pre/Post test evaluation, surveys of participants of the impact Happy Hands is having on their child, and one-month post training follow-up to measure the impact of the trainings (Have parents advocated for their child? Is there increased motivation to do so? What representative have they contacted?)

12. What is the total budget for the project? (U.S. Dollars)

\$3859: Total Budget

\$203 to achieve Objectives 1.1 and 1.2 in direct grant funding from Friends of Mongolia

\$3655 to achieve a sustainable program that is inclusive of Happy Hands workers salaries, room rent, and daily food costs for the Happy Hands school. We are looking to raise these requested funds through crowdsourcing on the “Crowdrise” website. Funds will be raised with the FOM name, but will be fundraised without direct funding from FOM. Please see the crowdfunding website here:

Please see attached budget for more funding details.

13. How much is being requested from FOM? (U.S. Dollars)

We are requesting \$203 USD from Friends of Mongolia for seven trainings that will span the next school year. Happy Hands will use these funds to begin the community outreach aspect of its scope of work, in its Peer Support training workshop and Human Rights Training workshops.

These trainings will serve to continue the community support and momentum built from the Gobi-Altai Special Olympics, and as proof of community engagement, where the local Gobi-Altai government gave monetary support totaling \$677 USD, the local Social Services and Welfare Department contributing 253 USD, the local Family children and Youth Development center supplying 200 USD, the Health Department supplying 180 USD and the Local Branch of the National Medical University supplying in-kind support valuing up to 1,831 USD for a value of \$3,141 USD (not counting Sports Complex funding, World Vision funding and Special Olympics funding).

Happy hands will continue to engage the Gobi Altai community with this initial grant. Funds will be used to secure pens and pencils, notebooks and other training materials for the seven trainings, as well as securing venue rent. Other funds for extenuating projects, like books and educational materials for its educational component will be sought to be provided through the government and in-kind donations from shops and from schools. The local Youth Development center will provide an in-kind donation for snacks. (Please see attached proposed budget). Other proposed fundraising for Spring include a “Happy Feet 3k Walk 5k Run” for Health, Love and Friendship.

Please see attached budget for more funding details.

14. Please identify the use of funds. Specify the Project Focus Area(s) and Activities from the categories below.

Focus Areas

Activities

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| “ Health | “ Capital Costs |
| “ Cultural | “ Direct Gifts |
| “ Education | “ Operations |
| “ Other (Specify) | “ Other (Specify) |

15. Specify the number of target beneficiaries of the funding.

	Women	Men	Girls	Boys	Total
Direct Beneficiaries (Crowdfunding)					
					37
					50
					87
Indirect Beneficiaries (FOM grant)					
					87
					40
					127

16. Describe plans, if any, for sustaining the project beyond this short-term funding period.

The Momentum built from the 2017 Govi Altai Special Olympics and harnessing the community support for inclusion of Children with Disabilities serve as the proof of sustainability of the project. Happy Hands has grown exponentially from its original inception, growing into an NGO from a small program with only one teacher, 5 students, and two-day-a-week meetings. Advocacy, trainings, community engagement, youth volunteer support, and a dedicated staff who have been working without salary for the past year have all contributed to the success of Happy Hands. Educational programs, hands-on experiences, peer support and community love have proven time and again that Happy Hands is a program that will stay for many years to come. After the short-term funding we will turn our Happy Helpers Club into a small business, 100 percent of the profits from 2017 will go into the budget for 2018. By the year 2018, Happy Helpers organization will become the sole benefactor for Happy Hands. In the future, we hope that Happy Hands NGO will become registered under the World Fair Trade Organization.

17. In your own words please describe how this donation supports FOM's mission.

The Happy Hands mission statement aligns with that of Friends of Mongolia's in many ways. From the beginning, Happy Hands was established as an educational and social integration program for the youth population in Govi-Altai living with a disability. Through the founder, and her call to action towards this cause brought like-minded individuals together, the members of this NGO, to raise awareness and provide an opportunity to their community to provide a unique exchange within their own culture. Bringing together the community members living with and with-out a disability provided not only the members of this NGO with a new insight to the definition of human development with regards to education on life skills, civil rights, education and career training options, as well as the development and ongoing support of the family members of the individuals enrolled in this program.

18. Has the organization/HCA received funds from FOM previously? When and for what project?

No

19. From what other sources will the organization receive funds for this project (if any)?

- Govi-Altai Aimag Government
- Life Long Education Center: Govi-Altai
- Social Services and Welfare Department
- Family and Children, Youth Development Center
- National Human Rights Commission of Mongolia

- Govi-Altai Women's Group

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM AND SUBMIT WITH APPLICATION NARRATIVE:

Project Title: Happy Hands NGO

We, the undersigned, agree to the following terms when applying for funding from the Friends of Mongolia

Small Grant Program:

- Funds can only be used for the items specifically stipulated in the attached budget.
 - Primary point of contact agrees to maintain correspondence with Friends of Mongolia at least quarterly through the duration of the project to provide status updates.
 - A final report must be submitted to Friends of Mongolia within 30 days of completing the project, which describes project outcomes, any deviations from the project plan, project photographs (if applicable) and itemized description of all expenses including copies of receipts.
- Any unused funds must be returned to Friends of Mongolia within 30 days of project completion.
 - All applications are reviewed by an independent committee and application for funds does not guarantee that funds will be awarded. The amount available for grants is not fixed and may vary each year.
 - The final funding award amount is at the sole discretion of Friends of Mongolia and approved funds not collected within the designated time frame of the project will remain the property of Friends of Mongolia.

In addition, we the undersigned, certify that this project is community initiated and directed.

Project Coordinator (or PCV/VSO) Signature

Community Leader Signatur

Application Checklist:

“ Verification that the project is:

1. Community initiated and directed **YES**
2. Meets a community need or interest **YES**
3. Supported by at least a 25% community contribution (direct or in-kind) **YES**
4. Well planned with sustainability in mind **YES**

“ Detailed Budget. If the FOM Grant is for supplementary funding to an already funded project, please describe why additional funding is needed, what it will be used for, and how the funding will increase the overall success of the project.

“ Additional supporting documents as needed.

For Official use only:

Date Application Received:

Date Reviewed by FOM:

Date Applicant Notified of Decision:

Date of Project Completion:

