



Fall 2016 Funded Projects

Books for India

Student Organization: ASU Peace Corps Club

Student Lead: Sathana Selvam

Project Overview: Three years ago, a project called Books for India was founded as a school book club to buy books for children in rural Tamilnadu, India. Books for India conducted community fundraisers, coordinated with local community leaders in India and held phone interviews with the principals of several schools to find the best schools to donate the books to. Over the past three years, they have been able to establish eighteen libraries in rural Tamilnadu, India. Members of Books for India have also personally visited these schools in India over the summer, interacted with students and discussed the importance of education. The purpose of this project is to promote a culture of reading outside of the textbooks while promoting education in these underprivileged communities. This organization would like to create more libraries and educational opportunities for these students to learn and grow!

This project aims to address the lack of educational resources available to underprivileged children in rural Tamilnadu, India and Nigeria by providing books to these communities. The resources promote literacy in children and adults and help to close educational gaps.

Funding Amount: \$2,500

Education Solution

Student Organization: Inition at Arizona State University

Student Lead: Eliseo Camilon

Project Overview: Inition Education Solution is a non-profit organization at Arizona State University that strives to expand the access to education through the use, empowerment, and knowledge of technology. Initon at Arizona State University believes that learning sciences can leverage socioeconomic conditions for underprivileged communities and serve as a catalyst for children to pursue degrees in science, technology, engineering, and math areas. By teaching and engaging children with technology, their goal is to continue to develop and improve their education solution.

The group's afterschool program for Fees Middle School is a week long one hour a day program that focuses on igniting their imaginations and teaching them the basics of computer programming and coding. The program uses the Ozobot Bit Starter Pack which cost \$49.99 a unit, and Raspberry Pi 3's which cost \$35 a unit, excluding the peripherals needed such as software, case, memory, keyboard and mouse – which totals up to \$97.97 per unit. The class curriculum has been developed with all the fun programs and activities as well as arranged the necessary volunteer's schedules and successfully completed the necessary volunteer applications including fingerprinting clearance cards.

Once the afterschool program has been completed, all the equipment used for the program would again be repurposed, donated, and shipped to the Karam Foundation – which then can begin its new life in the hands of refugee children. Inition at Arizona State University is passionate in helping ignite children's curiosity towards science, and with this project hopes to achieve this goal not only locally but globally as well.

This project aims to address the lack of access of access to education in refugee communities, and to inspire and motivate children to pursue STEM majors.

Funding Amount: \$1,263.50

Garden Pool ASU

Student Organization: Garden Pool ASU

Student Lead: Kelcie Johnson

Project Overview: Garden Pool ASU is a student organization partnered with Garden Pool a nonprofit in Tempe, AZ. Through our organization students design, fund and build sustainable food systems locally, nationally, and internationally with the guidance of Garden Pool.

Funding Amount: \$2,500

Leadership Society of Arizona

Student Organization: Leadership Society of Arizona

Student Lead: Charles Zulanis

Project Overview: Students are not learning critical life skills (personal, health, social, education) that lead to personal stability and success in college or career. The focus of the High School Leadership Education Initiative is to provide students a framework for success, using logic and natural law that helps them simplify the complexity of life and gain more vision for their futures in order to add value to society. Education is supposed to prepare a child to be successful at life. For this reason, four driven college students founded LSA on the belief that they could make a difference in society.

LSA has found a way to fix education through a disruptive technology. Realizing it would take a lifetime to change the current academic structure, LSA has created a supplementary education curriculum that can teach students to be more intelligent and learn 10x quicker. It has been tested to improve social behavior, decrease stress/worry, increase a student's awareness of who they are and what they will be successful at, and regardless of a student's IQ level and leadership capability, enables a student to add value to society. This disruptive model is scientifically backed by 24 years of R&D at ASU through industry testing of professional services, which has been shown to help organizations globally increase their efficiency by up to 30% and cut cost by 30-50%.

The impact will be significant: decreasing criminal/delinquent behavior, bullying, substance abuse and violence, and increasing community service volunteers and efforts, and health/mental stability. With support, we believe this technology will be the education of the future to impact the lives of students everywhere.

Funding Amount: \$2,500

Mental Health Awareness Week

Student Organization: Psychology Engagement Team

Student Lead: Ariana Ruof

Project Overview: Mental Health Awareness Week at the Tempe Campus of ASU strives to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health disorders. This year the group is focusing on the following disorders:

Monday, March 27th, 2017: Anxiety/Depression

Tuesday, March 28th, 2017: Addictions

Wednesday, March 29th, 2017: Learning Disabilities

Thursday, March 30th, 2017: Stress

Friday, March 31st, 2017: Suicide

Each of these topics relate heavily to the different mental health problems that college students typically face. This organization will be putting on interactive events every day that week in order for the students at ASU to have an active role in reducing the stigma surrounding each of these disorders.

Funding Amount: \$2,500

The Helping Hand Run

Student Organization: Alpha Kappa Psi

Student Lead: Lissa Leibson

Project Overview: The Helping Hand Run is an annual 5k/10k coordinated by Arizona State University students from co-ed business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi. The student-led initiative aims to host 500 participants and generate donations of \$10,000 from ticket sales for Hospice of the Valley's Helping Hand fund. The fund helps financially stressed patients and families fulfill basic needs and final wishes. Money raised will specifically benefit pediatric hospice care so families need not worry about rent checks or grocery bills at this unfortunate time but may instead focus love and attention on their family member.

Our project aims to address Hospice of the Valley's pediatric unit for children with life-limiting illnesses.

Funding Amount: \$2,500