

# Rotary Computer Vocational Center

Dharamshala is a town in a rural area of Northern India on the foothills of the Himalaya. There are a lot of Tibetan refugees around because Dharamshala is the residence of the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan government in exile.

In general in Dharamshala, computers are used everywhere (bookstores, cyber-cafes, all government offices, schools, travel agencies), and for a person who is looking for a job, it is very important to have some knowledge about computers to be able to get a better job and earn a higher salary.

Computer training fees are, on the average, about Rs.2500 per person/month-an impossible sum for a good portion of the local community. In one computer training center, students can attend for 900Rs/month, yet there are only four seats. Likewise, the next least expensive option is 1,400Rs/month, and they also have only four seats.

The Dharamshala Rotary Club wants to provide 5 computers to train people in the local community who cannot afford to get formal training in school, including Tibetan refugees. The equipment will be given to the Yashna Coaching Center, a local organization dedicated to teaching to the poor. A room is already set aside for the vocational center and the Rotary Club will pay all expenses for the room, including electricity. Local and international volunteers will provide the training.

This matching grant will provide 5 computers, with the necessary peripherals, and also tables, chairs, and a white board for instruction. See detailed budget below.

For more information and pictures, go to [www.lamoise.biz/rotary/grants/grant180.html](http://www.lamoise.biz/rotary/grants/grant180.html)

## Budget

Item	Qty	Unit	Total	US\$
Computer Tables	6	1,390	8,340	170.20
Chairs	12	1,500	24,000	489.80
Computers Compaq Presario	4	42,389	169,558	3,460.37
Inkjet Printers	2	4,200	8,400	171.43
Scanners	2	7,099	14,198	289.76
UPS	5	3,500	17,500	357.14
Network Hub	1	2,200	2,200	44.90
Cables	2	3,450	6,900	140.82
White Board	1	10,000	10,000	204.08
Graphic Computer Compaq Presario	1	59,300	59,300	1,210.20
Graphic Printer	1	24,900	24,900	508.16
Graphic Scanner	1	16,999	16,999	346.92
<b>Sub-Total</b>			<b>362,295</b>	<b>7,393.78</b>
Tax (4%)			14,492	295.75
Incidental				335.47
<b>Total</b>				<b>8,025.00</b>