

# Education for All

## **Introduction:**

Education is not a privilege; it's a birthright. According to research published on the website Education Northwest, "Data from a biennial survey says 7,000 districts with 72,000 schools showed that 3,000 of these schools didn't offer Algebra 2 classes." I believe that the financial status of the parents should not decide the quality of education for their children. Educational Inequality is not only about financial ability, but is also about the lack of effective/efficient teachers, the quality of the curriculum, and access to digital assets. This is an attempt to get us one step closer to helping the North South Foundation eradicate educational inequality and make the US a better place for the underserved.

## **The Thought Process:**

There have been many individuals and organizations that have taken steps to help the underserved in the past and in the present.

Jane Addams, America's first woman to win the Nobel Peace prize founded the Hull House in 1889. The main idea behind opening the Hull House was for a group of educated women to share their knowledge with the poor. They decided to teach the less wealthy people of Chicago, English literacy, art, and other subjects.

North South Foundation has distributed more than 20,000 scholarships to students who need financial support.

With the advancement in technology, we proved to ourselves during the COVID-19 pandemic that we don't need to be physically present in a classroom to receive quality education.

### **The IDEA:**

Combining the thought process of Jane Addam's Hull House, NSF's financial support and latest advancements in technology, my idea is to create a free learning app for students of all grades. This app will enable the underserved students to register themselves for a chance to learn things they lack in school, and effective/efficient teachers to register themselves for teaching. The app will offer the following features

1. Free registration for underserved students irrespective of their geographical location in the US.
2. High quality curriculum for all registered students.
3. Access to digital assets like laptops and tablets for all registered students.
4. Access to effective and efficient teacher volunteers.

### **Spreading the IDEA:**

I know by this time you are probably wondering how people will know about this app. North South Foundation could put up posters with QR codes on them. People can scan them to sign up for the school. These posters can be placed in highly populated areas. They can also post news about the app on their website and social media.

### **Financial Support:**

Nothing comes free in this world. And, to maintain this app and provide quality service on an ongoing basis would require a lot of financial support in the long run. North South Foundation

could think about redirecting some of their scholarship funds towards the maintenance of this app. Also, I am sure that there are many noble folks out there in the world who would come forward to sponsor this cause.

**Future:**

As we move to the future most schools are doing all their work on an Ipad or computer. So, it is important for them to have digital assets to help them learn. When the app is successful North South Foundation could sponsor digital assets to schools that are in need. In addition to that, North South Foundation can also work with the government to organize in person sessions where the registered teachers could conduct sessions in libraries for underserved students that do not have access to the internet.

**Conclusion:**

Educational inequality is a true problem that most of the society faces. A lot of schools in the low income neighborhood need support. Hopefully everyone understands the importance of education and the impact it can have on a person's future. I hope that this app will be a digital re-make of Jane Addam's Hull House and may blossom not only in the US but throughout the world. Always remember this quote said by Nelson Mandela, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."