



# KEATCA

Knowledge Education And Training

2018 Newsletter

*"Everyone has the right to education [where] Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit."*

*Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*

## Mission Statement

Assist individuals facing poverty in accessing education and training at post-secondary level while advocating for policies to counter poverty and remove barriers to development through an accessible and affordable education.

## About Us

KEATCA recognizes poverty as a barrier to education and training and provides grants to students in need. Melinda and Ramesh Singal founded KEATCA endowment fund at the VanCity Community Foundation. Thus far, \$35, 900.00 in grants has been donated to 20 students, with all the money coming from investment income.

## Recent Developments

2018 saw significant developments. KEATCA introduced grants honoring those who contribute to education and social change. The first Bala and Ram Jakhu grants were offered through the Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University. New grants will be initiated to honor Daljit and Charan Gill, former CEO of the Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS), for students active in social justice issues.

KEATCA incorporated as a not for profit corporation in Canada and launched a **GoFundMe**(<https://www.gofundme.com/counter-poverty-educate-and-train?>) page to help educate those whose family income is less than \$30,000.00 Canadian or equivalent in purchasing power parity (PPP) irrespective of where they live, study, or were born.

People donating \$20 or more and requiring Canadian charitable tax receipts can go to [www.keatca.org](http://www.keatca.org) and donate directly. Those not requiring Canadian charitable tax receipts can go to our go fund me page.



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#### Partnerships

KEATCA is keen to partner with other NGO's working in the field. These partnerships add value whereby partner organizations identify, evaluate and mentor students. KEATCA thus far has developed three partnerships:

1. Bright Beginnings Foundation (active in Surrey, BC) KEATCA Grant: KEATCA matched their first grant with \$5000.00 to a student with origins in Bangladesh



2. Aunt Leah's Place.

KEATCA Grant: An emergency grant to a single mother, who is a foreign student from India.



3. Institute of Air and Space Law at McGill University. Partnered with the Institute of Air and Space Law at McGill University by creating a grant honoring Bala and Ram Jakhu.



#### Recent Challenges

Policy can affect a student's basic right to education. Poor students desirous of an education in Canada often do not meet income requirements to support their visa applications. This year, KEATCA experienced its first denial of a study permit for reasons of poverty. KEATCA sent letters to the Prime Minister, as well as several relevant Ministries federally and provincially.



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## Upcoming Events

KEATCA is launching a walk-a-thon to involve youth in countering poverty. Walk-a-thons will be organized in the spring of 2019 in partnership with schools. It is our hope that students, teachers, parents and non-profit organizations will work together in this effort. KEATCA will provide a donation of \$1.00 per participating walker to a maximum of \$ 1000.00 to each registered Canadian participating group.

## Donations

To counter poverty until policies to this effect are changed, we are asking you to donate generously and make education and training accessible. All your donations, no matter the size, are greatly appreciated and can be submitted on KEATCA website at <https://keatca.org/>. Donations of \$20 or more will be issued Canadian tax-deductible receipts. If you would like to sponsor students as a business or a union, please contact us at [keatca150@gmail.com](mailto:keatca150@gmail.com).

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KEATCA appreciates the role of its volunteers. They have helped us identify recipients and donors, advised and evaluated grantees, provided tech support and web maintenance, donated and otherwise helped in numerous ways. KEATCA sincerely thanks everyone who has contributed to the success of this endeavor.





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The cost of non-realization of the full potential of our fellow human beings is exorbitant for our society.

It's our collective responsibility to empower each fellow being to make this happen.

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