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Highlights

- As CEO scaled up a non-profit organization from 49 schools with 10k children to over 49,000 schools covering nearly 28 lakh students across three states in India
- Grew the annual operating budget of the organization from 30lakhs to over 11crores mainly through CSR programs of companies
- Recognized by the Karnataka Education Department as the IT backbone for the department
- Used technology innovatively to help children at the bottom of the academic ranking acquire the minimum expected arithmetic skills
- Successfully used Agile project management methodology for higher impact at lower cost
- Was on panel of advisors to State department of education quality and assessments division

Experience

Social Sector

Sep '07 - present

Sikshana Foundation

Bangalore, India

Executive Director / CEO

- **Operations:** Was involved in all aspects of the field operations starting from leading a team of 40 people to currently heading a team of 180. Job involves visiting villages, interacting with parents, teachers, children and education department officials and come up with programs to achieve the expected outcomes. Most of the organization staff being from the villages and the operations spread across a wide geographical area – use latest technology tools to manage the operations.
- **Marketing & Finance:** Actively involved in marketing and speaking to CSR and company heads to raise funds. Hold additional responsibility of CFO. Created a highly transparent report called Donor Matrix to ensure transparency of fund usage across all donors.
- **IT Design and Development:** As an ardent coder even today am the main Android developer in the organization. Designed and developed an inhouse Android app and necessary databases to manage the programs. This system is now all set to be adopted by the Karnataka Education department to manage all their schools across the state.

Information Technology Experience

Founder CEO – Softrends Inc. 1998 - 2007

Started an Austin, Tx based consulting firm in 1998 and headed the same till 2007 providing consulting services to clients in the area of transaction processing.

Mar '02 - Sep '07 *Dept. of State Health Services* *Austin, Tx*

- Designed and developed an in-store application and necessary backend databases to be able to handle transactions from POS (point of sale) devices for dept programs.

Dec '97 – March '02 *Transactive Corporation* *Austin, Tx*

- Designed and developed a system along with partner consultant for servicing the transactions from POS devices to sell hunting and fishing licenses for the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Oct '93 – Dec '97 *Software Engineering Jobs* *Austin, Tx*

- After graduation, moved to Austin and started work as a software engineer in a local construction firm for over 3 years, moving on to become a consultant for a few months leading to starting my own consulting firm.

Tech Skills Databases, Developing software for Android, Windows, Linux, Web platforms etc.

Personal Strong Project Management and Communication skills.
Ultra-Marathon runner, Cyclist, Musician, Gadget Geek

Education Jan '91 - Aug '93 Texas A&M University College Station, TX
MS in Computer Engineering with a GPA of 3.52

Aug '85 - Oct '89 Mysore University Mysore, India
BS in Electrical & Electronics Engineering