

First Quarterly Newsletter- 2019

In 2004, Unexpected tragedies struck south Indian coast in the name of Tsunami; and more than 10000 people died and thousands of people and animals vanished by sea. In the matter of minutes, several people became orphans and homeless. Pondicherry is one of the cities which is still not able to address the consequences of past experiences like homelessness, hunger and etc. If we look at the figures of hunger in macro scale, as per bhookh.com, over 7000 Indians die of hunger every day an average of 25 lakh every year. Every night over 200 million people sleep with hunger in India. These figures are just a glimpse of situation for homeless people in streets.

Dear friends it is time for first quarterly Newsletter of snehan to share our activities in last three months in the journey of bringing positive changes in the lives of destitute people in Pondicherry.

The story of Tsunami victim who forced into homelessness since 2014



Khan is a qualified electronic technician. Khan says..." I was blessed with two sons and one daughter; all three were going to school. My wife was looking after household needs and my children. I used my skills to earn for my family. We didn't have much but had enough to live happily. On 26th of December in 2004, I woke up early had quick breakfast and said bye to my wife and children to reach the next city on my work. Within one hour gap, I heard about big sea wave washing houses, animals and people. This gave big shock to me. In

those days the communication was not like today, but to know the situation I need to be there in the spot physically. Therefore, I hurried back home knowing nothing about the damage. It took more than three hours to reach back home. When I neared my place, I saw water everywhere, no dry land to put my feet. I was looking out for my house and my neighbours, but nowhere I could find. I could hear the cry around me, people running helter-skelter. After much search, I came to understand that, my house, my family no more on the ground. I burst in tears with loud voice. No one to comfort... became alone on street as a sorrowful person".

Mr. Khan became sorrowful, he could not forget his beloved family, many nights spend in sleepless tears, to get sleep started taking alcohol later became alcoholic addict, he left his profession now he lives on the streets by means of begging. He don't have the strength to come out of the situation. But we can help him. Yes, he is Snehan beneficiary; and we putting our energy to rehabilitate him into mainstream community.

Once Auto Driver deprived in streets send for Medical Treatment

Mahesh 54 year old man from Chennai, collects waste from waste bins to survive on streets in Pondicherry. He didn't want to deprive his son's basic needs; therefore he worked hard to give education. Now, both of them working, but they no longer want his

father nor do they care about him. Mahesh became heartbroken with lonely life, therefore he left his family and ended up on street three years back. Snehan had an opportunity to talk and rehabilitate him from street and given opportunity to work to live

better life. As of now his health condition is not so good. He lost his left eye sight completely few years back and the right only half vision. His legs are too weak, can't walk

nor stand properly, he always needs stick to walk. He send for medical treatment with help of team snehan.

Once again Mani's eyes can witness the world



As many of you know, Mani uncle is neglected homeless person. He survives on street by begging. He faces harassment during night from pickpocketers, who hit and rob the little that he begged during the day. His head has many injury marks. he was taken to eye operation in Arivand Eye Hospital, the doctor said that he will be able to see once again. Therefore, Snehan have cleaned him and given clean clothes. From now, he will be able to see and henceforth he may clean himself. Wow, waiting to see he is enjoying his world from now.

Eye operation for Mahesh Anna

The smile is back on Mahesh Anna's face. Snehan was taken him to Arivand Eye Hospital for the treatment, after the tests, he underwent cataract surgery. Now he can clearly see. Mahesh Anna narrated his past difficulties been without proper sight and family support. Now he is happy, henceforth he will be able to work and live with dignity.



SNEHAN TAILORING CENTER INAUGURATED BY MR. MOSES

Snehan is pleased to inaugurate new tailoring center at Lawspet, Pondicherry. This center will train the unemployed, disabled people who are from marginalized community. For the deserving beneficiaries employment opportunity will be given in the income-generating activities. Mr. Moses was the chief guest, who cut the ribbon with prayer. Snehan takes this opportunity to thank Mr. Peter Clever from Germany and Amit Patwardhan for the humble support.



Dear Friends,

The Snehan activities would not be possible without your help and contribution. Therefore, on behalf of all our beneficiaries and board members, we say thank you very much for your support. Do share our quarterly newsletter with your friends...

We are looking for committed and likeminded volunteers to support us in Snehan activities, interested candidates can apply through Snehan website. <http://snehan.org/volunteer/>

With warmest regards,

The Snehan team and Anumuthu.

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