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GOODWILL MISSION - SNEHAN

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Introduction:

India is the second largest country in the world with 1.34 billion people living. The Technology has brought rapid changes in our country. The evolution of the communication and media has reached other continent. The knowledge is growing day by day. However, the morality and culture are becoming thinner and thinner. Poverty and unemployment is rising every day. Thousands of people walk away from their home and thousands been neglected on street. People are becoming self-centered and self-conscious. Though India is the fast developing countries in the world, yet hunger, poverty, sickness and unemployment are the top most concern of our nation. The world needs change, our country needs change and we need change.

Snehan is a project under Goodwill Mission (Public Charitable Trust Reg.No.219/2008) which was established on 4th of April 2008 in Pondicherry, India. The NGO works with the unemployed, homeless, disabled, old and sick people who are living in the streets without employment and basic needs.

The main aim of the organization is to see a Pondicherry where no individuals goes to sleep with empty stomach and no individuals walks on the streets without anyone's care and support. The focus of the organization is to bring value and acceptance in the lives of homeless people through advocacy, awareness campaigns, as well as to empower them through skill training and employment.

Vision:

We envision a culture where deprived homeless people are accepted with love and live together in the society.

Mission:

To facilitate the integration of the homeless into the community through advocacy campaigns and skill training.

Aims & Objectives:

- To start home for the dying destitute in Pondicherry.
- To start natural farming and poultry farming activities for the unemployed homeless people to earn and live with dignity.
- Rehabilitate the homeless people from street life to mainstream community.
- Reuniting the destitute back home with their family.
- To give care and support to the sick and needy homeless patient in the hospital admission.
- Income-generating activities for the unemployed homeless people.

Achievement for 2017-2018

Anumuthu participated kanthari courses

Anumuthu the director of Goodwill Mission was selected for leadership course in kanthari course at Kerala. He went through, seven months intense course, which gave him knowledge and understanding of current scenario of social needs. He was equipped with leadership skills, such as projects writing, decision making, leading the team and public speaking. During seven months, he was given many opportunities to see some of the social project and had chance to talk with the founders.

After the final kanthari talk in December, he was awarded a certificate from Ms. Irom sharmila (also called Iron Lady of India)

During the seven-month course at kanthari, he took a daring step to live on streets for three days. As per his wish, the founders of kanthari Sabriye Tenberken, Paul Kronenberg and Poornima the catalyst guided and supported him to accomplish his dream. At the end of the third day from street, he came to kanthari with much learning. The biggest hurt that, he got from street is “no body looked at him even though he looked at everybody”.



Snehan Drop-in Center inauguration

Snehan Drop-in center, is inaugurated by Sabriye Tenberken, the co-founder of kanthari, On January 22nd 2018, along with her Mr. Karthik the founder of Sristi Foundation and kanthari alumni and Poornima the catalyst, were also present. The center is located at Vanarapet

backside of Pondicherry, railways station. Snehan offers counseling, legal support, hygiene (Toilet, bath and washroom), recreation like television and indoor games, medical assistance, job placement, family reunion, savings and income-generating activities are services that are provided.

Snehan's mission is to rehabilitate homeless people from street life to mainstream community, to empower and train them with employment skills like cultivating organic vegetables/ fruits and livestock farming. Snehan wants to ensure that homeless people have food to eat, a place to sleep and work to earn a living.

**WELCOME TO THE
Snehan office inauguration**



Chief Guest: Sabirye Tenberken
Founder of Snehan

Date: Monday, 22 January 2018

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Events for 2017-2018

Goodwill Mission – Snehan, conducted a meeting on 20th of April 2017, for homeless beneficiaries who lives on street, Anumuthu spent time with every individuals, they shared about their life and the reason why they are on streets. The director of Goodwill Mission, motivated them to go back home, to work and live with the family. At the conclusion, they were given haircut, bath, clean clothes, and special food.



Mr. Perumal got back his sight

Mr. Perumal 52 year old destitute who lost his sight gradually since two years. He was pushed to streets by his family members after the death of his parents. Now he lives on the street without anyone's support. He became 100% blind in both the eyes; he is not married, got all his relatives but no one helps him. He had big challenge of survival; he used to live with one meal a day because of his blindness. Many times, he fell on roads and met with accidents. After knowing his condition Goodwill Mission - Snehan, took him to Aravind Eye hospital for the treatment, after all the test, he was operated and got back his sight. Now he working in the vegetable market and eating three meals a day.



Field visit around south India



During seven months of training at kanthari, the director of Goodwill Mission was taken for the field visit along with other kanthari participants to Tamil Nadu. Visited NGO's which were active in the area of agriculture and waste management related. He had rich experience and learning, these activities can be adapted among homeless beneficiaries in the future days.

Social activist Mr. Piyush Manush



Mr. Anumuthu along with other kanthari participant had chance to meet Mr. Piyush Manush, from Salem. He is passionate social and environmental activist; he is working for the society since last 20 years. He bought barren land of hundred acres and created man made forest with different types of trees. In that forest, he grows bamboo trees where he cultivates and makes eco-friendly furniture. He restored three lakes and planted lakhs of trees. He is really inspiration to our society and he is the real change maker. Anumuthu and his friends had chance to sleep in the forest for three day and had so much to learn about his work and the nature.

Asian School of Business in Tiruvindram



Mr. Anumuthu along with other kanthari 2017 participant had a chance to talk to the Asian School of Business in Trivandrum. Mr. Anumuthu was given chance to talk to the student about the homeless destitute in India. The problems they face on streets and the possible solution to rehabilitate them back to mainstream community. The students were motivated and passionate about social activities.

Anumuthu spent three days as a homeless to learn about destitute

The coldest nights in Trivandrum during cyclone Mr. Anumuthu lived on the streets for three days to experience what it means to be homeless person. He learned that homeless people are literally invisible to the mainstream community.

LIFE | ANONYMOUS

■ Anumuthu Chinnaraj spent 3 days begging in streets

‘Begging in capital hardly lucrative’

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Anumuthu Chinnaraj from Pondicherry had a harrowing time as a beggar in the city streets for three days from Friday to Sunday. His experiences were an eyeopener for all the prospective beggars and social workers as well.

Chinnaraj is, in fact, a social worker who wanted to know for himself how the destitutes here fare. He is in the city to take part in the training programme organised by ‘Kanthari,’ an education and training institute for change makers at Vellayani on the outskirts of the city.

His first day out was in front of a temple, where



Anumuthu Chinnaraj (far right) on a street in Thiruvananthapuram.

many people came to offer coconuts, but none even noticed him. Finally, the priest offered him a piece of coconut when he begged. That was the only food he had the whole day as he did not carry any money with him and wanted to use the

alms he could collect. So he virtually starved like so many unfortunate destitutes whom the people shun.

He was at the railway station the second day and collected ₹21 with which he bought a cup of tea. But when he noticed a

person with mental issues, he offered half of it to him.

On the third day, he sat in front of a church where he got ₹30 from three persons who gave ₹10 each.

“The three days of street life taught me that persons with mental issues and old men hardly get any money through begging to sustain themselves. Only those with ‘professional’ begging skills could earn enough to make both ends meet,” he said.

Chinnaraj will deliver a talk on his experiences at the Kanthari programme scheduled to be held at coop bank towers here on December 12 and 13.

Chinnaraj was born in a poor family and worked as a child labourer at the age of seven after the

death of his father. The ordeal continued until a Catholic priest found him and educated him. He completed a course in electrical engineering and studied photography.

While working as a photographer with an advertisement agency, he launched the NGO ‘Snehan’ seven years ago. He left the job three years ago and became a full-time social worker helping the rehabilitation of destitutes.

Chinnaraj wanted to empower people in the streets of Pondicherry by engaging them in poultry, organic vegetable cultivation and goat rearing. He also hoped to open stores selling chicken, vegetable and goats providing sustainable income for the rehabilitated destitutes.

Indian kanthari alumni meet at Kerala



The director of Snehan Mr. Anumuthu attended two days alumni meeting at kanthari on 19th and 20th of March 2018. Out of 36 Indian alumni, 12 members attended. They all came together as a family to discuss, the success and challenges of their social venture. Each one

came up with different problems and challenges, at the end of the meet, all of them got word of counsel and guideline from our founders. For, Anumuthu it was a journey on memory lane, returning to the place where he earlier spent seven months, to learn all about how to start and run social impact making ventures.

Imparting, importance of parents



The director of Goodwill Mission – Snehan, gave a motivational talk to The Study School students, to love their parents, nature and its importance to protect them. More than hundred students were present in the meeting. Being International Woman's day, Mr. Anumuthu shared the importance of mother in life and how, they should look after them in their old age. Open call was given to the student to be social change makers in their own locality, to preserve the natural resources, which is limited. To plant as many trees as possible to make our environment clean and green.

Puducherry Social Change Makers



TYCL and Thulir organized a meeting for social change makers in Pondicherry, on 3rd March 2018. The director of Snehan was invited to join in the team. The founders of other organization came up with many challenges and needs. Anumuthu was given chance to speak about Snehan activities and how important is the lives of neglected people on streets. At the end of the meeting, Dr. Siva Mathiyahagan, the co-founder of TYCL, came forward to offer used 21-inch television for Snehan Drop-in Center. Snehan was happy to work along with other NGO's as a team, to bring changes in Pondicherry.

Street dweller Rajendran rehabilitated back home



68 years old Rajendran, reached on street, after the death of his wife one year back. He became full time alcohol addict because lonely life on street. He was very sick on street due to sugar.

The police department called Snehan to rehabilitate him, meanwhile Rajendran told us, his relative address in the city, where our Snehan staff traced and later rehabilitated him back home on 22nd of Feb 2018.

Neglected old & sick grandpa rehabilitated



Vaithyanathan 75 year's old and sick grandpa was left on street without care & support. He was sick and not able to walk or stand. He was dragging himself on street. He could not say anything about himself, other than his name.

He needed immediate care and support, therefore with the help of Police department Snehan admitted him for care & support in St. Joseph Ashram on 12 of Feb 2018.

Aabha Gupta from pollination project



Aabha Gupta and her team from Pollination Project visited Snehan Drop-in Center on 4th of Feb 2018. The director Snehan, Mr. Anumuthu explained the problem of homeless people, and their needs. They were very happy about our social activities and encouraged us to carry on the humble work.

Care & support to homeless Raju

Raju's was a homeless man from Tamil Nadu, he don't have family and lives on street. During work, his leg got hurt, because of improper treatment, and high infection his leg became worse. He could not walk or do things by himself. He fell sick with high fever; he needed care and support. With Raju's willingness and the support of the police department, Snehan joined him for the proper health recovery in St. Joseph Ashram, on 18th of January 2018.



Anbu Jothy Ashram...

A Home for the Psychiatry and homeless destitute. Mr. Jubin runs the Anbu Jothy Asharam, where more than hundred Psychiatry and alcoholic addicts been rescued and been treated, near Villupuram district. Mr. Anumuthu and Francis (Volunteer) went to meet and discussed about working together to bring value in the life of neglected ones. Mr. Jubin agreed to send, the rehabilitated homeless people to Snehan to work in income-generating activities.



Conclusion:

Hundreds of destitute are benefited through Goodwill Mission – Snehan, by means of food, medical care, haircut, sanitation, cloths and home reunion.

Future Plans for 2018-2019:

Goodwill Mission – Snehan, planned to start home for the dying destitute in Pondicherry. Snehan would start income-generating activities for the unemployed destitute who lives on streets by means of selling eco-friendly cotton bags. On every sale, 50% of the profit will be given to the seller.

C. Anumuthu, Director.