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GOODWILL MISSION - SNEHAN

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Introduction:

Renowned Hollywood film actor Bruce Lee says...If you love life, don't waste time, for time is what life is made up of. One day I was going to office at 11am, when from a distance I saw one homeless man sleeping on the road side, with his face covered with a rice bag and his legs out in that hot sun. The incident caught my attention. Immediately I took my mobile phone and captured the scene. Yes, if you take a walk in Pondicherry during the day, you would notice many homeless people sleeping on the roadside in the shade or in the public places. They would wake up only when they are hungry or in need. People would mock at them for wasting their time sleeping during the day; some would say that they are drunk, some would say they are lazy, in fact in some case its true. For the homeless people, day is night and night is day. You may wonder why? Yes, they spend sleepless nights going around finding safe places to sleep because they don't have proper place to sleep; they are chased from place to place by property owners, rowdies, police officers and mosquitoes! The precious life is being wasted on streets by many, this situation has to be changed; they need our support to come out of the streets. Shall we stand to help them come out? For, they have only one life; they too have the right to enjoy life, like any of us.

Through Snehan project we want to enlighten the lives of homeless beneficiaries who live on the streets of Pondicherry. With this motive we meet every willing individuals and communion with them to know the reason, why they are on street and what do they need to be a better person. Through this project Snehan brought value in many lives.

As a director of Snehan, I take this opportunity to thank and appreciate every individual who supported our humble work through their valuable contributions and guidance.

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 care & support center for the dying and sick patients in Pondicherry.
- 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 2018-2019

Earn with Dignity inauguration

Imagine, the same homeless person stands at your front door, but this time not to beg but to sell eco-friendly cotton bags to you.

Yes, Snehan came up with a project for the unemployed homeless people to **earn with dignity**. Snehan collaborates with another organization that makes high quality environmental friendly cotton bags by unemployed rural women in South India. By stitching these bags, the unemployed women make their living and by selling these bags, our homeless beneficiaries make their living.



In Pondicherry, unemployment is quite common. Much of the income is generated from tourism; many small vendors survive by selling their products on streets. Because of the tourism, the unemployed homeless people from neighboring states reach Pondicherry to survive. Many of them are orphans, disabled, sick, and widowers. They have been living in Pondicherry for many years.

Therefore, Snehan wants to empower the homeless people to live self-sufficient life with dignity and wants to create a team of two each and entrust the bags to them to sell in the market places, worship places and the beach. On every bag, 30% of the profit will be paid to our beneficiaries every willing



homeless unemployed Snehan beneficiary can approach us to join our team in selling.

ANUMUTHU RECEIVING MEMENTO FOR THE SOCIAL WORK



Thank you so much for the Memento for my humble work that I do among destitute people in Pondicherry. I was so happy to be part of it. I appreciate, and for the initiative to organize the maga event. Well done, keep up the good work.

Events for 2018-2019

A 53-year-old Pondi from Tirupur, became homeless after his wife remarried. He has no family or children. He is a mason by proficient, while at work; welding spark fell on his clothes, caught fire, and injured about 40%. He was admitted in the government hospital by co-workers but because there was no caretaker, he could not get proper treatment from the hospital. With that injury, he reached Pondicherry, to seek his brother but could not find. He straggled about a week without medical assistant and physical needs.



Snehan found him dying on street. Informed the nearest police station with the help of police Snehan admitted him in the hospital for treatment. After the treatment, he was sent back home.

I WANT TO LIVE DECENT LIFE, CAN YOU HELP ME?



Balaraman came to Snehan for sanitation and counseling. He was a good electrician working in the shops but due to personal problem and depression, became homeless. He has no support from family members, lives on streets. He expressed his willingness to be rehabilitated from street life.

Soon he will be taken to hospital for further treatment. Snehan, bringing back the smiles in the lives of homeless persons on street. You are welcome to be part of it.

SNEHAN, GETTING TRAINED TO TRAIN...

Snehan team participated, one day training on country chicken #farming in Tamil Nadu Veterinary Research Center in Cuddalore. Eighty members participated in the training. The training was very much useful for the beginners like us in livestock farming. We learned different variety of breed, the efficient ways to hatch eggs, natural ways of making nutrition feed, home based treatment during sickness, cheap and best ways to make shelter and so on. Special thanks to Dr. Murali, for the blessed opportunity.



SON OF THE FARMER, QUALIFIED ENGINEER AND SPICY KANTHARI, NARESH LINGALA

Mr. Naresh is the Founder of **Tharunam**, organization that works to prevent farmer's suicide in Telangana.

He volunteered with Snehan for 15 days for an experiential learning. He wanted to know and understand the reason behind homelessness in our country. During the stay, he had chance to interact with our Snehan beneficiaries.

The practical experience gave him more understanding towards homeless people. He too supported Snehan, in project writing and Snehan village mapping with clear descriptions. Special thank Naresh for your support and all the best for your social venture.



SNEHAN CELEBRATED 66TH BIRTHDAY OF FRANCIS UNCLE

Snehan celebrated 66th birthday of Francis uncle (rehabilitated homeless man) today. He is one of the best gifts that Snehan could have. He looks after the Snehan Drop-in Center, helps us in street activities and so on. He is hard working person stands on principles, which he believes. Today we wanted to make him happy and express our care and support towards his well-being. God bless you with good health and happiness Francis uncle.



CARE AND SUPPORT TO HOMELESS BALAMURUGAN IN THE TB HOSPITAL

Balamurugan 42 years old, became homeless after the death of his wife. He has two daughters married but no support to him. He lives on the streets, very seldom he is hired for work. Due to improper food habits, he developed TB. He was stopped eating solid food from last two months, takes only liquid items. He is very sick and needs medical care. Therefore, Snehan took him to Chest Hospital for medical assistance, first he was refused to admit in the hospital because he has no blood relatives. Snehan promised to support him in all the aspects, so the doctor admitted him in the hospital for treatment. Know our Snehan staff staying with Balamurugan round the clock giving care & support. Special thanks to the doctors for their understanding and support.



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.