



Snehan

empowering the deprived

(Under Goodwill Mission, Public Charitable Trust)

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**“Not all of us can do great things.
But we can do small things with great love”
— Mother Teresa**

India is the second largest country in the world with 1.34 billion people. Technology has brought rapid changes in our country. The evolution of communication and media has reached other continent. Knowledge is growing day by day. However, morality and culture are going downhill. Poverty and unemployment is rising every day. Thousands of people walk away from their relatives and equal number been neglected on street, people are becoming self-centered and preoccupied with self. Though India is among the fast developing countries in the world, yet hunger, poverty, sickness and unemployment are right at top. The world needs change, our country needs change and we need change.

About Snehan

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 bereft of basic needs.

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



Snehan means friend of all, loving and affectionate. We are the self motivated, passionate friends of our nation, standing for the "Social Change" in the society. We want to reach the unreached people on the streets of Pondicherry.

**"everyone is
important and
valuable"**

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.

Anumuthu participated kanthari courses



Anumuthu the director of Goodwill Mission, was selected for kanthari 2017 course in Kerala. He went through, seven months intensive course, which gave him knowledge and understanding of the current scenario. He was equipped with leadership skills, such as projects writing, decision making, leading the team and public speaking. During the seven-month course at kanthari, he took a daring step to live on the 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 illumination. The saddest experience, he got from the street is that nobody even looked at him though he was looking with pleading eyes at them!

Imagine, rehabilitated homeless people, working together...



Water diviner Mr.Vetrichelvan from Vetri Zero Budget Natural Farm came to Snehan Village to spot a place to drill borewell. The future Snehan Village would be a platform to create employment opportunity for unemployed homeless people, who live on street without basic needs. Through Snehan Village, many lives would be transformed from street life to mainstream community. Yes, this is a hard task, but not impossible goal. Looking for like-minded people, to support us in reaching our goal.

Indian kanthari alumni meet



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 counsel and guideline from our founders. For Anumuthu it was a journey through memory lane, returning to the place where he had earlier spent seven months, to learn all about how to start and run socially impacting.

Puducherry Social Change Makers

TYCL (Trust for Youth and Child Leadership) and Thulir organized a meeting for social change makers in Pondicherry, on 3rd March 2018. The director of Snehan was invited to the meeting. The founders of other organization came up with many challenges and needs. Anumuthu was given chance to speak about Snehan activities and how important are the lives of neglected people on the streets. At the end of the meeting, The founder of TYCL (Trust for Youth and Child Leadership), Dr. Siva Mathiyahagan, came forward to offer a 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.

Imparting, importance of parents



The director of Goodwill Mission – Snehan, gave a motivational talk to The Study School students, to love their parents, and to love nature and the importance of protecting the environment. More than hundred students were present in the meeting.

That day being International Women'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.



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 of 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.



Snehan Drop-in Center inauguration



After one month of intense search for Snehan Drop-in center, Snehan found a place in Vanarapet located behind the Pondicherry, railways station. On January 22nd 2018, Sabriye Tenberken, the co-founder of Kanthari, inaugurated the center. Mr. Karthik the founder of Sristi village, Kanthari alumni and Poornima the catalyst from Kanthari, were also present.

The Snehan Drop-in Center (Under Goodwill Mission) for homeless people in Pondicherry opened up its doors. 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.

Anbu Jothy Ashram...



Mr. Jubin runs a home for the mentally affected and homeless destitutes called Anbu Joythy Ashram near Villupuram district. Alcoholic and psychiatric patients are treated here. Mr. Anumuthu and Francis (Volunteer, former rehabilitated homeless) went to meet Mr. Jubin 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 on income-generating activities.

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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