

## A LIFE RESCUED, A LIFE RENEWED

Marthan, a man of fifty years, was discovered in a heartbreaking and life-threatening condition on the streets, abandoned and without a single soul to care for him. His fragile body bore the heavy burden of illness and neglect, leaving him in a state so dire that survival seemed uncertain.



One fateful day, the Grand Bazer police station reached out to us, urgently requesting assistance for this man who had collapsed and was unable to fend for himself. Without hesitation, we sprang into action, rushing to the location where he lay, desperate to provide him with the medical support he so desperately needed. Upon arriving, we were met with a truly devastating sight—his entire body was paralyzed, rendering him completely immobile. Even the simplest act of opening his mouth wide enough to sip a few drops of water was a struggle, revealing the extent of his physical deterioration.

Recognizing the severity of his condition, we swiftly admitted him to the emergency ward,

where he remained bedridden for a grueling fourteen days. During this initial phase of his care, his body fought to recover from the immense strain it had endured, and every passing moment was a test of resilience. For the first month, his ability to consume food was severely limited, and all he could manage were small, carefully administered amounts of tea.

His situation remained fragile, and for an entire two months, he had to rely on diapers, as his body lacked the strength to perform even the most basic bodily functions unaided.

However, we never wavered in our determination to help him heal. With relentless effort, patience, and unwavering compassion, we remained by his side, ensuring that every aspect of his care was met with dedication. And thankfully, those efforts bore fruit. Today, Marthan's health has improved significantly, transforming his existence from one of pain and helplessness into something far more hopeful.



He is no longer merely a passive recipient of care—now, he actively participates in keeping

the campus clean, contributing in any way he can and finding a renewed sense of purpose in his day-to-day life. Despite his lingering struggles, including the fact that he retains no memories of his past, his family, or the home he once had, he radiates a spirit of joy and kindness. His mental capacity is akin to that of a four-year-old, yet this innocence and enthusiasm make him a delight to be around. His playful and helpful nature is infectious, filling the space around him with warmth.

Marthan's personal hygiene has seen remarkable progress as well. He now takes daily baths, ensuring that he remains fresh and well-groomed. His attire is neat and presentable, and he maintains an admirable level of cleanliness. Witnessing his transformation fills our hearts with profound happiness and pride, as we reflect on how far he has come.

His journey from the depths of suffering to this newfound stability is a testament to the power of perseverance and kindness. We are incredibly honored to have played a role in his recovery and will continue to support him in every way we can.

### **RESTORING HOPE AND PURPOSE: THE STORY OF SNEHAN'S WOMEN**

At Snehan, we take immense pride in empowering and uplifting our team members. These incredible women come from diverse families, backgrounds, and circumstances, each with unique needs. Many of them once

felt lost, overwhelmed by the burdens of family life and lacking a sense of purpose. But then came a blessed day—the day Snehan Project stepped in to restore value and meaning in their lives.

For the past eight years, we have trained numerous women from marginalized communities, helping them achieve self-reliance and become supportive pillars for their families. Currently, twelve women are learning and working with us in income-generating activities. Their efforts bring financial support not only to their families but also to our organization.



These talented women create beautiful, eco-friendly cotton jhola bags inspired by traditional designs. Together with our rehabilitated grandfathers, we sell these bags on the streets, spreading the spirit of hope and resilience. Women often cherish gold jewelry but cannot afford to buy it themselves. Recognizing this, Snehan has been supporting them for the past five years by helping them save small amounts through a gold scheme. Every year, this initiative enables us to buy for them gold, bringing immense joy and pride into their lives.

**LIFE IS PLEASANT, DEATH IS PEACEFUL –  
ISAAC ASIMOV -**

At Snehan, we had the profound privilege of providing residential care and companionship to Mr. John Bosco, a gentle and dignified 76-year-old man, during the last three months of his life. This period was not only an opportunity for us to care for him but also to gain valuable insights into the depth of his experiences, his struggles, and his unwavering spirit. Through our close interaction, we witnessed firsthand the challenges he faced—both physically and emotionally.



Once surrounded by the love and warmth of family and friends, he tragically found himself alone in his final days, deprived of the very support system that had once been an integral part of his life. The painful reality of abandonment weighed heavily on him, yet, in an ironic twist of fate, it was those who had initially been strangers—people whom society might not have considered part of his inner circle—who ultimately stood by him when he needed companionship and care the most. Their kindness and unwavering presence brought comfort to him in ways his own loved ones sadly could not.

His passing fills our hearts with grief, and it is deeply distressing to reflect upon how he was neglected by those closest to him. Yet, amid the sorrow, we find peace in knowing that his suffering has come to an end, and he has finally found eternal rest in the presence of his Master. Though he may no longer be with us in body, his resilience and the lessons he imparted through his journey will remain etched in our hearts forever.

**A JOURNEY BACK TO FAMILY: SUBARAMANI  
THATHA'S STORY**

Subaramani Thatha is a cheerful man who greets every visitor with a warm smile. He has been staying at Snehan Home for the past ten months, where he regained his physical health and mental stability. On a sweltering summer day in June 2024, we at Snehan received a distress call from the bus station police about his dire condition and urgent need for rehabilitation. With open hearts, we rescued him, providing medical care and residential support.

Over the past month, he began sharing information about his relatives and their whereabouts. Despite our efforts to trace his hometown, we initially came up empty-handed. However, today brought a breakthrough: we successfully located his relatives and their home. Although Subaramani Thatha struggled to remember the exact routes, he recognized his people and the place once we reached a particular spot.





It was only today that we uncovered the full story of his life. Subaramani Thatha is unmarried and used to live with his brother's family. As a farmer, he once owned land but had given it to his relatives. Now, he finds himself alone, with no one willing to care for or support him. For the time being, a distant relative has agreed to take him in, though their long-term commitment remains uncertain. Despite this, Subaramani Thatha wishes to stay with them, leaving us with no choice but to reunite him with his family.

At the end of the day, we at Snehan Home are grateful to have saved his life and brought him back to his loved ones.

### **WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL**

"I am not afraid... I was born to do this." – Joan of Arc.

Women are the cornerstone of our families, society, and nation. Can happiness and harmony truly exist without them? While humor about women may abound, the reality is that they embody the heart and soul of our lives. A world devoid of their presence often leads to chaos, despair, and isolation. Such individuals

lack guidance and face countless struggles alone.

Women are among the most precious gifts bestowed by God. At Snehan, we profoundly respect and cherish the indispensable roles women play in both family and society. We witness the remarkable sacrifices of our female team members, observing their relentless efforts to care for their children. Their unwavering commitment and tireless labor to secure their children's welfare are truly admirable.



At Snehan's tailoring center, we celebrate these phenomenal women as queens. Their contributions not only sustain their families but also empower Snehan to generate income and support valuable initiatives. Women enrich the world with their strength, grace, and resilience, and their impact is immeasurable.

Today, we honored them with love and gratitude. Dressed beautifully, we shared heartfelt moments, enjoyed a special meal,

and watched a motivational movie that left us inspired. It was a celebration of their incredible spirit.

### **IMPARTING GOOD THOUGHTS TO PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY MSW STUDENTS**

Snehan Home welcomed first-year MSW students from Pondicherry University, who visited to learn about the impactful work being done here. Renowned for its dedication to saving lives and bringing value to the lives of elderly, sick destitute individuals in Pondicherry, Snehan Home warmly greeted the students. The visit included a comprehensive overview of the organization's initiatives, which focus on providing shelter, medical support, and emotional support to homeless and destitute individuals.



The students had the opportunity to interact with the director, hear their stories, and understand the challenges faced by the residents. They were particularly impressed by the holistic development programs that enable residents to become self-reliant and reintegrate into society. The experience was both enlightening and inspiring, offering the students valuable insights into social work in practice. This visit not only broadened their

understanding but also reinforced their commitment to making a difference in the community.

### **A RAY OF HOPE SELVAMANI'S JOURNEY TO RECOVERY**

Selvamani, a 55-year-old man, lay helpless and abandoned on the streets, his frail body succumbing to illness. With no one to care for him or offer a comforting hand, he endured days of unimaginable suffering, teetering on the edge of life and death. A kind-hearted passerby, moved by his dilemma, called an ambulance, and Selvamani was rushed to JIPMER for urgent medical care. There, he was diagnosed with a tumor and a severe lung infection. The doctors did their best, and after two long weeks of treatment, his condition began to improve.



However, Selvamani had no family to turn to, no place to call home. The hospital, recognizing his dire need for continued care, reached out to Snehan Home to provide a safe home and the nourishment he so desperately needed.

When Selvamani arrived at Snehan Home, he was completely bedridden, his body stiff and unresponsive. He couldn't even turn or lift a glass of water to lips. We took him in with open arms, caring for him as tenderly as one would an infant. His lung infection robbed him of his voice, and he couldn't share much about his past or his family.

Despite the challenges, we hold onto hope. We believe in Selvamani's strength and resilience. With love, care, and determination, we are committed to his recovery. Our greatest wish is to see him regain his health, find his family, and reunite him with them, so that he can live an independent and fulfilling life once more.

### **"REBUILDING A LIFE: SHANMUGAM'S INSPIRING COMEBACK"**

Mr. Shanmugam has undergone a remarkable transformation during his time at Snehan Home, evolving into an active, energetic, and healthy individual. Despite his own past struggles, he now selflessly extends his support to other bedridden patients on our campus, offering them companionship, encouragement, and assistance in their daily needs. His journey from a critical, frail state to becoming a source of strength for others is truly inspiring.

When we first found and rescued him, his condition was so dire that we had very little hope of his survival. He was battling extreme health challenges, and his frail body bore the



signs of years of suffering. However, through the compassionate and high-quality medical care provided by GH Hospital, the dedicated and unwavering love and attention from Snehan Home, and most importantly, the immense grace of God, he gradually regained his health and strength.

One of his major struggles was with his vision, which had deteriorated significantly due to age-related weakness. Recognizing the importance of addressing this issue, we took him to PIMS Hospital for specialized medical support. After careful evaluation and necessary consultations with expert doctors, he underwent surgery at PIMS to improve his eyesight. This critical procedure has given him a renewed sense of hope and independence.



**"Rebuilding a Life:  
Shanmugam's  
Inspiring Comeback"**



We are profoundly grateful to the authorities and medical professionals at PIMS for extending their helping hand and offering high-quality medical care completely free of cost. Their generosity and commitment to serving those in need have made an immense difference in Shanmugam's life.

With his health steadily improving, we are hopeful that Mr. Shanmugam will soon make a full recovery. His determination and resilience give us confidence that he will eventually secure his own employment, regain full independence, and lead a life of dignity and self-sufficiency. His journey is a testament to the power of compassion, perseverance, and the incredible impact of collective care.

### **THE VRIKSH FELLOWSHIP ALUMNI FELLOWSHIP**

The Vriksh Fellowship created an amazing learning opportunity for all Vriksh alumni and fellows at the Bodhigram Empowerment Centre in Dehradun. We had a four-day retreat attended by about twenty participants from various parts of India. We had the chance to meet the founders of different social initiatives and witness their incredible work.

I was particularly passionate about learning how the fellowship began. Mr. Ashish Arora, who wanted to do something for society, left a well-paying job despite his family's disapproval. He dedicated himself to serving Himalayan children without any financial support. During

that time, he received a monthly fellowship for three years, which helped his family survive.



Inspired by his experience, Ashish, along with amazing people like Mr. Raju, Mrs. Vyjayanthi, Mr. Kishore, Mr. Manoj, and others, started the Vriksh Fellowship. This fellowship supports the most needy social change-makers in society, those who aspire to bring positive changes to their communities. They receive monthly support and training to become effective social change-makers.

I am personally thrilled to be part of this incredible group of people. Their support helps me move forward in peace, making a positive impact on people's lives.

### **A NEW BEGINNING: RAJA'S PATH TO RECOVERY**

We can never truly understand the meaning of disability until we walk that path ourselves. For the past 12 months, Mr. Raja has been confined to a wheelchair due to paralysis. He has had to rely on others for every need. In the restroom, he was exposed before young and old, male and female, because of his disability. For every minor discomfort, he would weep like a baby, as everything was easy when he was

in good health. When he was healthy, he worked tirelessly, often being told by his employer to take a break.



**"A New Beginning:  
Raja's Path to Recovery"**



A year ago, we found him on the street and brought him to Snehan Home, as his family had abandoned him due to his health condition. We cared for him like a newborn, changing his diaper, giving him baths, and feeding him three times a day. Our efforts were not in vain. With the support of medication and regular physiotherapy, he is now able to stand and take a few steps.

His determination brings us joy. We hope that soon he will walk and be a support to others who are helpless like him. I take this opportunity to appreciate our Snehan staff members, especially Mr. Aruldas Vincent Raja for all his efforts in rehabilitating him.

### **COMPASSION IN ACTION: SNEHAN HOME'S MISSION**

Ramasawamy, an independent individual who cherishes a quiet, solitary life, has been suffering from a prolonged wound. At around 80 years old, he has been ill on the streets for

the past week, unable to walk due to the wound and infection. Unable to reach a hospital, he resorted to wrapping his wound with a newspaper, without any medication. As time passed, the initially bearable wound became unbearable, infested with maggots.

Yesterday, I received a phone call informing me of his dire condition. We at Snehan Home rushed him to the nearest PIMS city center for treatment, but he was referred to the Government Hospital. He is now admitted there for medical support, and our caregivers take turns looking after him.



**"Compassion in Action:  
Snehan Home's Mission"**



For many years, Ramasawamy has lived on the streets, surviving through begging. He has no family and has even forgotten his hometown. He went through medical treatment at GH and his health improved and was discharged for post recovery at Snehan Home.

### **A NEW BEGINNING: MR. MANIKKARAJ'S PATH TO INDEPENDENCE**

Mr. Manikkaraj, aged 74, hails from Trichy. He lost his parents at a very young age and was taken in by his uncle's family. As a child, he



had to look after his uncle's cow farm and was often punished harshly for even the smallest mistakes. The combination of farm work and regular punishments at school made his early years very difficult.



**"A New Beginning:  
Mr. Manikkaraj's  
Path to Independence"**



One day, he decided to leave his uncle's family and school, becoming destitute and living on the streets. He worked in a hotel to survive. His hard life became even more challenging when he got married. After a few years, his marriage ended in separation, leaving him alone once again. He worked in various places as a tea master and table boy, but as the years passed, he became unable to work due to severe asthma.

One day, while traveling by bus, he fell and broke his legs and hand. Unable to move, he sat alone in one place for many days, developing an infection. Passersby called the Social Welfare Department, and we at Snehan Home were asked to support his rehabilitation. We rescued him four months ago, and he was full of infection and unable to walk. With regular medical and residential support, his health improved.

For about a month, he supported us in income-generating activities. Now, he is fit and ready to live an independent life by finding work. We are very happy to see him go on to live independently.

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**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 need your financial support to run Snehan Home for the neglected old and sick adults on streets. Do support us to bring values and save lives of old people.

We are looking for committed and likeminded volunteers to support us in Snehan activities, interested candidates can apply through Snehan

website. <https://www.snehan.org/become-a-volunteer/>

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