

DYING MAN RESCUED FROM THE BRINK

Under the sweltering afternoon sun, 58-year-old SundarRajan lay motionless on a bustling street—too weak to crawl into the shade, his body succumbing to pain, infection, and neglect. A distress call reached Snehan Home from a concerned passerby, prompting our team into immediate action.



When we arrived, the odor was overwhelming. Carefully, we removed his shirt to assess the injuries, and to our shock, dozens of maggots spilled from a gaping wound near his right elbow. Discharge oozed from the site, and SundarRajan was unable to stand or walk. We cleaned him as best we could, wrapped his arm, changed his clothes, and rushed him to the Government Hospital.

After four long hours of waiting, the medical team debrided the wound—removing hundreds of maggots and applying medication. Yet, when we pleaded for inpatient care, our request was denied.



Unwilling to give up, we brought him back to Snehan Home, isolated him to prevent further infection, and the next day took him to the PIMS City Center. There, compassionate doctors dressed the wound thoroughly, again removing countless maggots. On our return the following day, moved by our persistence, the doctor issued a referral—and SundarRajan was finally admitted to PIMS Hospital, where he received quality treatment completely free of charge. The maggots are now gone, and the wound is healing.

His recovery is still ongoing. He has lost vision in one eye, and the other is clouded with cataract. Partially disabled and without known family, he had once survived by begging—his life shaped by hunger and addiction.

Had we not reached him in time, he might not have survived the day.



Today, he is safe, cared for, and slowly reclaiming his health. We hold hope that one day, he will be strong enough to reconnect with loved ones—if they can be found—and rediscover dignity and joy in life once more.

A JOURNEY OF HEALING AND HOPE

Mr. Manickam, a homeless individual surviving solely on the kindness of strangers, was living on the streets when he was brutally attacked by a group of intoxicated men—an assault that left him with a broken knee. Following the incident, he was rescued and admitted to

JIPMER Hospital, where he underwent a knee operation.

After surgery, Manickam was referred to Snehan Home for ongoing residential care and support. Over the course of two months, he received holistic care including nutritious meals and regular medication, which brought remarkable improvement to his health. With time, he regained the strength to walk again.

At his own request, and with renewed confidence, Mr. Manickam was discharged to embrace a self-reliant life. His story is a testament to the transformative impact Snehan Home has on lives abandoned by society.

Just like Manickam, many other vulnerable individuals continue to find shelter, care, and hope through Snehan Home.



"A Journey of Healing and Hope"

A JOURNEY FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE

Jaimon, a 45-year-old man from Kerala, faced a life-altering tragedy fifteen years ago when a road accident left him blind in his right eye and severely injured his right foot. The accident damaged the motor function in his leg, making it impossible for him to walk or stand for months. Even today, mobility remains a daily struggle.

Despite visiting numerous hospitals across Kerala, no treatment offered a solution. His

disability left him unemployed, plunging his family—his wife and two children—into poverty. Medical professionals quoted lakhs of rupees for surgery, a cost far beyond his reach.



"Jaimon's Story:
A Journey from Despair to Hope"

In 15 years of his search for healing, Jaimon learned about JIPMER Hospital and reached out to Goodwill Mission – Snehan for support. Moved by his painful situation, the organization stepped in without hesitation.

Today, Jaimon resides at Snehan Home, a dedicated residential care and support center for destitute. He is receiving ongoing treatment, and encouraging progress is being made—there's real hope that he will regain use of his leg.

Goodwill Mission – Snehan stands firmly with the marginalized and forgotten, offering refuge and restoring dignity to those who have nowhere else to turn. For Jaimon, Snehan has become more than a shelter—it is the beginning of a new chapter.

A SURPRISE INSPECTION FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Month of July brought a deeply meaningful moment for us—a surprise inspection from the Social Welfare Department. For the first time, we had the honor of welcoming Deputy Director Mr. Karunanidhi and Field Officer Mr.

Solomon to Snehan Home. Their presence was not just official—it was a moment of recognition for the silent, tireless work we do.

I was blessed with the opportunity to personally share our mission: how Snehan Home reaches out to the most forgotten souls in Puducherry—the sick, the dying, the ones society often overlooks. Though there are other old age homes in the region, Snehan Home stands apart. We are not just a shelter; we are a sanctuary for those who have nowhere else to turn.

I also shared our upcoming project dedicated to supporting the sick and dying in hospitals—a vision born from compassion and urgency. The officials were visibly moved. Their words of encouragement reminded us that our efforts are not in vain. They spent time speaking with our staff and beneficiaries, walking through our campus—from the living spaces to the medical and counseling rooms, each corner echoing stories of hope and healing.



We submitted all required reports, and every ounce of our dedication was acknowledged. Their appreciation reaffirmed our belief: that even in the quiet corners of society, love and dignity can thrive.

BUILDING THE FUTURE FOR DEPRIVED ELDERLY

We were deeply honored to welcome Mr. Ilayarasan and his team from HelpAge India to Snehan Home. HelpAge India is a beacon of

hope for countless elderly individuals across the country. With over 300 homes under their care, they offer not just shelter, but dignity, love, and holistic support to those who have been forgotten or left behind. Their work is a testament to the power of empathy and action.



Mr. Ilayarasan and his team, stationed at JIPMER Hospital, dedicate themselves to assisting geriatric patients who arrive alone and vulnerable. With gentle hands and kind hearts, they guide these elders toward timely and appropriate medical care—ensuring no one is left to suffer in silence.

Their visit to Snehan Home was more than informative—it was inspiring. They shared the support systems available at JIPMER for our residents, opening a new door of hope. From now on, our patients can look forward to quicker, more compassionate access to treatment, knowing they are not alone.

We are truly grateful for this partnership. Together, we walk toward a future where every elder is seen, heard, and cared for—with dignity and love.

A JOURNEY FROM DESPAIR TO DIGNITY SUNDARRAJAN'S HOMECOMING

In June 2025, Mr. Sundarrajan was found in a heartbreaking state—his body ravaged by infection, maggots feeding on open wounds, and his spirit barely holding on. He was completely disabled, unable to care for himself,

and left to suffer in silence. But one urgent phone call changed everything.

With the compassionate support of Goodwill Mission, we rushed to his side. He was immediately taken for emergency medical care, where doctors put more effort to stabilize his condition. Once he was strong enough, Sundarrajan was welcomed into Snehan Home—a sanctuary of healing and hope.



There, he received not just medicine, but love. Nutritious meals, gentle care, and consistent treatment slowly brought him back to life. Day by day, his strength returned. And with it, his voice. During counseling, he spoke of his family—his longing to be reunited with his wife and children. His eyes lit up with hope.

Honoring his heartfelt wish, Snehan Home's director Anumuthu, along with Mr. Murugan, accompanied Sundarrajan back to his hometown. The moment he stepped into his home, surrounded by the warmth of his loved ones, was nothing short of sacred.

Snehan is deeply humbled to have played a part in restoring the dignity that life had once stripped away from Sundarrajan. His story is a testament to the power of compassion, and a reminder that every life deserves a second chance.

A BIRTHDAY WRAPPED IN KINDNESS

Priyanka chose to celebrate her birthday not with grandeur, but with grace—surrounded by her closest friends and the warm hearts of Snehan Home. Instead of lavish gifts, they

brought joy to our residents through a delicious non-vegetarian meal, sweet treats, and fresh fruits. It was a gesture that spoke volumes of compassion and empathy.

Anumuthu had the privilege of sharing the story of Snehan Home—humble mission to uplift those often forgotten by society. These young souls listened with genuine interest, moved by the transformative journey of our residents and the healing power of love and care.

We were deeply honored to host such dynamic and kind-hearted individuals. Their decision to celebrate a personal milestone by embracing the less fortunate was not just inspiring—it was a reminder of the beauty of shared humanity.

As a token of gratitude, Anumuthu director of Snehan Home, gifted Priyanka a handcrafted cotton tote bag, lovingly made by one of our beneficiaries. Her eyes lit up with joy, not just for the gift, but for the story it carried—a story of resilience, creativity, and hope.



HOMEOPATHY MEDICAL CAMP FOR ELDERLY PATIENTS AT PHC

A special homeopathy medical camp was organized at the Muthialpet Primary Health Care Center, in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department – Puducherry, with a dedicated focus on geriatric care. The initiative aimed to provide holistic and side-effect-free treatment options for elderly individuals

suffering from chronic and age-related ailments.



The camp witnessed an encouraging turnout, with approximately 100 senior citizens participating and receiving consultations. The event was graced by Mr. Solomon, Field Officer from the Social Welfare Department, who served as the chief guest and Dr. Dhanalakshmi.

Snehan Home was honored to be invited to this meaningful initiative, allowing our elderly residents to benefit from the services offered. Many of our inmates have long relied on allopathic (English) medicines to manage various health conditions, often leading to multiple side effects due to prolonged usage and drug interactions. This camp was an eye-opener, educating us about the potential of homeopathy in treating common ailments such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma, and other chronic conditions—without the burden of harsh side effects.

Several of our residents were successfully enrolled during the camp, and we are pleased to share that they will now receive ongoing homeopathic treatment for their health concerns through this center. This marks a hopeful shift toward more sustainable and gentle healing practices for our aging community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Puducherry Government and the Social Welfare Department for their unwavering

commitment to the well-being of society's most vulnerable. Their efforts in organizing free, accessible, and compassionate healthcare services truly reflect a deep sense of responsibility and care for the elderly.

A NEW CHAPTER OF GROWTH AND EMPOWERMENT FOR GOODWILL MISSION – SNEHAN

We are honored to share that Goodwill Mission – Snehan has been selected to participate in the prestigious Niranthara Saksham program, a 12-month leadership and capacity-building initiative conducted by Dhvani Foundation. This transformative program is designed to empower grassroots NGOs across India that are driven by passion and purpose, yet face challenges in scaling their impact due to limited resources and skills.

Through a rigorous selection process, Dhvani Foundation identifies organizations that are deeply committed to social change. We are humbled to be among those chosen, and grateful for the opportunity to strengthen our foundation and expand our reach.



The inaugural session was held in Chennai, bringing together over 150 participants from diverse organizations—both alumni who have completed previous training cycles and new entrants like us, ready to embark on this

enriching journey. The energy, wisdom, and shared purpose in the room were truly inspiring.

Over the next twelve months, the Niranthara Saksham program will equip us with essential leadership skills, operational knowledge, and legal preparedness. By the end of the program, Snehan will be a fully compliant and capable organization, ready to receive support from government bodies and CSR partners.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Dhvani Foundation team and its visionary founder for creating such a powerful platform for change. This is more than a training—it's a stepping stone toward deeper impact, restored dignity, and sustainable transformation.

KANTHARI: CULTIVATING CHANGEMAKERS FOR A BETTER WORLD

Kanthari is more than an institute—it's a catalyst for transformation. Located in Kerala, India, Kanthari empowers passionate individuals from around the globe who dream of creating social change but lack the tools, skills, or knowledge to begin. Through a rigorous selection process, candidates are awarded scholarships and invited to participate in a seven-month residential leadership program designed to equip them with everything they need to become effective and ethical changemakers.

This year, 20 participants from 12 countries have joined the program, each committed to

driving meaningful change within their own communities. As part of the curriculum, participants engage in immersive field visits to alumni-led initiatives, gaining firsthand insight into grassroots impact.

One such visit brought them to Puducherry, where they met Mr. Anumuthu, a 2017 Kanthari graduate whose mission is deeply rooted in compassion. Driven by a powerful vision to restore dignity to the neglected and destitute, he now leads a life-saving initiative through *Goodwill Mission – Snehan*, offering rehabilitation, residential care, and medical support to homeless adults in critical need.



During their visit to *Snehan Home*, participants explored the center's holistic approach to care and its income-generating activities that empower beneficiaries. After a shared lunch, Mr. Anumuthu gifted each visitor an eco-friendly cotton bag—hand-stitched and painted

by Snehan's residents—as a symbol of resilience and creativity.

The exchange was rich with dialogue, curiosity, and heartfelt connection. Participants left not only with answers, but with renewed inspiration to return to their countries and uplift the lives of the less privileged.

A STORY OF RESILIENCE, COMPASSION, AND COMMUNITY

Mr. Natarajan, an 80-year-old gentleman with a heart full of quiet strength, recently experienced a painful fall that resulted in a fracture in his right hand. He was swiftly taken to the hospital for emergency medical care, and we are deeply grateful that he received the attention he needed.



Natarajan has been a cherished member of Snehan Home for the past year. In that time, he has become not only a source of wisdom and inspiration but also a living testament to the healing power of community. When he first arrived, he was emotionally shattered—grieving the profound loss of both his beloved wife and son. His spirit was heavy, and

loneliness had etched itself deeply into his days.

But something remarkable happened. Surrounded by others who had also faced life's harshest trials, Natarajan began to rediscover hope. The shared stories, the laughter, the simple acts of kindness—these slowly rekindled his will to live and serve. He found purpose again, and with it, a renewed sense of dignity.

Each morning, he rises early, completes his bath with quiet discipline, and lovingly prepares tea for all the residents—an act that has become a daily ritual of care and connection. On days when our cook is unavailable, Natarajan steps in without hesitation, preparing meals for everyone with warmth and dedication. He also takes responsibility for the front gate, ensuring safety and order with a sense of pride and reliability. We trust him completely—his integrity is unwavering.

To us, Natarajan is not just a resident; he is a blessing. And Snehan Home, in turn, has become a sanctuary for him—a place that lifted him from isolation and offered him a new family, bound not by blood but by compassion.

In this challenging moment, as he recovers from his injury, we are honored to care for him with the same love he has shown us. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dear friend and generous supporter, Mr. Seiyalu. His unwavering commitment to providing free medical treatment to Snehan beneficiaries is a

gift we do not take for granted. Whenever we reach out for help, he responds without hesitation, embodying the spirit of true service.

Together, we continue to build a home where dignity is restored, and every life is valued. Mr. Natarajan's journey reminds us that healing is possible—and that even in our later years, we can find purpose, family, and joy.

A BIRTHDAY THAT TOUCHED EVERY HEART

We believe every life is worth celebrating—and this week, we had the honor of celebrating the 58th birthday of Mr. Murugan, a man whose resilience and quiet strength have deeply moved us all.



Once a proud employee at Titan Company, Mr. Murugan's life took a painful turn in 2016 due to family hardship. With nowhere to go, he wandered from bus station to bus station across districts, sleeping on cold benches and surviving on the kindness of strangers—water, tea, and the occasional meal offered in charity. For years, his birthday passed unnoticed, like so many other days.

But this year was different.

Now a cherished resident of Snehan Home, Mr. Murugan has found not just shelter, but dignity, companionship, and purpose. Despite his physical challenges, he remains remarkably active—always eager to lend a hand, always ready with a smile.

As we gathered to celebrate his birthday, emotions ran deep. With tears streaming down his face, he whispered, "In my whole life, this is the first time someone has celebrated my birth." That moment reminded us why we do what we do.

We shared cake, laughter, and a special meal prepared with love. And in a beautiful gesture to mark the day, Mr. Murugan planted a gooseberry tree in our garden—a living symbol of hope and remembrance. We know that in the years to come, every fruit from that tree will carry his story forward.

Because at Snehan Home, we don't just offer care—we honor lives, restore dignity, and celebrate second chances.

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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