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Introduction:

The devastating Fengal Cyclone at Pondicherry

For nearly three days, Pondicherry was brought to a standstill by the devastating Fengal Cyclone on the first week of December 2024. Torrential rains inundated every part of Puducherry, submerging many houses up to the first and second floors. The floodwaters destroyed household items, leaving many without their belongings. The city faced power outages, disrupted mobile signals, and communication came to a halt for two days. Cooking ceased in countless homes, with no shops or hotels open. The modern world was plunged into what felt like ancient darkness.

Snehan Home was not spared. Around 12:30 AM on Sunday night, I received a call informing me that water had entered the patient dormitory. I rushed to the scene and was alarmed to find our residents submerged in water while they slept. Fortunately, they remained dry, as the water did not reach the level of their cots and mattresses.

In that moment, I panicked. What if the water rose above the cot level? Where could I take our elderly, disabled residents who cannot walk? Stepping outside to investigate, I saw the entire street flooded up to knee level. There was no light in any houses. We lost a month's worth of provisions, and our refrigerator and wet grinder were submerged.

During these three days, our staff were physically exhausted from the relentless cleaning, cooking, and ensuring water was available in the restrooms. This ordeal taught us to appreciate whatever we have. At night, we dined by candlelight, enjoyed long hours of sleep, and made do with the bare essentials to survive at Snehan Home.

Giving regular medical support to our inmates

Ramasawmey, a homeless man who lived on the streets of Puducherry for almost 36 years, has been a beneficiary of Snehan for 7 years. After the inauguration of Snehan Home, he was admitted for residential care & Support. He is 74 years old and suffers from old age related sickness. Here at Snehan Home, we provide healthy food, a comfortable place to sleep and clean restrooms with hot water. Our inmates enjoy watching old movies together. Ramasawmey thatha like Sivaji Ganesan movies a lot, he enjoys two movies a day. He is the darling of all our staff and volunteers, he is very much happy and he feels secure. He gets regular medical care from our staff.





The feeling of untouchable is the worst rejection

Feeling of untouchable is the worst rejection for a human begins. Once I met 75 years old Snehan beneficiary after the gap of six months, by then he had long hair and long beard. I asked him why you look like this. Why don't you go for saloon? He became furious and scolded all the barbers in general, for since one month he approached many saloon guys to groom his hair but everyone refused to do it, in spite of agreeing to pay the same amount that they collect from others. This act of rejection hurt him so much, where can he go for grooming his hair? Taking bath or washing clothes he can try somehow but hair cut? Here at Snehan Home, every day our beneficiaries take bath, clean their cloths and have weekly hair dressing. Let's value each other...



Dying homeless man rehabilitated by Snehan Home

Mr. Rajesh Kumar, a 67-year-old man, has lived on the streets of Pondicherry for the past two years. He has been very sick and suffering without any help. About 15 days ago, he developed a fever and cold, which left him unable to eat any food, surviving only on water and tea. His health deteriorated, and he could not move, so every natural need was done in one place.



On December 27th, 2023, I received information about Mr. Kumar's condition and rushed to the spot. His condition was unstable, so after a sponge bath, he was taken to the hospital's emergency ward. Following the doctor's examination, he was admitted for various diagnoses. He remained in critical condition for about four days. His sugar level was alarmingly high at 461, his lungs had an infection and swelling, and his urinary bladder had an infection with pus formation.

After eight days of quality medication, Mr. Rajesh Kumar's condition stabilized, and he remained alive. We appointed a caretaker to be with him 24/7. Finally, on December 4th, he was discharged from the hospital and joined us at Snehan Home to continue his recovery. As the Snehan team, we are delighted to have saved his life.

After 20 days of care and support, Mr. Rajesh Kumar's health has improved significantly. He gained 3 kg, and his food intake has improved a lot. Although he is still under medication and resting, as the Snehan team, we are happy to have saved his life at the start of this New Year.

Grandpa Senthil is rehabilitated from the streets of Pondicherry

Mr. Senthil, a 75-year-old bachelor from Villupuram Dt., has been leading an independent life, working hard for his food by selling snacks door-to-door. Unfortunately, many individuals took advantage of his small earnings with deceitful words, leaving him with nothing and no one to care for him. Due to age-related ailments, he is now unable to walk and relies on the generosity of a few kind-hearted people.

For the past 20 days, Mr. Senthil has been suffering from fever, cold, and joint pains, leaving him immobile on the streets. On January 26th, 2024, a well-wisher, Mr. Salim, admitted him to Snehan Home with an NOC from Grand Bazaar Police Station. After many days, Mr. Senthil finally received a haircut and a hot water bath. Currently, he can only consume liquid food.



We took him to JIPMER in causality, after many tests in CT they found he had partial paralysis in the brain, this made his speech difficult and to swallow food. The doctor advised and said, this can't be cured day by day he would lose his mobility and end. The only way to prolong his life is to put a feeding tube through nose. But for this the patient did not agree. Later he told us he has his brother's sons at Villupuram, so he requested us to leave him at their house. On 3rd of Feb 2024 we took him in by the car and left him in their house.

The rejected is restored at Snehan Home

Mr. Raj, 61 years old, was rescued from the Government Hospital on February 10th, 2024. He has been paralyzed on the left side for about three years, losing both mobility and eyesight. On December 25th, 2023, he fainted and fell down a staircase. When he regained consciousness, he found himself in the hospital with his leg bandaged. Unfortunately, due to his destitution, his treatment was incomplete.

Government authorities attempted to reunite him with his family, but the family rejected the call. For about 45 days, hospital authorities searched for a residential care home that could accept him, but none could accommodate his condition. Finally, Snehan Home stepped forward to admit him into their residential care and support center. Now, Mr. Raj feels safe and secure, with all his basic needs met at

Snehan Home. He receives 24/7 support from two caretakers who are aiding his recovery. Currently, he is undergoing medical support and physiotherapy at JIPMER.



Rescued the sick destitute man from the streets

Snehan Outreach staff rescued 51 years old Basker from the street. He is destitute and sick laying on the streets for the last 15days without any medication. After spotting the patients Snehan staff went to the nearest police station for the NOC letter, after receiving the same, the patient was rescued from the street and given a hot water bath. In the evening Snehan Home shifted him to JIPMER Hospital for medical support.

Basker is from Chengalpattu, he is married and has three children. He was kicked out of the family due to alcohol addiction. The family is very adamant not to take him back. Therefore, he was wandering around since then, finally reached Pondicherry. Since one month he has been very sick, lost his mobility. Somehow he was surviving on the streets by charity. Snehan Home rescued him and provided residential care & support. Meanwhile, he was struggling to breathe normally and going through severe pain on the right side of his body. We took him to JIPMER casualty for medical treatment, after several tests and scans, the doctor



found out that he has a big tumor on his lungs. Now he is under medical support at Snehan Home.

Snehan Home rescued 70 years old sick destitute grandpa from street

70 Years old Mani grandpa is forsaken by his family members two weeks back on the streets of Pondicherry. He claims that he is from Kallakurichi, he is not married and doesn't have a family of his own. He lived an independent life, his brother's sons used to support him rarely. For eight years he has suffered from a severe piles problem. Seldom had his brother's sons take him to GH in Kallakurichi, since the treatment was not regular, he could not find healing. He struggles to sit or to do any kind of physical work. Because of his health condition, he won't eat solid food but used to survive with liquid only. Since he was a thorn for his brother's family, he was secretly brought to Pondicherry by his relatives and abandoned him. We Snehan spotted him on the streets near the bus stand, struggling physically; the pile was 5 inches out of his body 5 inches with severe infection. On 1st of March 2024, through legal procedure, he was admitted to the GH in Pondicherry for the treatment. Now, Snehan Home is supporting him with caretaker and necessary needs.



Dying destitute rescued and admitted in the hospital

Mr.Selvam 37 years old from Salem was found sick on the street of Pondicherry. He claims that he is unmarried and doesn't have parents or family members. He is an alcoholic patient, who is affected with jaundice at an advanced stage. Snehan's team spotted him near the beach very sick and in the process of talking, Selvam requested us to support him in admitting in the Government Hospital for medication. Through the legal procedure with our caretaker on 6th of March 2024 he was admitted for the treatment. His condition is not stable; he needs long medical treatment without break. But after three days of treatment, Selvam became impatient with the treatment and fought for immediate discharge. The doctor, nurse and our Snehan team explained his condition. But he was adamant in going out of medical treatment.



Snehan values every individual

Life is a beautiful journey, and every life has a purpose. At Snehan, we cherish every individual and celebrate their special days with joy. Raja, a dynamic person, has been with us for a year. As the person in charge of outreach activities, he tirelessly roams the streets of Pondicherry with a flask of tea and bread, reaching out to the deprived and sick.

Raja cares for the sick and wounded without hesitation, giving them baths, cleaning their wounds, and taking them to the hospital as if they were his own family members. The Snehan team recently celebrated his birthday with a cake-cutting ceremony and gifts. We are delighted to have him with us and wish him many more birthdays to come.



Mani thatha is reunited with his people

It was a great joy for Snehan Home to see Mani thatha's smiling face after many days. He had been suffering from a severe case of infected piles and wandering the streets without any support. Additionally, he hadn't eaten for many days, fearing the pain of a natural call. Fortunately, Snehan NGO found him and stepped in to meet his medical and physical needs. Legally, Mani thatha was rescued from the street and admitted to the Government Hospital for surgery.

After attentive medical surgery and support, he was discharged from the hospital and admitted to Snehan Home. At Snehan Home, Mani thatha received abundant love, proper nutrition, and medical care. He soon regained his health, began walking again, and was able to eat solid food. Since he had his own house and was receiving an old age pension from the Tamil Nadu Government, Mani thatha decided to return to his hometown.

Our team of two accompanied him to his hometown of Kallakurichi. With the support of the nearest police station, we found his house and reunited him with it. We at Snehan are delighted to have supported him and brought back his smile.



Living together, sharing together at Snehan Home

Living together and sharing together at Snehan Home is a testament to years of understanding. For elderly individuals, especially those who are destitute, living together is not an easy task. Personal habits and ego often lead to family separation among the destitute. While it is relatively easy to bring children together, uniting elderly people is much harder. Despite these challenges, our elderly residents at Snehan Home share their abilities with their peers, and it's something truly admirable.

Our residents enjoy their twilight years with dignity and security. They receive three nutritious meals a day, along with tea and snacks twice a day. Their days are filled with recreation time, morning fitness sessions, and they have a beautiful garden to relax in. In a nutshell, they are happy.



Snehan celebrates the uniqueness with potlog party

Every year, the Snehan team comes together to celebrate each other's uniqueness. On this special day, we host a potluck party, where each person selects and prepares a delicious dish with love for everyone to enjoy. Today was that day for us at Snehan Home, and it was filled with memorable moments.

Our tailoring ladies dressed beautifully in sarees and makeup, while our grandpas appeared in their finest attire. The morning was spent singing, dancing, and playing games. Everyone participated with boundless energy and enthusiasm, including our grandpas who joined in the dancing.



Following the fun activities, we enjoyed a delicious lunch with various dishes. It was an especially memorable meal for our inmates, as they had never experienced such a feast in their lives. After lunch, we headed to Providence Mall, where we watched 3D movies. For many, it was their first time experiencing a 3D movie, and the sound effects and ambiance left a lasting impression on everyone.

The day was filled with joy and laughter, reminding us that life is precious and should be celebrated. At Snehan, we place great importance on living a joyful life.

Sick dying man rescued from street and admitted in the hospital

Rajendran, a 60-year-old man, was found sick on the street for many days. We received a call from Mr. Salim, a social worker who provides food to those in need on the streets. When we rescued Rajendran, he was completely bedridden. He claims to be from Thanjavur, married with two grown-up children. After a family dispute twelve years ago, he left home and never returned to his family.

Snehan Home rescued Rajendran and admitted him to the Government Hospital with paid caretakers. Four days later, he was transferred to the Government Chest Hospital after being diagnosed with a TB infection. Rajendran has been undergoing treatment in the TB hospital for a week, with 24/7 care from appointed caretakers.



Kaliyaperumal re-united with his family members

Snehan Home is delighted to find the family of Mr. Kaliyaperumal 75+ old man. He was rescued on the streets of Pondicherry in poor dying condition. At the time we picked up from the streets, he was very sick, blind could not see anything and was 100% deaf, we could not communicate with him and could not understand him for many days. Meanwhile with proper medical support, nutritious food at Snehan Home his health regained, he became more stable. We tried our best to know about him and his family; it took many days for us to get his home address. Every time we speak loud and make a sign in question about his family, he would say different things at different times. But as the days went by bit by bit we understood about his family and his hometown. Long into shot, we tried tracing the place he was repeating the maximum number of times. Finally found his hometown in Villupuram Dt.



We took him by our ambulance, as we entered his hometown; the villagers came running towards us, asking many questions. His family came to receive him. The whole lane of his colony and family was happy to receive him, for he had his own land and houses. As a team we were happy to save the life of Kaliyaperumal and reunite him back home with his family members.

Blind destitute man is rescued from the streets

Mr. Suresh 74 years old man from Pondicherry. He was an electrician, had a family of his own. His wife died 25 years back due to accident; he was looking after his two sons. After few years he lost his control over his children and no news about them till date.

He left his profession and joined to work in the tea shop and worked almost 20 years near Government Hospital. As the days went by his health and eyes became dim and unstable. These dark days left him destitute; he survived with someone's charity and used to sleep in near the beach.

Now he is admitted in Snehan Home for the residential care & support. In coming days, he will be going through medical surgery for left eye for better vision. The right eye is already lost completely and can't be corrected with medical support. We supported him medical surgery on both of his eyes. After complete recovery he was discharged to live independent life by earning.



Medical support to sick & injured homeless man

Mr. Varadharajan 61 years old comes from Chidambaram. His parents died many years back and had one elder sister; she too died few years back. When he was 22 years old, he got married but his marriage lasted only few months. This incident drowned him in sadness, but recovered in later days. He was working as a daily labour and living independent life for many years. As the days passed by his health condition did not allow him to go for labour work. Then for a survival he used to go for a marriage function as a servant. This work fetched little income but not regular. Therefore this profession made him to come on the streets to live as a homeless man. He used to work when there was work, if not beg on the street for his survival.



Week back, he fell down and his shoulder dislocated with injury. Snehan Home rescued him and admitted in Snehan Home from the street. At present he is undergoing medical treatment for his shoulder through our support. Once he recovers back his health, he may plan to go back to his own profession.

Abandoned paralysis man rescued at destitute home

Mr. Raja, a 57-year-old man, was abandoned on the street by his own family due to paralysis. At the time of his rescue, he was completely bedridden and unable to do anything for himself. Upon learning about his condition, we quickly brought him to Snehan Home. Initially, he was disturbed and often cried, but with our care and moral support, he found peace.



Mr. Raja is now under the continuous care of a dedicated caretaker who looks after him 24/7. The caretaker bathes him, cleans up after him, feeds him, and administers his medications regularly. He also receives consistent medical and physiotherapy support. Mr. Raja is improving every day, and we hope to see him walking soon. At Snehan, we see value in everyone.

Medical & residential support to disabled homeless man

One year back Santhosh met with accident and broke his leg, underwent surgery but still he is not fully recovered because no one to give him care & support. He came to Pondicherry for medication but because he doesn't have caretakers with him, he could not get admitted in the hospital. He was found in Pondicherry bus stand with broken legs and unable to walk. Both the legs were infected with pus formation. The Orleanpet police called and requested us to rescue and rehabilitation him on 29th of May 2024. After rescue he was taken to Hospital for medical treatment and now undergoing medication along with residential care & support at Snehan Home. After recovers, he was reunited with his family members.



Sick & disabled 82 years old man rescued from the streets for residential care

Mr. Murugesan 82 years old thatha is from Cuddalore. He is widower, the only son died long back. After the death of his wife and son, he became alone. No one to care about him and his needs. He used to beg on the streets for his survival, but he was not happy to be in Cuddalore. He came to Pondicherry only to beg and survive.

Two weeks back while walking on the streets, a lady in two wheeler knocked him down, never stopped the vehicle, nor came to help him. This incident crippled his mobility in one place. He could not get up; unbearable pain left him one place. He was deprived medical treatment because he did not have caretaker as well not self-reliant.

During our field visit, we met him and came to know his suffering condition. He was in desperate need for someone's care & support. Snehan Home rescued him for residential care & support with the support of Grand Bazaar Police Station, now he is under medication and our caretaker gives him best of care.



Sick and dying destitute is rescued by Snehan Home

Mr. Abdul Kabir 87 years old destitute thatha from Kerala. His married life ended in his youth. His wife, remarried someone else, he don't have any children or family members. He was working in many places, now too old to get job. Few weeks' back he fell down and broke his leg and hand, this incident crippled his mobility.

He could not get medical support because he doesn't have any caretakers, lost his dignity; every natural need is done in one place. Can't clean himself, hundreds of flies keep him busy during the day and in the night thousands of mosquitoes.

Snehan, rescued from the street, brought back his dignity at Snehan Home. Now he is at peace, comforted at all sides.



Abandoned old & disabled Subramani is rescued from the streets

Mr. Subramani 77 year's old thatha is from Mayiladuthurai. He is a widower, and has two sons, they are married. Subramani was a daily labour, who used to work and look after his living. Once he fell down and broke his hip, he was admitted to the hospital for medical surgery. Even with medical surgery & the treatment Mr.Subramani could not get up and walk due to old age.

His family could not look after him any longer. One day, they hired a car and took Mr.Subramani in the car saying they will take him to hospital in Pondicherry, at night the car stopped in the bus stand and pulled Mr. Subramani out of the car and vanished from the spot.

This old man didn't know what to do and where to go; he was dragging himself around the bus stand for his food. The passerby saw the difficult condition of the old man and called the Police Station, the Orleanpet duty police called Mr.Anumuthu and handed over to Snehan Home for the residential care & support. At Snehan Home, he is well taken care of, getting regular medication, nutritious food, a comfortable place to live, and carrying people to show love.



From the Streets to Reunification: Mr. Veerasamy's Story

Mr. Veerasamy was rescued from the streets of Pondicherry in an unstable health condition. Unable to walk, he was forced to drag himself along. After the accident, he lost his memories and came out of his family. He was surviving by means of charity on the streets. Snehan Home intervened, admitting him to the government hospital for medical treatment. After his health stabilized, he was discharged and cared for at Snehan Home, a residential care and support center. Over the next month, his health and memory improved. He provided his daughter's mobile number, which we confirmed was correct. For the past four months, he received treatment for various health issues and recovered well with medical support.



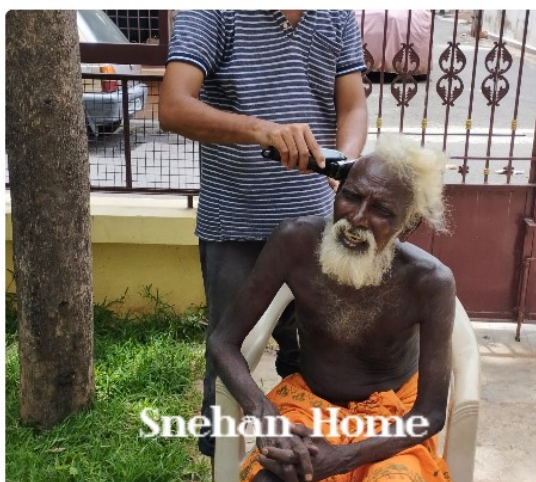
Today, we are delighted to have found his family near Chidambaram, handing over his medical reports and medication for further treatment. We always cherish the moments when our beneficiaries are reunited with their families.



Mr. Raja Manikam abscond from the Government Hospital during treatment

Mr. Raja Manikam 74 years old destitute man was admitted (on 24-08-2024) in Snehan Home by **Sharon Society of Pondicherry** through Orleanpet Police Station letter. At the time of admission he was found to be sick with fever and cold. On Monday (26-08-2024) we took him to TB OPD, while investigation they found his plus rate dropped below normal. The hospital arranged their ambulance to shift the patient to Government Hospital.

He was admitted in emergency ward and underwent treatment and investigation. By evening 8 pm his health condition improved and was able to walk by himself. The patient started insisting us to buy cigarette and alcohol; we explained to him that in the hospital premises it's not permit able. Next day Tuesday early morning at 4.30 am, while the caregiver was in bathroom, Mr.Raja Manikam picked his bag and absconded from the hospital. We searched whole hospital, and nearest bus station and auto station, he was not found.



kanthari 2024 participants visited Snehan Pondicherry

On September 1st, 2024, the kanthari 2024 participants, along with Sabriye Tenberken and the catalyst, visited the Snehan project in Pondicherry. A total of 27 passionate social change-makers from 11 countries came to see our project, learn from it, and provide their feedback. The visit from Sabriye and Tanja to Snehan Home was a blessing and an incredible experience.

We gave them a tour of our income-generating activities, such as the tailoring unit, where marginalized women are trained to make eco-friendly cotton products. These products are then sold on the streets of Pondicherry by rehabilitated grandpas.

I had almost two hours of interaction with the kanthari participants, during which I shared about Snehan Home, our mission to rescue old, abandoned, sick, and dying grandpas from the streets, and how we provide them with medical and residential care and support. They were deeply moved by our humble activities and had many questions to ask and learn from. It was a mutual learning experience for all of us.



Rehabilitation activities for Snehan Home inmates

Snehan Home is happy to introduce & train the rehabilitation activities for our inmates. We rescue the sick and dying ones from the streets and give them the best of medical and residential care & support with nutritious food. Our care brings peace at heart and healing in their body.

Once they are improved, they become active and want to do something to pass the time in a meaningful way. Always games and recreation makes them ideal and frustrated. Therefore, to keep them occupied, Snehan Home is training them in income-generating activities according to their strength and abilities.

Our women flock makes eco-friendly cotton products and now our grandpa flocks lending hands to trim the extra yarn, tie the button and insert runner. This activity makes them occupied and helps our organization to generate income.



Paralyzed inmates getting regular physiotherapy

Few months back we carried from the streets two of the abandoned paralyzed patient to Snehan Home. They were completely bedridden suffered severely with many health issues. With our regular care & support along with medical, physiotherapy, they both improved their health and mobility. We were lucky to find favor in the sight of JIPMER hospital; they invited our patients for neuro treatment and physiotherapy. These therapies helping our patients improve their mobility through highly repetitive, task-specific



exercises. These exercises is designed to increase the range of motion, strengthen muscles, and enhance overall physical function. The visible benefits of the therapy are: 1. Improved Mobility 2. Enhanced Muscle Strength 3. Better Circulation 4. Pain Management 5. Increased Independence.

Restoring Hope Mr.Paul's transformation at Snehan Home

Mr. Anthony Paul, an 85-year-old man, was rescued from the streets and brought to Snehan Home for residential care and support. A kind-hearted individual, Mr. Basker, brought him in to restore his dignity and provide care. We were told Mr. Paul, a widower, had been living a lonely life without any support. He worked as a watchman at various places, but age-related illnesses eventually rendered him unable to continue working. Due to his long period without bathing and living in unhygienic conditions, he developed severe skin problems that isolated him from others. Acknowledging his dire situation, Snehan Home welcomed him, assigning a dedicated caregiver to attend to his needs. With daily baths, nutritious food, and medication, his physical condition improved significantly. However, much of his past life remains a blur to him. Snehan Home takes pride in reaching out to the most vulnerable individuals from the streets, providing them with the care and dignity they deserve.



From isolation to care Devaraj's journey with Snehan Home

Mr. Devaraj, 55, hails from the Tiruvannamalai district in Tamil Nadu. He was working as a laborer in the construction field when he fell from the first floor of a building, breaking his back. He was rushed to JIPMER hospital for medical treatment. However, within a few days, his caregiver vanished, leaving him alone. Despite the setback, he underwent surgery at JIPMER hospital. For post-recovery care, the hospital authorities approached Snehan Home for residential care and support until he fully recovered. At Snehan Home, Mr. Devaraj is gradually recovering. We provide him with nutritious food, tea, snacks, timely medications, and recreational activities.

Regarding his family, he revealed that his wife and daughter separated from him due to property issues five years ago. Although he has brothers and other relatives, none have offered to support him. Rejected by his own family, Mr. Devaraj found a new home with us. At Snehan Home, we keep our arms wide open to embrace and save the lives of the destitute.



Snehan Home is happy to find Jayaraman's family

Snehan Home is happy to find Mr. Jayaraman's family. 75 years old Jayaraman, was injured, lost his memories and way back home. He could not get up and walk, in the morning the street shopkeepers carried him from the highway to the shade ground. For four days he was in one place without any support, even after repeated complaints to police and ambulance. Finally Snehan Home received a request to rescue him and support him in possible ways. With our residential care & support for a week Jayaraman gained his memory, and he requested us to meet a particular person in the Government printing press. Through them we traced his home. His son told us that he was a government pensioner. Today we are happy to hand him over to his son.



Balakumaran reunited with his family after 20 years

Mr. Balakumaran, 69 years old man from Chennai, was found in the Pondicherry Bus station in unconscious condition on 3rd of September 2024. Four boys approached him while he was in unconscious state and grabbed his mobile and four thousand rupees. Mr. A. Anbazhagan (Asst. Sub. Inspector) Orleanpet Police Station. Found him in the bus station in a poor health condition, the police took quick decision to admit him for medical support. Mr. Balakumaran underwent medical treatment in Government Hospital after four days and he was discharged in regained health. Every day during the duty hours or after duty hours Mr. Anbazhagan would visit him in the hospital, buy him food and other needed things. Balakumaran, still not stable even after discharge from the hospital, he was needing more days for post discharge. The police requested Mr. Anumuthu, founder of Snehan Home, for residential care & support until he is completely regains his health. Snehan Home is a residential care & support centre for the abandoned disabled and sick people who suffer on the streets without anyone's support. Such a needy people are rescued legally and given residential care & support at free of cost.

With proper medical and nutritional support, Balakumaran regained his health and memories too. On Friday, we gathered more details of his family. Mr. Madhan, MSW student who is doing internship at Snehan Project, took a responsibility to reunite Balakumaran back home.

Balakumaran left his family twenty years back; he has one son and one daughter, both are educated, married and employed. His son shared with us, which many times he pleaded with his father to join the family back but Balakumaran preferred to live alone with his personal habits. At the end, the whole family was happy to see the head of the family back in the place.



Ten Fingers for God

The Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences invited Mr. Anumuthu to share the Snehan Project to doctors, nurses, and final-year medical students on the topic "Ten Fingers for God." The seminar hall was filled with over a hundred attendees. The presentation covered bio-discrimination and the treatment of people with leprosy around the world and in India. It was an eye-opener for many, revealing the origins of the disease and the rejection faced by those afflicted. The compassionate God chose one person, Dr. Paul Brand, to work among leprosy patients and bring healing. Today, leprosy is almost eradicated globally, thanks to one man's faith and obedience to his Master's calling. At the end

of the presentation, Mr. Anumuthu, founder of Snehan Home, took the mic. He shared about the Snehan Project and its impact on the neglected destitute around Pondicherry. He also talked about his dream project, Snehan Village, where the rejected elderly can live and work together for the rest of their lives.



Rajendran reunited with his family members

Seventy-year-old Rajendran was found wandering the streets of Pondicherry, barely clothed. The Grand Bazaar Police discovered him near the DSP office and promptly called for assistance. Responding to the call, the team from Snehan Home for residential care and support.

At Snehan Home, Rajendran was given a thorough cleaning and a fresh set of clothes. With proper nutrition and rest, he gradually regained his health. Meanwhile, his family, who had been desperately searching for him, contacted the police to aid in their search efforts. Within a week, Snehan Home successfully reunited Rajendran with his family.



Compassionate Care: A rescue Mission for the sick destitute

An Marthan, approximately 45 years old, was found lying on the ramp of the Government Hospital in a poor health condition, unable to talk or walk, and surrounded by flies and mosquitoes. With the assistance of Mr. Kalidassan from Grand Bazar Police Station, we obtained an NOC letter and rescued the man for emergency medical treatment. Our caregivers will stay with him 24/7 until he recovers and is discharged from the hospital. As I often emphasize, many destitute patients suffer and die prematurely due to the unavailability of medical support. Snehan, rescue such abandoned elderly sick individuals, saving them from death and restoring their dignity to live peaceful lives.



Conclusion:

This year has been a truly blessed one for Snehan, marked by numerous life-changing events for our homeless beneficiaries. Our efforts have yielded profound and tangible results, testament to the unwavering dedication of our team and the generous support from the community.

Among our remarkable achievements, we witnessed the transformation of a blind person who regained their eyesight and embarked on a path to a normal life. Such miraculous recoveries underscore the significance of the work we do at Snehan and inspire us to continue our mission with renewed vigor.

Our team has been instrumental in rescuing sick and dying individuals from the streets, providing them with the urgent hospital care they so desperately needed. These rescues not only saved lives but also

restored dignity to those who had lost hope. Each story of recovery and renewal reinforces our commitment to serving the most vulnerable members of society.

One of the most heartwarming aspects of our work this year has been the rehabilitation and reunion of elderly people with their families. Many elderly individuals, who were once destitute and abandoned, have now been given a second chance at life. Through our relentless efforts, we managed to save the lives of around forty elderly sick individuals, bringing them back to normalcy and good health. Although we mourn the loss of three individuals, we find solace in knowing that we provided them with comfort and care during their final days.

Snehan's impact extends beyond individual recoveries. We have worked tirelessly to create a supportive and nurturing environment for all our residents. At Snehan Home, our residents receive nutritious meals, medical attention, and recreational activities that contribute to their overall well-being. The sense of community and camaraderie that we have fostered among our residents is a testament to our holistic approach to care.

We are profoundly grateful to every individual who has supported us in reaching out to the neglected people in our society. Your contributions, whether through donations, volunteering, or spreading awareness, have been instrumental in making our mission a reality. We are humbled by the generosity and kindness of our supporters, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

As we look to the future, we are filled with hope and determination. We recognize that there is still much work to be done, and we are committed to expanding our activities to reach even more people in need. Our vision for the coming years includes increasing our capacity to provide shelter, medical care, and rehabilitation services. We aim to strengthen our outreach programs to identify and assist more individuals who are suffering on the streets.

Furthermore, we plan to enhance our partnerships with local authorities, healthcare providers, and other NGOs to create a more comprehensive support network for the homeless. By working together, we can amplify our impact and ensure that no one is left behind.

In conclusion, this year has been a testament to the power of compassion and community. At Snehan, we believe that every life has value, and we are dedicated to preserving the dignity and well-being of the homeless. We are inspired by the progress we have made and remain steadfast in our commitment to creating a brighter future for all those we serve.

Thank you



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