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Managing Trustee's Message:

Dear Donors,

Thank you very much for all your support to Sri Poorna Mahameru Trust in the past 25 years. With your to your continued support, the organization has grown from a humble beginning of 10 elders and a staff of two in a rented home in Ganapathy Agraharam village near Kumbhakonam to an organization with 100+ elders, 24 staff and numerous free food and educational scholarship programmes.

This year 2017-18 has indeed been a very significant year for us as we step into the 25th year of our organizational service. We have plans to celebrate our 25th anniversary in a most fitting manner as a week of thanksgiving to our donors, elders and the residents of Pallavaram without whose support we would not have come this far.

Our free food programmes/Annadanam is extended from Chennai to other cities and Villages in Trichy, Dindigul etc. We have also reached out to few leprosy centres nearby Chennai. Our future focus would be in the direction of improvising our annadanam schemes and educational scholarship programmes.

I would humbly request our donors, mentors and the public to continue to support our organization in all its initiatives.

Warm Regards

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Vision:

Our vision is to help the elders and the underprivileged community to be self-reliant and enjoy a dignified and sustainable quality of life.

Mission:

Sri Poorna Mahameru Trust provides basic needs such as food, Shelter and healthcare to abandoned senior citizens and the needy in community so that they lead a hunger free healthy life.

Status of our key projects:**1. Old Age home**

The free old age home continues to maintain on an average 20-30 residents. All their needs are taken care of by our organization. For some of the residents, who have passed away, the final rites have been performed by the trustees themselves.

A short film was made by Cinematographer Mr. Harish Krishnan covering the various aspects of our organization, especially the old age home and annadanam. The film has been well received with the donors and well-wishers. The film can be viewed at the URL below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvHGhDluJdQ>



Free Home Entrance



Free Food Entrance (Annadhanam Hall)



Free Medical Centre Entrance

2. Our Annual Day Event during Chitra Pournami, 2017

As it happens every year, this year as well our annual day was celebrated on Chitra Pournami (Buddha Pournima) on 10-May-2017. As always, we continue to receive large crowds for the Annadanam. In this reporting year, we had around 5000 people participate in the annadanam throughout day and night. We also had a grand percussion by a Kailaya melam troupe. This Kailaya melam is a traditional music form which is one of ancient treasures which is slowly getting lost. As a part of our initiatives to encourage arts and culture, this programme was arranged.





Free Annadanam in occasion of Annual Day Fest

3. Other free food Initiatives

As always, our premises at Pallavaram continue its daily free food programme. Apart from the elders in the free and subsidized old age home, the free programme benefits the students from rural background who are staying with us for their higher education, support staff, workers, contractors, drivers, in short to anyone who walks in hungry. On an average, food is prepared for 150 people in the morning and 100 people in the evening.

Every month on a specific day, our volunteers visit several Leprosy Centres in and around Chennai under “*Sri Narayana Guru Leprosy support Scheme*”. We provide food and clothes to those patients. Also, during festival days such as Diwali, Akshaya Tritiya, Pongal etc. we have provided food packets to the needy especially in the areas of Chrompet, Tambaram and Pallavaram. Last December, We organized a major annadanam at a remote village near Trichy – PudurUttamanur.



Annadanam at Pudur Uttamanur



Free food packets distribution at Chrompet



Food Distribution at a leprosy centre near Chengelpet

4. Scholarships to Students

Our Trust has granted scholarships to 12 deserving students from an underprivileged background for their school or college education.



Cheque for educational scholarship

5. Free Eye Camp (CSR Event)

A major free Eye Camp and distribution of glasses was conducted by L&T in collaboration with Shankar Nethralaya as part of their CSR program. We saw a good response from not only elders but also from nearby residents and were benefited through this program.



Eye check-up camp



Distribution of free glasses by L&T

6. Promotion of fine arts and culture

To preserve the great traditions of India, we encourage classical music and dance performances by conducting concerts inside our premises. This also provides an opportunity to our senior citizens to relax their minds. This year, we had concerts on all 10 days of Navaratri festival with the participation of budding artists.





Encouraging kids by providing a platform to showcase their talents

7. Free Health Check-up (CSR Event)

A free health check-up was conducted by Nandalala Foundation as a part of CSR activity for all. Both younger and elder generation benefited out of this camp.





Health Check-up conducted by Nandalala Foundation

Key Donors

We are ever grateful for the following key donors as well as other companies, government officials who have been much supportive of our cause.

- a) Guru Krupa Foundation, USA – Our major support for the daily annadanam scheme which has tremendously helped us to reach out to a large number of beneficiaries.
- b) Vijay Amritraj Foundation, USA – We share a very long association with this foundation whose assistance in times of need will always be remembered.
- c) AVM Charities, Chennai – A regular donor for years
- d) Sri Sathya Sai Mobile Hospital – Prompt supply of free medicines for the resident elders month on month and that too delivered at our doorstep.
- e) ACE Charitable Trust, Chennai – A group of engineers whose interest in giving back to the society is truly commendable.
- f) Manava Seva Dharma Samvardhani Trust – Their DOS(Dal, Oil, Sugar) programme is well known in Chennai
- g) Sri Vaishnavi Trust, Chennai – One of our pillars of support
- h) Numerous other individuals, Organizations, Groups

CSR Events:

- a) Monthly Medicine donation by Apollo Hospitals
- b) Medical Camp by Nandalala Foundation
- c) Eye Camp by L&T and Shankara Nethralaya (CSR)
- d) Tata Teleservices
- e) Payanam NGO

Partners

- a) Omprakash.org
- b) Maligakadai.com

Future Plans:

1. Focus primarily on providing better facilities to elders in our home. The old age home building is more than 20 years old. It needs to be reconstructed with a modern lift and better rest room facilities. This entire reconstruction is expected to cost around 60 Lakhs (USD 1 Million). A proposal will be put forth towards this with the design and circulated to all major donors for their support.
2. Enhance and improve the free food programme to cover other states.
3. Provide children of leprosy affected people support in continuing their primary education.