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A YEAR OF HOPE

SCOPE INDIA SHELTER FOR URBAN HOMELESS

KAMMIYAMPETTAI, THIRUPAPULIYUR,

CUDDALORE – 607 002



INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE FROM FOUNDER

I would sincerely thank Cuddalore City Corporation for giving a wonderful opportunity to serve for the homeless people and incredible generosity in supporting SCOPE INDIA over the past years. Your support enables us to continue our invaluable work with the most vulnerable Homeless people living in and around the streets of Cuddalore, and build sustainable futures for the homeless people of Cuddalore.

A world without compassion is a world without love. No matter how rich we are; if we have no compassion towards others, then our lives become empty and meaningless. To give to those in need is its own reward; 'No one has ever become poor by giving' - Anne Frank.

Each and every person in the world is entitled to the love, care and protection that a family can provide. However, Homeless people will not be free from exploitation until all levels of society, from the immediate family to broader international community, work together. For all humans family is the first line of protection; having no human support can expose vulnerable people to all forms of mistreatment and abuse. It is of primary importance to SCOPE INDIA to try and reunite abandoned people with their families and communities.

Scope India Shelter for Urban Homeless was established in collaboration with Greater Cuddalore Corporation at Kammiyampettai Bye-pass Road, Thirupapuliyur, Cuddalore in the year 2017. This is the **EIGHTH** successful and challenging year for our shelter. Despite all challenges, we came with a stand and vigorous development. The following activities and changes happened in our shelter during the year 2023-2024. Our residents all came from different places and had different kinds of problems. Here we give counseling for their problem and create job opportunities for our resident, in case they did not feel well we give medical accommodation for our resident. Every month we conduct awareness programs and create awareness among our residents, also every month we keep a Shelter Monitoring Committee (SMC) Meeting in our shelter because if they have any problem or any one needs anything they can share their opinion in that meeting in front of Government officials. With great confidence, we are beginning this year and we hope we will go ahead. Here is the annual report for our activities in the year 2023 - 2024.

"The world is for everyone".

Dr. S. Sathiya Babu,
Founder & Director of Scope India.

RESCUE OF THE HOMELESS

We, the team of coordinators and volunteers representing Scope India rescued homeless people from the roadsides, bridges, and railway stations with proper police memos. Monthly five to six times we go for rescue and also sometimes the police, and public also call and inform us during rescue time we found different kinds of people on the roadside and they accommodated from different places because we found children, men, women, old age person, and mentally ill persons. In our shelter, we accommodate all men and women for their care and protection. When they come to our shelter, we provide them with new clothes, bathing and washing soaps, paste, brush, bed sheets, mats, and mosquito nets. This enables them that we are here to help them. They will have a feeling that we care for them. Through this process and initiatives, we rescue people and eliminate the term 'homeless'. In the year 2023 – 2024 we rescued more than 25 homeless people they were accommodated and given care in our shelter.



REINTEGRATION OF THE RESIDENTS

The ultimate aim of our shelter is to reintegrate the residents with their families. We have come across residents with broken hearts and misunderstandings with their families. The problem could be either on the family side or on the personal side. They have to talk with an open heart to solve their problem or a third person has to involve and solve the issue. In this regard, the shelter coordinator took initiative in tracing out the contacts of the shelter residents and counseling the family as well as the shelter residents to rejoin their family members. It is a continuous process and it has to be handled very carefully for the lifelong stay of the residents with their family members. A total number of 11 residents were helped to reach home and relatives for a bright future. Scope India shelter took effects to make them happy.

REHABILITATION OF THE RESIDENTS

The majority of people from different locations come to Cuddalore for various purposes. During this course, they stay on the roadsides. Many of the migrants held up unemployed due to a lack of contacts, being unskilled for a particular job, and occasional job opportunities like Dress Shop, vessel washing and Domestic workers. We, the members of Scope India shelter contacted many persons and rehabilitated our shelter residents for permanent and reasonable pay work. In some cases, we ourselves recruit homeless persons as our shelter staff. Sometimes the residents themselves find jobs and leave the shelter. During the year 2023 – 2024, we have rehabilitated 10 shelter residents to various jobs.

REFERRAL OF THE RESIDENTS

During the rescue time, the rescue team rescued mentally ill persons, old age persons, and bedridden persons. These persons were referred to other organizations for their lifelong care and protection. In this regard, we have referred 03 residents including mentally ill persons.





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People struggled a lot due to the unavoidable and uncertain pandemic situation around the world. During the time of heavy rainfall, homeless people suffered a lot. Understanding their situation, the Cuddalore City Corporation with the help of Non-governmental organizations rescued people from roadsides and accommodated them in the shelters for their survival, care, and protection. In this difficult time, the Scope India shelter accommodated more people in the shelter even though the capacity of our shelter is only fifty persons. Three meals a day were provided to them. Entertainment activities such as television, snacks and ladders game, and articles for reading were given to residents every day. These activities helped the shelter residents to divert their minds from feeling lonely. With the support of the staff members of our shelter and the residents, we managed the huge crowd and satisfied their basic needs.





SHELTER MONITORING COMMITTEE (SMC) MEETING

Shelter Monitoring Committee (SMC) meeting is held once a month. This meeting is to initiate face-to-face interaction between the residents and the Government officials. This enables the residents to share their feelings in the course of their stay inside the shelter. Actions taken for the resident's needs and actions that need to be taken for them are also shared in the meeting. Our residents at every meeting share the fan, light complaints and motor problem. From our NGO side, we fit fans and mosquito nets for our residents, and for motor problem, we follow up and meet with Corporation higher officials and give letter for this problem. This monitoring committee helps us to make necessary changes for the well-being of the residents.



District Collector sir Visited our Shelter for Homeless

MEDICAL CAMPS

We are very much concerned about the health of the residents and we care for them as family members. Even though we conduct daily checkup with the help of Staff Nurse we also conduct Medical Camps once in a month for the residents and every resident would be present on that day for the check-up. We have tie-up with Jothi Eye Care Hospital, Valli Vilas Hospital, the medical team come and do the check-up for the residents. During the medical camp, serious problems were identified and they were referred to go for complete medical check-ups and treatment in their hospitals.





Morning exercise:

Our morning day starts with a morning exercise which is a good start to focus on our time and attention. This morning warm ups make our residents feel active and it also plays a prominent role in their blood circulation which can enhance their energetic day .This also brings unity and a friendly atmosphere among them. This start makes them active to start their daily works and activities.



Tea time:

Tea time which charges the residents with a boost to kick start their day soon after the exercise. Tea time is the best time to build a good and healthy relationship among the co-residents, the residents usually engage them in conversation among their co-residents and staff which can strengthen the social bond that enhances mental health and physical wellbeing. Along with a tea rusks or biscuits are served which gives a subside filling feel in their stomach which can make them do their cleaning activity.

Personal Hygiene:

The residents are taught to wash their clothes, bath by themselves, wash their hands in a proper and hygienic way which can bring more self-confidence and keep their body active in the upcoming days. The residents are trained to wash their hands before and after meals to keep them hygiene, as the result of these training the residents learnt to make themselves clean and active.



Prayer:

Prayer encourages, gives peace and strength and makes the residents feel so good and blissful in their day. The residents are taught to thank God before having their breakfast, dinner and lunch which is a great habit for a good soul.

Breakfast:

Generally, we provide breakfast which can be easily digested and easily swallowed by the residents as most of them are teeth less and aged. The residents have been arranged in a proper line formation or a circle formation and then the food is served among them.

Activities:

A daily activity like cleaning the resident's bed and the place around the bed is done. The residents have been engaged in Vegetables cutting or spinach cleaning to prepare lunch. They also comb their hair in a daily basis after having breakfast. Some residents also dry their cloth backyard by their own which is a good exercise for them.



Lunch time:

After a small prayer the lunch has been provided with white rice, sambar, poriyal, rasam, appalam etc. Buttermilk has been served along with the lunch according to the climate .Twice in a week we serve non veg to the residents, we consciously serve items which are easily

digested by them. Instead of chicken we always focus on serving fish to the residents which is good for their health and easy for them to chew and which can be easily digested. We also provide eggs once a week which gives energy to the residents. Every day we provide rasam which enhances their digestion.

TV time:

After lunch the residents are advised to take rest by watching TV. Watching TV makes a connection with the present world, the residents usually watch News channels, entertainment programs, movies, listen to songs etc. After dinner the residents usually listen to melody songs which brings them a good sleep. TV plays a prominent role in their entertainment.



Tea and Snacks:

An evening tea and snacks are provided to the residents to feel relaxed and energetic. The evening tea time usually has lots of conversation about the day .The residents are served with healthy snacks along with the tea.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

WORLD HOMELESS DAY

The concept of 'World Homeless Day' emerged from online discussions between people working to respond to homelessness from various parts of the world. The purpose of world homeless day is to draw attention to homeless people's needs locally and provide opportunities for the community to get involved in responding to homelessness while taking advantage of the stages an international day provides.








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SPECIAL MEDICAL CAMP ON CM BIRTHDAY

A special Medical Camp was conducted for our Shelter for Urban Homeless inmates was conducted on behalf of our CM Mrs. Stalin sir birthday by Arupadaiveedu Medical College and Hospital Doctors and Nurses.

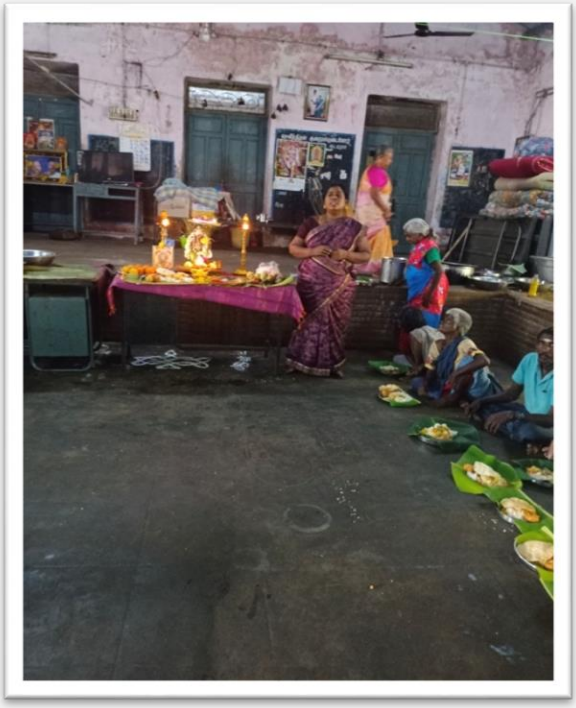


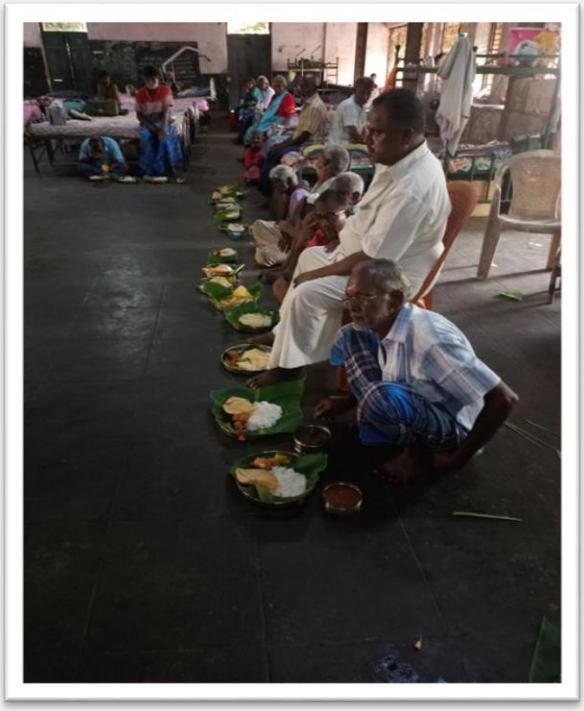




VINAYAGAR CHATHURTHI CELEBRATION

We celebrated Vinayagar chathurthi with our shelter inmates and distributed food and snacks.





FRANCE THAMIZHARGAL SANGAM

On 03.02.2024 Ex. MLA Mr. Sampath sir along with France Thamizhargal Sangam visited our Shelter and sponsored varios beneficialry things like Fridge, Lunch Table, Etc., to our shelter homemates.





PONGAL CELEBRATION

We celebrated Pongal in our shelter with our residents of the shelter.





LUNCH SPONSORED BY TAGROS FOUNDATION

On 30.06.2023 Tagros Foundation staffs sponsored Lunch for our shelter inmates.



SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT

As a part of SPC Program the members of Students Police Cadet (SPC) from Municipal High Stchool Thirupapuliyur, Cuddalore visited our Shelter of Urban Homeless for knowledge gaining from our elders.










NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL DEFENCE


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Venue : HOME FOR HOMELESS AGED, MANJAKUPPAM, CUDDALORE.
Organized by : TAMILNADU INSTITUTE OF PALLIATIVE MEDICINE



SPECIAL FEATURES

- The dignity of the residents – chairs
- Clothesline on the terrace
- Staff training program
- Special counseling sessions
- Medical accompaniment
- Regular medical checkups
- Once a month residents and staff meeting
- Eat out with staff
- Yearly once we give new dress and bag
- On special days we put new movies
- We have given uniforms to our staff (overcoats)
- We put fans and lights in rooms

FUTURE PLAN

- Competitions for the residents once a fortnight- We are planning to organize a competition for the residents once in 15 days to encourage them to come out for their fear.
- Monthly Special Events in the shelter as well as for the locals outside we are a special program every month we are like include the local public such as social justice day giving awareness on dengue and other issues.
- Entrepreneurial Skill Training Workshop this is to encourage the residents not only to become workers and to become an entrepreneur who can employ others.
- Leadership Training, we like to have periodically leadership program for the residents on a regular basis
- Counselling we would like to have a number of counselors for a special counseling program where our residents could feel comfortable and residents who need more attention and care.
- Planning to go for an outing to the nearest place.

CONCLUSION

Home is literally where the heart is. For our homeless people, the shelter provides home-based facilities and gives them the feeling that they are in their own homes. In order to serve the least in society we need the support of the locals and other well-wishers. As it is a joint venture we serve the marginalized in collaboration with our well-wishers in a better way. We aim to work together to end homelessness in our city. Kammiyampettai Shelter for Urban Homeless is continuously working for that status in our society with the help of our Greater Cuddalore City Corporation.



THANK YOU