



## **Annual Report 2013-14**

At the outset, **Devashrayam Charitable Society** welcomes all our members to the 18th Annual General Body meeting. We take this opportunity to thank all our well wishers, friends and donors for their support which serves as a strong base for the continuance of our activities.

### **THE YEAR THAT WAS**

This year marked the **18<sup>th</sup>** year of service to the poor, needy and the helpless in our society. Over the years the scope of service and the number of beneficiaries has increased and we have established ourselves as a dedicated service organization.

The overwhelming participation by the public for our activities gives us more confidence to continue our current activities further and launch into new areas that can generate revenue as well as employment opportunities for our students.

The much awaited green signal for the non woven nylon bag unit was given by the main sponsor Ms Thomas Cook. This project will however be launched in the next financial year bringing immense opportunities for our students, their parents and for the Centre as a whole.

The projects undertaken by Devashrayam can be classified under 4 sections:

- Annadhanam - Providing free midday meal to the poor patients at Govt. District Hospital, Palakkad
- Ashrayam - Vocational rehabilitation of mentally challenged students
- Ayurbandhu - Financial Aid for dialysis of poor patients with renal failure
- Free Medical Aid - Medicine and financial assistance to poor patients.

### **ANNADHANAM**

Devashrayam was established with the initial intent of providing a free mid-day meal to the poor patients at Govt. District Hospital, Palakkad. This was the **1<sup>st</sup> project** towards which support of individuals and service organizations in Palakkad was sought. What started as a small beginning (ie meals to 100 patients a day in the 1<sup>st</sup> year) has assumed fairly large proportions and nearly **250 patients receive their mid-day meal from us now**. This service continues uninterruptedly for all the 365 days for the past 18 years. On an average 250 patients are fed every day and approximately **90,000-100,000 patients are benefited every year**. This number is increasing every year. In spite of the soaring prices of essential commodities, the residents in and around Palakkad town as well as the Round Table of India – 81, contribute the major chunk of rice needed for this project. We thank all the donors & well wishers who have donated in cash and kind to make this project run without interruption.

The total cost incurred towards this project was **Rs 5,57,000/- plus rice (more than 500 kgs per month)** and food material donated by well wishers to the tune of more than Rs 2,00,000/- annually.

### **ASHRAYAM**

Devashrayam provides a safe refuge and a healthy learning environment to the mentally challenged who otherwise have nowhere to turn to. At present 68 mentally challenged students attend the rehabilitation center. They participate in regular exercises, classroom sessions, art, craft and music lessons designed as per their capabilities. Apart from that a few of them are involved in our ongoing projects of making Phenyl, liquid soap, Agarbathi, candles and paper bags. The gardening unit in which 5 students are involved caters to the fruits and vegetables requirements of the centre to a certain extent. A Mushroom production unit was set up with the assistance from Free Masons of Lodge Palghat – 159. However this unit works only during the cooler months between May to January due to the intense hot climate at Palakkad during the rest of the year.

The sale of Phenyl, liquid soap, Agarbathi and other items produced by students also attained a record high. The stipend given to students was Rs.35,600/-

The staff members at Devashrayam had an addition of one more teacher, Ms Praseetha who has received training in dealing with special children. Increased staff strength helps in managing the students better as well as giving individualized attention to them.

In the disability day function conducted by The Social Welfare Department on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013 the students of Devashrayam won numerous prizes in the arts and sports events.

The Promotion of Sports & Games Association (PSG), a non profit organisation that works with 12 schools in Palakkad district organized a district level badminton tournament at the Cosmopolitan Club this year on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014. Our students participated in the badminton tournament organized by them and received certificates of participation.

In continuation for the goal for normalization and removal of stigma towards the special students, the students of Devashrayam interacted with students of several schools and higher education institutions. Students and teachers of major schools and colleges in Palakkad visited our center, which gave a new experience both to the visitors and the host. Some of these are students of NSS Engineering College, Palakkad, Students and faculty members of SICOMS a management college in Pathiripala, Students and teachers of Guardian Public school, Teachers and students of Moyan's girls higher secondary school, PMG school, SN College, Alathur, Indu memorial teacher's training college, Koyalmannam and several other institutions.

As in the previous few years, this year too, an outstation trip was organized for our students along with their parents. This year's destination was Bangalore and the period was Dec 20<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>th</sup> 2013. A total group of 110 including Students, Staff and Parents, traveled by train to and from Bangalore. For travel within the city a bus was hired. More than 10 MSW trainees attended centre for 30days as part of their practical educational training. Music and drawing classes were conducted once a week and physiotherapy twice a week for the students.

### **Ayurbandhu**

Our tie up with Shanthi Medical and Information centre at Esaf Hospital, Palakkad completed another successful year benefitting **664 poor patients with kidney malfunction**. These patients are able to carry on with their lives with the free dialyses support from this project. This year brought the total number of free dialyses to more than 3600 from inception. This project was at an expense of **Rs 3,32,000/- for 664 patients this year**.

### **FREE MEDICAL AID**

This is another significant project of Devashrayam. This project operates through authorized medical shops in Palakkad. **More than 70 poor patients** are given medicines free of cost on a monthly basis on producing prescription of doctors. This year saw a quantum increase in the **medical aid to Rs. 4,34,670/- compared to last year total of Rs. 2,89,774/-** We are extremely satisfied that so many people who approached us have benefited from this project. Much more needs to be done, however, as the need is huge and we are not able to meet the entire requirements. **This year 9 patients** were given one time medical aid for treatment. Medical insurance was provided to all the staffs and family members to the tune of Rupees One lakh by paying an insurance premium of **Rs 27,996/-**.

### **LIST OF OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** The centre re-opened after the summer break.

**May 16<sup>th</sup>** A visit by District social welfare officer, Mr Mrithyunjayan and his team to the centre.

**June 7<sup>th</sup>** Indu Memorial teachers training, Koyalmannam centre's entire strength of 75 students 10 staff members visited.

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** 20 NSS students and 4 teachers from SN College, Alathur visited. They brought coconuts and vegetables for the centre and sweets for the students.

**August 9<sup>th</sup>** Ghazal sandhya was organized by the centre. The Mehfil group of Palakkad which consists of some known singers like Prakash Ulliyeri, Murali, Manju Menon and Vishnu sang ghazals. All the committee members of Devashrayam and students, parents, well wishers were present on the occasion.

**August 14<sup>th</sup>** The group from Kodumba Ollasserri 'Shivasakti group" organized a dance and music program for our students. They also sponsored a special sadhya for the students and staff members.

**August 15<sup>th</sup>** Independence Day was celebrated at the center. Retd Brigadier N P G Menon hoisted the flag. All the members and a few guests were present.

**August 29<sup>th</sup>** 15 Students and 2 teachers from SICOMS, Pathiripala visited and donated an amount to the centre. They interacted with the students and presented some entertainment programs.

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** Onam was celebrated at the center with the students, parents, members and guests. The cultural and the sports program in which students and parents participated was really exciting. This was followed by a grand Onam sadhya afterwards.

**Sep 28<sup>th</sup>** 110 students from NSS Engg college visited and presented programs, organized events for the students and gave away prizes.

**October 9<sup>th</sup>** Shalom Residential Public school came with a team of 30 students and 3 teachers and gave Note books, pens, pencils, eraser, sharpeners to our students.

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** Bakrid was celebrated at the center; biriyani was prepared with the participation of the students and staff.

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** Adi Sankara School, Nallepilly visited with 45 students and 2 teachers.

**October 24<sup>th</sup>** A Parents meeting was organized. All the main members of the centre were present and interacted with the parents for feedback and progress of their wards.

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** Psychiatrist Dr Faizer and his team from the organization Thanal at Trissur visited the centre to interact with the students and exchange some ideas for better management of the centres.

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** Students and teachers from Kannadi Govt Higher Secondary schools visited and gave sweets to the students. Students and 6 teachers from Moyan's girls Higher secondary school visited. 45 students and 4 teachers from PMG school, Palakkad visited and distributed sweets to the students.

**November 21<sup>st</sup>** Ladies Circle organized a colouring competition for the students. 35 students participated. They received certificates and prizes like crayon sets, pencils, erasers and sweets.

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>** A team consisting of teachers, 90 cadet police students, police trainers from Moyan's girls Higher Sec school visited and interacted with our students.

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>** A function was organized by the State government on Disability Day in the Town Hall. 40 students from the centre participated in different competitions and 36 of them won prizes.

**December 19<sup>th</sup>** Christmas was celebrated at the center. Fr (Dr)Rahael from Samagra (Childline service) visited with his team and inaugurated the function by cutting a cake for the students. 15 sisters from Provident Divine Centre, Seraphic Convent, Angela Bhavan attended the program.

**December 20<sup>th</sup>** A group of 110 members consisting of students, staff, parents and Devashrayam members left for a 3 day trip to Bangalore.

**January 26<sup>th</sup>** Republic Day was celebrated at the center. Col. Satheesan, Retd. Brigadier hoisted the flag and sweets were distributed to the students.

**February 12<sup>th</sup>** District level Badminton tournament organized by The Promotion of Sports & Games Association (PSG) in which our students participated and won certificates.

**March 28<sup>th</sup>** 150 students from Guardian Public school visited along with 10 teachers. They interacted with the students and gave sweets and note books to them.

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** The centre closed for summer vacation.

#### **HELP TO NGO'S AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS**

- Donation of Rs.12,000/- to Chirakukal, Palakkad- as support to the old age home for the destitute
- Donation of Rs. 12,000/- and 200 Kg of rice to Mercy home, Chulanoor, Palakkad- for running home for the mentally ill destitute
- Donation of 800 Kg of rice to Sneha Theram Palliative care unit Elapully, Palakkad.
- Donation of Rs 25,000/- to Margadeepthi Charitable trust for organizing medical camps.
- Donated furniture worth Rs 10,000/- to Ummini School, Palakkad.
- Donated Music System worth of Rs.7000/- to Dialysis Unit of Govt. District Hospital Palakkad.

#### **SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Devashrayam acknowledges and appreciates the support provided by all our well-wishers, sponsors, friends and supporters. Without the help and support of these good hearted people, Devashrayam would not have been able to reach where it is today. We express sincere gratitude to all, who extended help and good wishes in times of need.

Devashrayam was registered with **Give India** this year and we gratefully acknowledge Give India for collecting **Rs.4,54,045/-** for our various projects from well wishers all over India and abroad.

**Ms Thomas Cook** came forward once again to help the centre under its CRS initiatives and have donated an amount of **Rs 3,30,175/-** for setting up a non woven nylon bag unit.

## **Identity**

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- Devashrayam Charitable Society is registered as a society under the Society Registration Act of 1860 (Reg. No. 209/96, dated 17-07-1996 with the sub register office, Palakkad) [Registration renewed on 13-03-2012]
- Devashrayam Rehabilitation Center for the Mentally Challenged is registered with the Directorate of Social Welfare Trivandrum (Reg. No. 0141,dated 03-12-2005)
- Donations to Devashrayam Charitable Society is exempt under Section 80 G of Income tax Act of 1961, vide order No. CIT. TCR/TECH/80 G- 42/ 2006-07, dated 02-08-2007.
- Devashrayam Charitable Society is registered under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act , 1976 Registration number is 05289009, dated, 05/05/2010. Returns for the year submitted on 23-09-2012

### **Name and address and account number of banks**

1. Union Bank of India, Chandranagar, Palakkad,  
SB Ac. No. 339602010097002.
2. Union Bank of India, Chandranagar, Palakkad,  
SB Ac No. 339120100091426. (Exclusively for Foreign Contributions under FCRA act of 1976)
3. State Bank of Travancore, Chandranagar, Palakkad,  
SB Ac. No. 67034554129
4. ICICI Bank, Palakkad, (Exclusively for Give India donations)  
SB Ac No. 026201001166
5. HDFC Bank, Chandranagar, Palakkad  
SB-Institution Ac No. 01171450000087
6. SBI, Marutharode Branch, Palakkad  
SB A/c No.33393848038

### *NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE AUDITOR*

Mr.K.V.Venkitaraman,  
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### *DETAILS OF BOARD OF MEMBERS*

Name	Age	Sex	Position on Board	Occupation	Cost of International travel
Saramma George	80	F	President	Social worker	0
Lalitha Gowrisankar	65	F	Vice President	Social worker	0
C.Ramachandran	75	M	Secretary	Rtd. PSU. Employee	0
P V Vijayaraghavan	67	M	Joint Secretary	Social worker	0
Mohandas P.P.	67	M	Treasurer	Social worker	0
Beena Govind	46	F	Executive- Member	Employed	0
Manoj C.S.	46	M	Executive- Member	PSU Employee	0
Sasikumar	53	M	Executive- Member	Employed	0
Mayankutty	67	M	Executive- Member	Rtd. Railway employee	0
Lakshmanan	68	M	Executive- Member	Agriculturist	0

- REMUNERATION OF THREE HIGHEST PAID STAFF MEMBERS: RS. 10,000/- P.M - RS.9,000/- P.M AND RS. 8,700/- .PM.
- Remuneration of the lowest paid staff member Rs. 2500/- P.M.

#### STAFF REMUNERATION GROSS MONTHLY SALARY + BENEFITS] IN RUPEES

Head of the organization (including honorarium)	Nil
Highest paid Full Time regular staff:	Rs. 1,20,000 per year
Lowest paid Full Time regular staff:	Rs. 30,000 per year

**Staff details**

Gender	Paid Full Time	Paid Part Time	Paid Consultants	Unpaid Volunteers
Female	8	2		1
Male	5	1	1	1

*DISTRIBUTION OF SALARY ACCORDING TO SALARY LEVEL*

Slab of gross salary (in Rs.) plus benefits paid to staff in a month	Male	Female	Total
<5000	4	9	13
5000 - 10000	3	1	4
10000 - 25000	0	0	0
25000 - 50000	0	0	0
Total	7	10	17

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