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ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15

At the outset, **Devashrayam Charitable Society** welcomes all our members to the 19th 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 **19th** 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.

Like all previous years the participation by the public for our activities gives us renewed confidence to continue our current activities further with vigour and commitment.

The main achievement for the Society was the funds donated by **M/s Rubfila International Ltd, Kanjikode** for setting up a **Steam Kitchen at the cost of Rs 5,98,835/-**. With the steam kitchen the Centre will be able to execute its Annadanam project (which is done all 365 days of the year) with ease and hygiene. There will be a reduction in manual labour and its associated costs as well as a speeding up of the lunch preparation activities. The Society is highly obliged to this organization for coming forward with such a well meaning objective.

The Centre has acquired a fresh look after some classroom fabrication work and painting of the building took place over two phases during the year.

The projects undertaken by Devashrayam were the same as last year and can be classified under 4 sections:

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



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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 **1st 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 1st 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 10,84,487/- plus rice (more than 500 kgs per month Valued approximately Rs. 168000/P.A)** and food material donated by well wishers.

ASHRAYAM

Devashrayam provides a safe refuge and a healthy learning environment to the mentally challenged who otherwise have nowhere to turn to. At present 66 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. The Mushroom production unit set up with the assistance from Free Masons of Lodge Palghat – 159 generates a small income as this unit works only during the cooler months between June to October 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 fetched a good income, just as in the previous years. The stipend given to students was **Rs.26,300/-**

Devashrayam had three new teachers joining the team during 2014-15 - Ms Ramya, Ms Neethu and Ms Parvathy all with 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 World Disability day function conducted by The Social Welfare Department on 3rd December 2014, 37 students of Devashrayam participated and won numerous prizes in the arts and sports events.

Our students participated in “Special Olympics Bharath 2014-15” conducted at Muttikulangara by the Special Schools Association, Palakkad on 31st January 2015. 17 students won 42 medals as 1st/2nd/3rd position holders in various events.

The Special Schools Association of Palakkad district organized a district level badminton tournament at the Cosmopolitan Club this year on 6th March 2015. Six of our students participated in the tournament - one winning the 3rd place while the others received certificates of participation.

Every year we strive to acquaint more of more people with the Centre’s activities as well as enhance interactions with our students so that people start seeing the ‘normal’ side of special students. This year too 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 and teachers Kendriya Vidyalaya, Olavakkode, NSS Engineering College, Palakkad, Students and faculty members of SICOMS a management college in Pathiripala, Students and teachers of -



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Basil Mission school, Teachers and students of, Bharat Theertha Vidyalayam, Kallekkad , SN College, Alathur as well as NCC cadets from Govt Polytechnic, retired teachers of Govt Moyan's school gave fresh energy to our institution with their visits and contributions.

The annual outing is a much awaited event at the Centre as the students along with their parents go to a picnic destination. This year on 20th Dec 2014, a total group of 106 including Students, Staff, Parents and a few members, traveled by bus to Cochin and were taken on a boat ride to Fort Cochin and Vypin. Another picnic, sponsored by the resort at Pudur, was organized on 28th March and the students and staff had a wonderful outing to the Pudur resorts.

Ayurbandhu

Our tie up with Shanthi Medical and Information centre at Balaji Hospital, Palakkad completed another successful year giving 534 free dialyses benefitting several 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 4000 from inception. This project was at an expense of **Rs 2,67,000/- 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 the quantum of **medical aid was Rs. 396418/-** It is very heartening that so many people who approached us have benefited from this project. Much more needs to be done, however, as the need are huge and we are not able to meet the entire requirements. **This year 10 patients** were given one time medical aid for treatment of amounts in the region of Rs 5000/- Rs 7000/- each. 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 29,850/-**.



LIST OF OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS

April 22nd The centre re-opened after the summer break.

May 3rd Students and teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Olavakkode visited the Centre. They donated rice and groceries to the Centre.

May 9th Our students accompanied by teachers were taken for watching the movie 'Ringmaster' starring Dileep.

August 15th Independence Day was celebrated at the center. The Chief Guest was a famous Malayalam writer Shri Mundur Sethu Madhavan. His wife Mrs Ambika, Retd KSEB official, hoisted the flag. All the members and a few guests were present on the occasion. The members who spoke on the occasion were Mr P V Vijayaraghavan, Mr Ramachandran, Mrs Saramma George, Mr Manoj, Mr M N Govind, Mr Biju T K and Mr Ramaswamy. Sweets were distributed to the children on this occasion.

August 29th Students from Sicoms, a management institution at Pathiripala Palakkad visited and interacted with the students. They gave a cash donation to the Centre.

August 30th More than 100 Students and 3 teachers from N S S Engg College, Palakkad visited the Centre. They interacted with the students and presented entertainment programs – music, dance etc. They also organized competitive events for our students. They presented study kits to the students and donated an amount to the Centre.

September 4th Onam was celebrated at the center with the students, parents, members and guests. Onam celebrations started at 8 30 am as many events were planned for the day. The program was inaugurated by Mr M B Rajesh, M P. The Chief Guest was Adv Ajay Kumar and the other guest was Ward member Mr Subramaniam. Members present were Mrs Beena Govind, Mr M N Govind, Mrs Lalitha Gowrishankar, Mrs Saramma George, Mr P V Vijayaraghavan, Mr Mohan Das, Mr Manoj, Mr Ramaswamy, Mr Lakshamanan. Competitions conducted for students were pookalam, musical chair and a few games. The celebration concluded with a grand Onam sadhya afterwards.

Sep 16th The Centre reopened after the Onam vacation.

Sept 27th Mathrubhumi Grihalakshmi Vedi conducted Onam celebrations at the Centre. They donated an amount to the Centre and gave food items to the children. The guests who spoke were Mrs Prasanna Chandran and Mrs Latha Nair. Mrs Beena Govind was present and updated the guests on the activities of the Centre.

October 11th & 12th The Centre participated in the exhibition "Sankalp" by putting up our products for sale. It gave us a chance to promote our products as well as impart awareness among the public about our activities.

October 18th Fifty Students from Basil Mission School, along with 2 teachers visited the Centre. They interacted with the students and gave Fruity to all.

October 25th The Centre participated in the exhibition "Inspire 2014" at Malappuram organized by the State Institute for the mentally challenged by putting up our products for sale. It was to promote self

advocacy and interactions with the general public. 10 students and 2 teachers managed the stall along with Mr. Mohandas, Board member. Which was attended by Kerala state Cabinet Ministers.

November 7th On the occasion of S N College (Alathur) day, three Professors from the college visited and donated Rs 3000/- to the Centre.

The same afternoon saw another visited from Big Bazaar Higher Secondary school, Palakkad, of 40 students and 3 teachers. They interacted with the students.

November 12th Ladies Circle organized a drawing & colouring competition for the students. All the participants received certificates and prizes like crayon sets, pencils, erasers and sweets.

November 14th Children's day was celebrated with a music program by Shri Coyalmanam Ramakrishnan who holds 5 records in the Guinness Book for longest recital. The students, teachers and guests greatly enjoyed his two hour performance at the Centre. Members present were Mrs Beena Govind, M N Govind, Lalitha Gowrishankar, Saramma George, Lakshmanan, Ramachandran, Mohandas, Ramaswamy Shri Ramakrishnan presented a CD of his music to the Centre and we gave him our products as gift.

November 22nd N C C cadets from Govt Polytechnic visited. They conducted mimicry, karaoke. They distributed cakes to our students.

December 3rd Students from our Centre participated in the sports & cultural events organized on World Disability Day at Govt Victoria College. 37 students participated in the events and 14 students won prizes.

December 13th The Centre put up a sales counter at 'Rangoli 2014' held at Chandranagar Club.

December 20th Children accompanied by all the teachers, parents, and a few members went on a day long picnic tour to Ernakulam. They went on a 3 hr boat ride from the Marine drive and had a picnic lunch on the boat. They played games and had a dance session in the afternoon. The Christmas break of 10 days began from the next day.

December 29th The Centre reopened after the Christmas vacation.

January 3rd Retired teachers from Govt Moyan Girls High School (Moyans Poorva Adhyapika Vedi) organized their New Year Celebration at the Centre. 11 teachers visited and donated a sum of Rs 25,000/- to the Centre and gave sweets to the students. Members present were Mrs Beena Govind, Mr M N Govind, Mr Manoj, Mrs Saramma George, Mrs Lalitha Gowrishankar, Mr Mohandas, Mr Vijay Raghavan, Mr Ramachandran.

January 10th Christmas and New Year were jointly celebrated at the Centre. The Chief Guest was the MD of M/s Malabar Cements Mr Padma Kumar. Along with him 10 board members from Malabar Cements were also present for the function. Also present were Shri P T Narendran Menon, well known Malayalam writer and his wife Shrimati Sukumari Narendran Menon, a former classical singer. Mr Mannur Rajakumar Unni, a musician was also a guest for the function. Several members were present on the occasion. Our students presented dance, songs and mimicry. There was a lunch for everyone.

January 14th Director Board members of Malabar Cements visited the Centre in connection with some funding that they want to offer to our Centre as part of their CSR initiatives.

January 26th Republic Day was celebrated at the Center. The National flag was hoisted by Retd Capt Chandrasekharan. The Republic day message was delivered by Mrs Leela Chandrasekharan. Members present were Mr Vijayraghavan, Mr Mohandas, Mr Ramachandran and Col Satheesh. Sweets were distributed to the students.

January 31st Our students participated in "Special Olympics Bharath 2014-15" conducted at Muttikulangara by the Special Schools Association, Palakkad. 17 students won 42 medals as 1st/2nd/3rd position holders in various events.

February 1st & 2nd One teacher Ms Shena R attended a two day cluster meeting at Attapadi AHADS.

February 5th 37 students and 2 teachers from Bharat Theertha Vidyalayam, Kallekkad visited the Centre. They presented cultural programs and distributed sweets among the students.

February 22nd One teacher from the Centre, Ms Sheena R attended a meeting in connection with special Olympics conducted at Kottayam.

February 23rd Two teachers – Ms Sheena R and Ms Vijitha- attended a seminar on ‘Autism’ conducted by BRC.

February 25th Our students participated in the cultural fest organized by DTPC at Malampuzha. Our students were given 1 hr to showcase cultural programs. 28 students presented dances, songs, mimicry etc. All students received certificates and gifts. All the teachers went with the student group accompanied by 3 members Mrs Beena Govind, Mr M N Govind and Mr Ramachandran.

February 28th Faith India Special School conducted a Seminar for special school teachers. Five teachers attended the full day seminar and gained new knowledge in handling special needs children.

March 6th Badminton tournament was conducted at Cosmopolitan Club by the Special School Association of Palakkad. 6 students participated and received 3rd prize in the tournament.

March 22nd On the occasion of World Theatre Day there were several programs being conducted by READ. Our students participated in Action song.

March 28th Our students, teachers and a few members went to Pudur Resort for a picnic. The entire Expenses were sponsored by the resort authorities.

March 29th The centre closed for summer vacation.

HELP TO NGO'S AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS

- Donation of Rs.12,000/- to Chirakukul, Palakkad- as support to the old age home for the destitute
- Donation of 800 Kg of rice to Sneha Theram Palliative care unit Elapully, Palakkad.
- Donation of Rs 30,000/- to Margadeepthi Charitable trust for organizing medical camps.

INTERNSHIP

Four Students from M/s. V.V. College of Science and Technology has done their internship at Devashrayam as a part of their Degree of Bachelor of Commerce.

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 is registered with **Give India** and we gratefully acknowledge Give India for collecting **Rs.4,34,525/-** for our various projects from well wishers all over India and abroad. These funds helped us to execute four of our main projects successfully.

We are very much indebted to Mr. Balram, “Dhanya”, Veekshnam Road, Kochi and Rotary Club of Palakkad, East for arranging a one day picnic to Mango County Resorts, Pudur for our children free of cost.

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
P V Vijayaraghavan	68	M	President	Social worker	0
Lakshmanan	68	M	Vice President	Agriculturist	0
M N Govind	53	M	Secretary	Business	0
Sasikumar A	54	M	Joint Secretary	Employed	0
Manoj C.S.	47	M	Treasurer	PSU Employee	0
Ramaswamy.V.N		M	Executive- Member	Employed	0
Beena Govind	47	F	Executive- Member	Employed	0
Samma George	81	F	Executive- Member	Social Worker	0
Biju T K	47	F	Executive- Member	Agriculturist	0
C.Ramachandran	75	M	Executive- Member	Rtd. PSU employee	0
Col.Satheesan	84	M	Executive- Member	Rtd Defense employee	0

- *REMUNERATION OF THREE HIGHEST PAID STAFF MEMBERS: RS. 10,000/- P.M - RS.9,900/- P.M AND RS. 9,460/- .PM.*
- Remuneration of the lowest paid staff member Rs. 2750/- 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. 33,000 per year

Staff details

Gender	Paid Full Time	Paid Part Time	Paid Consultants	Unpaid Volunteers
Female	11	-	-	1
Male	6	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	2	5	7
5000 - 10000	5	6	11
10000 - 25000	0	0	0
25000 - 50000	0	0	0
Total	7	11	18
