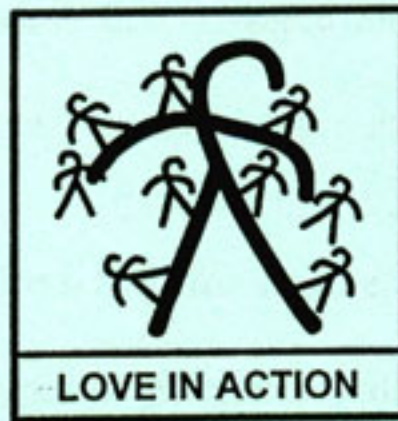


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Annual Report

From April 07 TO March 08

TAILORING UNIT

- 45 Women have completed the free training on tailoring so far and gone for self – employment.
- At present free training is given to 15 girls in the Unit.
- Earning from job work is also arranged for these girls in the Unit.
- The Unit function from 9.30 am to 6 pm daily and Sunday is holiday.
- Certificate obtained from SISI for small entrepreneurs.
- Training in various types of garments is also introduced.
- A free medical camp was organized for our unit women with homeopathy doctor Mrs. Leern and treated with health prescription individually.

HOME FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED

- Free boarding is provided to physically challenged women.
- Home is run on the principle of 'Learn – Earn – Live – Serve'.
- Home is run with the support of Anandashram, Kanhangad, Kerala.
- Five of challenged women from village are now staying at the home.
- Regular counseling by experts on self – improvement given to inmates.

COUNSELLING TO PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED

- Regular visits have been made to five villages of Shozhavandan and in addition now to Melakkal, Oothukuli, Thenkarai and Tharapatti. Awareness has been given on education opportunities, loan facility and employment opportunities in the villages.
- Positive attitude and hope for life has been injected to physically challenged families along with direction and guidance.
- Regular counseling is done to challenged women to get wheel chairs, bank loans and employment.
- One challenged girl told that she does not even know the opportunities provided by society so far. This statement revealed the importance of awareness.
- Another challenged girl conveyed that she is not allowed to come out of the house because she has to cross the road.
- Counseling is also done through telephone to outstation challenged women and also through letters.
- Thiyagam is receiving numerous letters and phone calls from challenged women seeking help. We try to fulfill the genuine needs by referring to individuals and service organizations.

SL.No	Types of Issues Handled	No of beneficiary	Place
1	Family – PCW	27	Rural
2	Job counseling – PCW	16	City area
3	Employment opportunity	25	Rural
4	Information Cell	19	City/ rural
5	Guidance to needy people	22	4 Districts

THIYAGAM NARPANBU KALVI MAIYAM (TNKM)

- Five free evening tuition centers are doing well in villages Thiruvedagam, Kamachipuram, Melakkal, Pudur, and Keelamathur in Madurai Dist.
- Five committed lady teachers appointed to take care of these centers and 190 students are benefited.
- Due importance is given to Value inculcation through various methods inspired by V Set and Ravi sir from V Set, Chennai visited Madurai and given special training to TNKM teacher's on the implementation of life skills program.
- Refresher camp conducted for children at Nagatheertham imparting training on handicrafts, street play, oyilattam, bommalattam,
- awarness songs, painting, moral stories etc. children participated with great enthusiasm.
- Nandini Voice for the deprived has donated Note books for the children of TNKM centres and the same was distributed.
- Parents Meet was organized at Thiruvedagam on 15-07-07 with 35 Parents and shared the views of Parents Participation in TNKM efforts.
- Independence Day Program held at Pudur village on 15-08-07 Sri Nallasivam has given special coaching to children on Mathematics.
- Yoga training given to children at Vivekananda College and 30 children has participated.
- Children undergone Yoga Training from Keelamathur village had taught it to Kamatchipuram village children.
- Children Day celebration at Keelamathur and Mr. Ramanathan, IFS has participated.
- Teachers for Yoga and Karate appointed with the help of IT factory friends.

- Water filters was provided by IT Factory for five villages.
- Children Day celebration at Kamatchipuram, Thiruvedagam and Pudur villages.

THIYAGAM COMPUTER CENTRE

- Thiyagam Computer Centre (TCC) is started with an aim to empower economically poor, physically challenged rural women, unskilled, semi skilled and skilled and skilled job seekers and places them in suitable jobs.
- TCC offers free training in computer to deprived women and especially, women with disabilities.

SBI – has donated Two computers to Thiyagam for training purpose.
IT Factory has donated Two Computers and a multi purpose printer to the Centre.

Computer training by Mr. Prasad.

S.No.	Name of the beneficiary	Place
1	N. Ananthi	Chozhavandan
2	S. Vijiyaswari	Chozhavandan
3	S. Anushya	Chozhavandan
4	K. Kaliyammal	Arappalayam
5	G. Tamilselvi	T Krishnapuram
6	L. Chitra	Melur
7	P. Saraswathi	Sellur

ON THE ROAD TO DAWN – SOME EXPERIENCES

- Thiyagam obtained 80 – G Tax exemption certificate.
- Regular savings are motivated among challenged women through Thiyagam Self Help group.
- Thiyagam has arranged ‘Iron Box’ for Mr. Kasi, a poor drycleaner given by V- Set friends from Chennai.
- Saradha Samajam, Chennai has donated Rs. 1000/- worth of books to Thiyagam.
- Exposure visit to Anandashram, Kanhangad, Kerala. Two of the challenged women have not boarded the train at all before this visit.
- Participated in Equal Education program in Pothigai Television.
- Meeting of challenged women at Sivakasi and in which 13 women participated.
- Through Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, Tri Wheeler, scooter for Ms. Dhanalakshmi was arranged.
- Serving as a guide to Visually Challenged girl Shyamala for her job.
- Survey conducted in villages Melamattiyan, Keelamatiyan, Uthukuli, Narayanapuram, Jaya colony, Thenkaraiputhur, Tarapatti, Malaipatti.
- Discussion with Railway Dept. Mr. Ilangovan IRS about our problems in train travels.
- Felicitated by Dr. Abdul Kalam on the occasion of CIOSA – Siragu Fellowship Program.
- One Day Counseling Session for physically challenged along with parents at Vellore organized by Exnora Greens.
- Thiyagam stall in Valluvar Kottam organized by CIOSA.

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- Cultural programme was organized at thamukkam, Madurai on 8.3.2008, International Women's Day with 15 Challenged Women Shared and participated with great Enthusiasm.

THIYAGAM GARMENTS UNIT

- Thiyagam Garmentas Unit offers free tailoring training in the production of ladies garments to deprived women and especially, women with disabilities.
- Thiyagam Garments Unit (TGU) is started with an aim to empower economically poor, and trains them for earning capacity.
- At present, TGU is functioning from DRDA Office Building, Anna Bus Stand.

THIYAGAM NATPU VATTAM:

Thiyagam encourages the challenged women to join together and share the growth information with other challenged women in their villages and thus expand the friends circle. The friends circle members are:

Tailoring Unit	- 15 Women
Computer Centre	- 7 Women
Friends Circle	- 35 Women

	57 Women

Thiyagam is marching on with differently abled to make difference!

For Thiyagam Women Trust

Amuthashanthy