



CANDLES in the wind

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Foreword by Thiru S.VIDYAAKAR

Dear Friends and Well Wishers,

Greetings!

I am very much delighted to address all my well wishers, donors and people who support and walk along with me towards serving humanity.

I understand the efforts put in by each one of you in supporting this great organization - Udavum Karangal. Without you this phenomenal accomplishments could not be achieved. It is much more to the credit of the well wishers who donate to support persons whom they are not aware of. This community of Well wishers and donors, I feel, is a model for the world of benevolence. I pray to God this would continue forever and ever, until the last person who needs help is reached.

As regards the various Projects that are being rolled out I am happy that there is a remarkable progress :-



- 🔥 The Construction of Jeevan Community College has reached 70% and is likely to be completed by Nov 2022
- 🔥 The Construction of Crematorium has reached 75% and is likely to be completed by Nov 2022
- 🔥 The number of Panchayat/ Village Schools that have been given infrastructure facilities has touched 35 in 4 districts of Tamilnadu.
- 🔥 The Million meal project for the underprivileged students of RVN School is progressing well with over 300 children being fed every day.
- 🔥 The number of paraplegic persons those have been reached and given help is 100 persons and we plan to reach out to a total of 250 persons by December 2022.
- 🔥 The Schools of Udavum Karangal have been performing well and have achieved 100% results in this year's Board exams.
- 🔥 The Gayathri Hospital has performed more surgeries for the underprivileged at affordable costs and the families of five just born babies have been gifted with Rs.10,000/- under Post Natal Care Scheme.

With the consistent support you have been extending for all the Projects of Udavum Karangal , I am for sure that everyone of you are living your life to full as all your support has and will reach the really deserving people that will give them a new lease of life.

Regards,

S. Vidyaaakar, Founder Secretary

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay for."



**Shri S.Vidyaakar (Founder Secretary Udavum Karangal)
Felicitated with a Citation & Rewarded Rs. 75,000/-**



Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Andhra Pradesh

An Andhra Pradesh native mentally ill found wandering on the street was rescued by Udavum Karangal.

Based on a crisis call from the public in Thiruvannamalai that mentally ill young man aged about 25 years was wandering on the road, a social worker of Udavum Karangal rescued the man. Later he was admitted to its facility in Thiruvannamalai. During the initial enquires by the staff, he was not able to provide any details about his background. His body bore lots of bruise, cut marks on his chest and hands and wound on his face, which was caused because of beating by the public when he was roaming on the road.

Later he was referred to the psychiatrist who diagnosed him to be having depression psychosis counseling was done by Psychologist and Social Worker would interact with him on a daily basis.

During interaction with young man, he first disclosed his name as Jagan Mohan Reddy. He could give the phone number of his uncle from his village called Selapadu

Village in Guntur Distrsict of Andhra Pradesh. The team reached his uncle and learnt that victim he was an alcoholic and a drug addict and had been fighting depression for very long time.

His uncle Subba Reddy, rushed to Udavum Karangal's Home at Thirvannamalai and received him back. The family was guided about the psychiatric treatment to be given and also one month's psychiatric medicines were given free of cost.





Donation of 33 Stainless steel table

Eight of the siblings from a family donated 33 SS Tables and Benches (3 seater) towards which your family (as below) Rs.5,00,000/- in memory of Shri R. Krishnan and Smt. Mythili Krishnan on his Centenary Celebrations held on 05-04-2022.

Mrs.Latha Parathasarathy	Mr.Krishnan Ramaswami	Mrs.Sudha Varadharajan	Mrs.Radha Sundararajan
Ms. Krithika Aravind	Mr. Sudarshan Chari	Mrs.Geetha Parthasarathy	Mr.Kashyap Krishnan Ramaswami

Distribution of Mobility Aids to Kilpauk Medical College Hospital



The following items of Mobility aids were donated by Udavum Karangal to Government KMC, Chennai on 12th June 2022. Mr. Mohan, Health Manager, handedover the items to Dr. P. Thirunavukkarasu, HOD – Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation :

- 1. Wheel chair - 6 nos. | 2. Foldable Walker - 10 | 3. Non-foldable walker - 5
4. Elbow crutches - 7 | 5. Walking stick - 15 | 6. Auxillary crutches - 4 pairs**



DCPO - INSPECTION



Mrs. Nishanthini (DCPO) and Mrs. Sangeetha Child Probation Officer, along with Udavum Karangal Physician Dr. Sathyabama inspected Shanthivanam on April 18, 2022. It was a general inspection during which they inquired about children's total strength, health, their living condition and academic details. They personally visited every place of the Home inspecting the dormitory of the children, restrooms, and kitchen. They went through all the registers maintained by the organization and provided very good feedback.

ParaSpara

Life Line Project for persons with Paraplegia

மீண்டும் வாழ போகிறேன்

As you are aware Udavum Karangal has embarked on an initiative called“paraSpara” to help ostracized paraplegic persons. This has been designed to habilitate the paraplegic victims to provide a ray of hope, if not their original active life.

Objectives of paraSpara are:

- Provide pain free life
- Fulfil basic needs
- Get them Nutritious food
- Teach livelihood skills
- Supply prescribed medicines



Nature of illness and condition of living

Life of Paraplegics who are left to fend for themselves is highly challenging due to their immobility. Normal persons can turn paraplegic due to an accident or a fall from a higher places. They can never recover, they cannot move and they are totally dependent for everything

In the initial days with the hope to improve their condition they spend all the money including their savings on treatment. Some even borrow lakhs of rupees and ultimately find them wasted. One fine day they realize that they can never recover, at which point of time, they are penniless with lots of loans to be repair and lose their earning capacity due to the disability.

It brings a sudden change of situation in their family environment. Most often, they get abandoned by their family members and are left to fend for themselves. At this point, life for them comes to a standstill and they exist in the process of slow death. When things become bad to worse some even try to commit suicide. So it is a never ending problem they face. Unless they are properly guided or supported they and their family's destiny cannot be revived.

Initiative of Udavum Karangal towards Paraplegic patients :

A dedicated team, formed under the Founder to help them, is headed by Mr. Mohan (Health Manager) with two Social workers, para-medical staff, two helpers and a driver.

The team has so far identified 250 such persons in and around Tiruvallur, Chengalpet, Thiruvannamalai and Chennai who are fighting a losing battle. Out of which we have reached out to 75 persons till date and have provided them with monthly provision, air bed, medical cot and free medicines. As already planned, we will also be providing livelihood skills to enable them earn on their own while in bed.

There are still 175 such persons with paraplegia who need help.

Our mission to help

In Phase 1 -Help in the form Life's basic needs like - Rice, groceries , airbed, Walkers, Commode Wheel chairs, medical cot , diapers and free medicines kit @ cost of Rs.20,000 for each person is proposed to be given.

In Phase -2, help for providing livelihood - like Laptops, sewing machine, etc. that will fetch income is proposed to be given @ 30,000 each.

Some paraplegic persons who were recently (May – June 2022) helped by Udavum Karangal with the support of Well Wishers.

Mr. Mohan , Health Supervisor, handing over essentials and medical cot with mattress and bed cover to a paraplegic person.





A 9 year old girl child by name Ms. Yogitha from Manali, Chennai, who has been diagnosed as Paraplegic and 80% disabled, Udavum Karangal, with your support has given a Pediatric Wheel chair, Essential Kit consisting of rice and provisions and free medicines.

The child is now comfortable in the wheel chair (also in the photo is our Health Manager, Mr. Mohan, who is the Chief Co-ordinator for the paraSpara Rehabilitation Project).



Ms. Yogitha



Mr. Sasikumar

He is Mr. Sasikumar, aged 45 years. He met with an accident in 2011 and underwent a surgery. Even after second surgery done in 2017 he could not recover. There is acute pain in his back and both his legs are without sensation. He was working as a security and now has no job. He was given medical cot, mattress, pillow and bed sheet and also essential kit consisting of rice and provisions.



Mr. Venkatesan

He is Mr. Venkatesan, aged 35 years and is paraplegic. He met with a bike accident and is bedridden for the last 6 years. He worked as a coolie and has no savings left with him, after having spent a huge amount towards his treatment for paraplegia. Both his parents are no more.

He was married but wife abandoned due to his condition. Udavum Karangal located him and now has given him, Hospital cot, mattress, Essential kit and Diapers. He is ready to take up some work from home employment for his livelihood.



Ms. Ezhilarasi

She is Ms. Ezhilarasi, aged 32 years, who is a graduate living in outskirts of Chennai. He is a paraplegic person with 75% disability suffering from 2013, due to a bus accident. She has been operated in various big hospitals but could not regain her original health. Udavum Karangal identified her in June 2022 and gave her cot, bed, bedsheets and 10 kg of rice and provision.

Both her parents are no more and she was married and separated due to this condition.

She is a BBA student and has knowledge of computers. She is ready to take up any computer related employment if provided an opportunity. She requires a Laptop for working.

Mr.Kumar

He is Mr.Kumar , aged 33 years who has been paraplegic person for the past one year. He became paraplegic due to an injury that occurred while fighting with the neighbours. He has almost spent Rs.1 lakhs through loans, but could not revive his health back since 2018. His medical condition is stated as Post traumatic paraplegia with epidural hematoma. Prior to this, he worked as a Security in a private company . He resides in a hut in chengalpet and is not married. Udavum Karangal provided him with Hospital bed, and essential kit.



Support in the form of a Power Sewing machine given for earning livelihood for a female paraplegia person



“The first case is of Ms. Sundhari, who is 32 years old , single and lives at Meenjur along with her parents. She is paraplegic from birth and so could not go to regular school. Her monthly expenditure is Rs.15,000/-.

Udavum Karangal while understanding her talent to stitch dresses has now given her a Tailoring machine with motor fixed for sewing, costing Rs.25,000/-. The machine was donated and she was thankful to the Donors of Udavum Karangal.”



GAYATHRI HOPITAL Free Medical Camps



S & P Apartment, Vanagaram



Yes Gee Yes Apartment, Vanagaram



BLS Training for Ambulance Drivers



RVN School

SRVM Result

Construction of Crematorium at Otteri, Chennai



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Initiative of Udavum Karangal Charitable Trust

ANNA NAGAR TIMESIndia's First Neighbourhood Newspaper
1487th Issue: April 17 - 23, 2022**Vidyaakar gifts iron box to needy person***By Our Staff Reporter*

On April 11, S. Vidyaakar (Founder, Udavum Karangal) gifted a new iron box to Palani (62) who earns his living by ironing clothes in Thiruvindravur (opposite railway station).

The beneficiary had started ironing clothes with his father from the age of 12 and has continued it for the past 40 years.

"During Covid lockdown, he went through severe financial crisis and is still struggling to cope with it. As he did not have money to buy a new iron box, he was continuing to use the old one which had worn out considerably", Vidyaakar said.

On coming to now of his plight, Vidyaakar gifted him a new iron box.

"What appears as small act of help, can make substantial difference in the lives of the needy. So do not shy away in helping someone in need, however minuscule it might be," Vidyaakar said.

His contact number is 99401 88011.

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DONATION OF IRON BOX TO NEEDY PERSON

"Together we can change the world, just one random act of kindness at a time"

Shri. Palani, aged 62 years

has been earning his living

by ironing clothes for the local

residents of Thiruvindravur

opposite Railway Station.

Though he was an illiterate he

learned the ironing skill from his

father and has been doing this

for the past 40 years i.e. from

the age of 12. He has been

using a traditional Marathi craft

Boxen Charcoal Iron Box with

coal. The iron box which he is

presently using is in a damaged

condition but could not get a

new one due to financial crisis

and wanted it to be replaced

Shri. Palani, Social Worker, while

on his way to Home found the

bad condition of the iron box

and promised to be replaced

with a new one.

Palani Vidyaakar, Founder of

Udavum Karangal, understood

his plight and immediately

replaced his iron box with a



(Palani Vidyaakar, Founder of Udavum Karangal donating the iron box to Mr. Palani)

Ashok Nagar, Chennai

Thiru S. Vidyaakar, Founder Udavum Karangal, Phone : 99401 88011,

Arumbakkam – 99400 35759 ; Thiruverkadu – 95662 44525; T.Nagar – 73587 86894 ; Maduravoyal – 99401 88052

Coimbatore – 99941 46610 ; Thiruvannamalai – 96000 78816 ; Madurai – 97910 15631



Medical equipments and accessories donated to Primary Health Centre Arani, Thiruvallur



Mobility Aids donated to Putturkattu Bone & Joint Centre pvt.Ltd.

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RVN School



சு.காவியா,
6-ம் வகுப்பு,
ராமகிருஷ்ண
வித்யா நிகேதன்,
திருவேற்காடு,
சென்னை-17.



எஸ்.மோனிகா,
9-ம் வகுப்பு,
செயின்ட் அலாசியஸ்
ஆங்கிலோ இந்தியன்
மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி,
சூளை, சென்னை-112.

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In the 2nd case, 50-year-old Manja Prasad was rescued from Ambattur in pathetic condition on April 13 and brought to Shrinivasan.

After treatment and counselling, he was found that she was from Kankar village (Madhyas Panchet) and her husband's name was Chandrakant Tiwari.

Based on this information, we were able to contact her family after much effort.

Her husband came to

She had left home in 2017 and the family had no clue of seeing her again.

If you find any destitute living in distress, please call us on 094494 6081.

Our rescue team works 24x7.

S. Varghese is the Founder of Udayam Karungal which has its administrative office in 460, NSK Nagar, Arumbakam. Provides care to abandoned babies, orphans and destitutes.



CANDLES IN THE WIND

Grassroots

Reuniting missing persons with families, supporting mental health

Uthman Karungal, a Chennai-based philanthropic organisation founded by Vijayakar, has recently reported two success stories relating to missing persons holding them to easy places



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TEAM - UDAVUM KARANGAL RRR - RESCUE, REHABILITATION & REUNION

- List of team members: Mr. Karungal, Mr. Karungal, Mr. Karungal, Mr. Karungal, Mr. Karungal, Mr. Karungal.

Advertisement for MR TALK ENGLISH TAMIL WEEKLY featuring college admission information and contact details.

Article titled 'Hope behind a pile of garbage' from Poonamallee Express, discussing rehabilitation for paraplegic victims.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SCHOOLS [CDPS]

Under CDPS, the facilities provided by Udavum Karangal are as follows:

1. Govt. Higher Sec School, Marakkanam, Vilupuram District.



* Donated 60 SS Bench and Desk * Installed new RO system

Total Cost of the project - Rs 5,76,900/-

2. Panchayat Union Primay School. Nadukuppam, Vilupuram District.



* Construction of new class room

Total Cost of the project - Rs 9,73,500/-

3. Panchayat Union Middle School. Omiper, Vilupuram District

* Construction of a new
compound wall
(569 running feet)

**Total Cost of the project :
Rs 14,54,067/-**





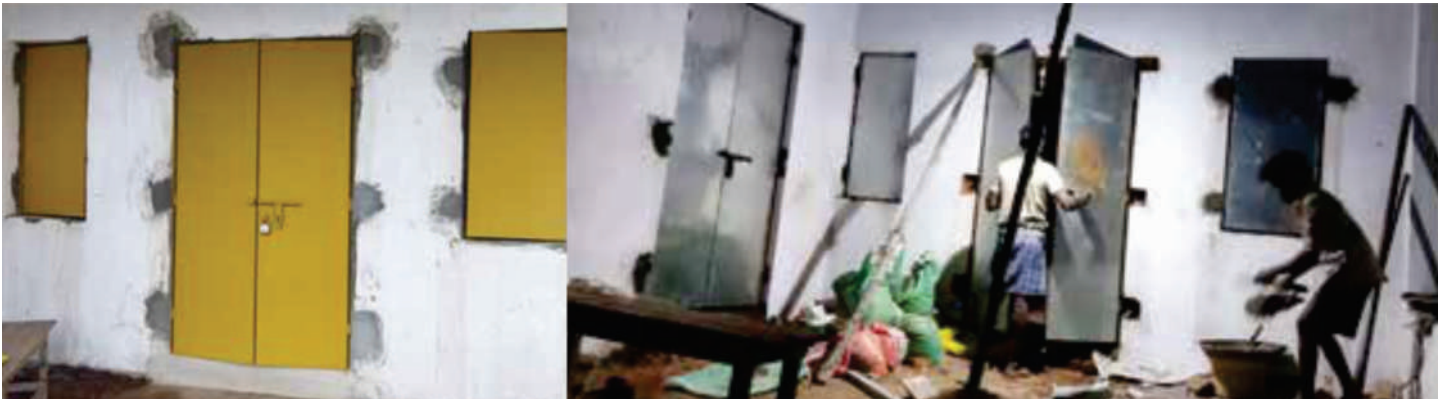
4. Govt. Girls Higher Sec School, Marakkanam, Vilupuram District



- * For Smart Class room – Fixing of floor mat and Iron sheets for doors and windows
- * Complete painting for Smart Class room

Total Cost of the project – Rs 3.00,663/-

5. Govt. Higher Sec School, Anakkavoor, Cheyyar



- * Fixed metal sheets for doors and windows for the newly constructed class rooms.

Total Cost of the project – Rs 1,83,200/-

Feed back of WellWisher

Kudos to Mr. Vidyasakar and Udayam Karangal
Ram Gnanadesikan <ram@vedastechnologies.com>

to me

பின்னிரண்டு வருடங்களுக்கு முன்பு உதவும் கருங்கள் அமைப்பில் உள்ள பெண் குழந்தை ஒருவருக்கு படிக்க உதவி செய்ய முடிவு செய்தேன். மடிவாலை ஒரு சிறுமியாய் சந்தித்தது இன்னும் என் நினைவில் உள்ளது. நிக் வித்யாகர் மற்றும் உதவும் கருங்கள் அமைப்பில் உள்ள அனைவரின் அரவணக்கத்தில் வளரும் மடிவாலை ஒவ்வொரு வருடமும் சந்தித்தது உண்டு. கொரோனா தொற்று காரணமாக கடந்த மூன்று வருடங்களுக்கு பார்க்க முடியவில்லை. நேற்று அவருக்கு பிறந்த நாள் என்பதால் அவரை சந்தித்தேன். எனக்கு மிக ஆச்சரியம். அவர் ஒரு அமைதியான, கைதரமான பெண்ணாக இருந்தார். எதிர் காலத்தில் ஆதிர்சியை படிப்பை முடித்து விட்டு உதவும் கருங்கள் அமைப்பிலேயே இருந்து உதவி செய்வேன் என்றும் சொன்னார். நேற்று செய்த உதவியை விடப்பாரம் எனச் சொல்லி இன்றே மறந்து விடும் மனிதர்கள் இருக்கும் காலத்தில் இப்படியும் ஒரு பெண்ணை? எதிர் காலத்தில் உதவும் கருங்கள் அமைப்பிற்கும், நிக் வித்யாகர் அவர்களுக்கும் பெருமை சேர்க்கும் வகையில் மடிவாலை செயல்படுவார் என்பதில் எனக்கு சந்தேகமே இல்லை.

Ramanathan Gnanadesikan

Feedback
(from Well Wishers /
Donors)

MARRIAGES AT UDAVUM KARANGAL



Ms. Bakthi Vidyaakar
with **Mr. P. Hariprakash**



Ms. Sumana Vidyaakar
with **Mr. M. Manikandan**



Ms. Thavasi Vidyaakar
with **Mr. S. Vignesh**



Ms. Pushpa Vidyaakar
with **Mr. Selva Muniyasami**

Conclusion :

The three months from April to June 2022 has seen lots of activities in Udavum Karangal, with marriages happening, rescue and restorations done at shortest possible time and the most important of it all is the launch of the Life line Project to help paraplegic persons – paraSpara.

I remember to have recently read a verse --

“Our way is not soft grass, it’s a mountain path with lots of rocks. But it goes upwards, forward, toward the sun.”

I am hopeful that there is no looking back and all those who are marching with me have a firm conviction of reaching the goal – our goal in serving the community with compassion and purpose.

S. Vidyaakar
Founder, Udavum Karangal

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