My dear Friends and Well Wishers, Namaste!
We are all facing an unprecedented challenge with people all over the world affected by the growing COVID-19 pandemic. The world is coming together to combat the COVID-19 pandemic to help respond to this global outbreak. The outpouring of global solidarity and support sparked by this shared challenge has been phenomenal. Even for us well wishers from far off places have given their mite. Importantly, Mrs. & Mr. Bart, from Netherlands, who sent us, within a very short time, 4 lakhs masks were very useful to us. Our Well wishers from
USA and UK of Indian Origin, have come forward to extend help by way of donating daily food and for giving essential kits to the needy people in the neighbourhood of our Home in Chennai. Dr. Padmini Ranganathan, from USA, has sent us 300 Finger Tip Pulse Oximeters, for distributing to the various end users.

As the Government has been treating all the Covid affected patients through its hospitals, in response to the appeal made by the Chief Minister of Tamilnadu, Udadum Karangal contributed Rs. 25 lakhs towards Chief Minister’s Public Relief Fund 2021.

In addition, we had also distributed life saving medical equipments to Kilpauk Medical College & Hospital, Rajiv Gandhi Hospital, Omanduar Hospital and other Government Public Health Centres in Chennai and Tiruvallur Dist.

During this time of great uncertainty we’ve been comforted, encouraged, and humbled by the outpouring of generosity and support from our community. To us, YOU are our heroes and we Thank You for helping us meet the challenges of this moment, so we can continue to provide the highest order of care with inclusion, integrity, compassion, accountability, respect and excellence.

I also congratulate all my staff, field workers, teachers, volunteers and the para-medical workers who have put their heart and soul in every step of this huge task of rendering help to the suffering people, unmindful of their personal health risk.

I also take this opportunity to applaud all my children and residents in our Homes who have understood the situation, made sacrifices and co-operated to abide by all the covid restrictions which helped us save all their lives with ease.

Let us all pray for a corona free world which will give us enough space to interact, do our routine and save each and every life on this earth.

We go by the principle “Every situation in life must be faced, so let us all face it with love!”

Thank you and regards,
S. Vidyaakar

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**REUNION OF RESCUED PATIENTS**

**Mr. Motilal Patel, Madhya Pradesh**

Maria Sadanam, a Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centre at Pala, Kottayam, Kerala, originally rescued him in the year 1998 in Kerala and he was transferred to Udadum Karangal’s Psychiatric Home at Coimbatore for further care, management and reunion.

During 2nd week of April 2021 Mr. Motilal disclosed the name of the village from where he came (Duari Village in Madhya Pradesh) and some details about his family members. With the given details, our Social Workers Mr. Srinivasa Rao, Chennai and Mr. Mani, Thiruvannamalai located the Police station which is attached to the village and spoke to the Sarpanch (Village Head), who immediately connected to Mr. Acche Lal Patel, brother of Mr. Motilal.

Mr. Acche Lal landed at Shanthivanam, Thiruverkadu, Chennai on 18th April 2021 to take back his brother Mr. Motilal, who is said to be missing for the past 22 years. He confirmed his age as 50 years and he was married at a young age and has two sons.

Mr. Vidyakar, Founder Secretary counseled his brother on the continuity of psychiatric treatment to Mr. Motilal and also gave free medicines as prescribed by the Psychiatrist. His brother thanked Udadum Karangal and the Social Workers for their unbelievable act of humanity.

**Mr. Ratnakar, Hyderabad**

Mr. Ratnakar was rescued near Vanagaram and admitted to Udadum Karangal, Thiruverkadu on 28th Mar 2021. After rescue he was given psychiatric treatment and on regular counseling he started to divulge small details like his name and the place of stay of his family.
Mr. Ratnakar, while talking about his relatives also told that one Dr. S. Vijaykumar of Hallmark Foundations Ltd in Chennai was his cousin brother and his wife also a Doctor. He gave their phone number. On calling them they immediately rushed to Udavum Karangal on 31-03-2021 and were happy to meet Mr. Ratnakar, who was now in a stable condition and was able to relate to them. They said that Mr. Ratnakar was an alcoholic and a chain smoker. He was found missing from January 2019 i.e. for the last 26 months and they had also filed a FIR at Vikrabadabad. He was also admitted to Aasha Psychiatric Home at Jaya Nagar, Bangalore and he was a mentally ill patient for the last 20 years.

They were willing to take him back and send him to his sister’s house at Hyderabad. Mr. Ratnakar along with our Social Worker Mr. Jacob went to Hyderabad and was restored back to his sister. Mrs. Uma, sister of Mr. Ratnakar thanked Udavum Karangal.

Mr. Sidappa, Karnataka

A 35 year old man was rescued near Velachery Main Road, Chennai by our Social Worker Mr. Jacob and admitted to Udavum Karangal on 19th March 2021. He was given psychiatric treatment. On regular counseling he started to divulge small details like his name and the place of stay of his family. He is married and has a daughter. He has parents who are alive and 3 brothers who work in different places and also has a sister who was married. He remembered the name of his brother Mr. Ramachandran Yemanappa.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao, Social Worker of Udavum Karangal, located his brother through phone/whatsapp contacts. His brother Ramachandran is in the Indian Army and he came to Udavum Karangal, Thiruverkadu, Chennai on 06.04.2021 and gave information about Sidappa.

Mr. Sidappa, was from a place called Jamkhandi, Bagalkot District of Karnataka. He was jobless and had no money even to take care of himself. Due to depression, he went uncontrollable and so he was admitted to various mental hospitals for treatment. He went missing from the mental hospital at Erragadda some 2 years back.

Mr. Ramachandran, brother of Sidappa was very much happy on getting back his brother alive. He thanked Udavum Karangal for rescuing his brother and also for having spoken to Army personnel for getting his leave for 38 days to take care of his brother.

* DONATIONS *

Rehabilitation Programme - Sewing Machines Distribution

In the months of April 2021 and May 2021, a Rehabilitation programme was organized at our Coonoor office Campus, Nilgiris and also at Sakhthivanam Campus, Coimbatore. On this occasion sewing machines were distributed to the families of Parivartan phase II, by Mr. Ratan Vidyaakar, Facility Administrator/Sr. Social Worker to 29 patients with their informant. Parivartan phase II beneficiaries thanked Thiru S. Vidyaakar for his timely help.

Food Packets Distribution

Udavum Karangal taken up the task of distributing food for a period of one month to one hamlet
consisting of Narikuravars, a tribal community, which earns their living by selling beads and honey. They normally live in a small group of families. One such group stays at Amma Nagar, Poonamallee Taluk, Chennai. Breakfast is being provided by Udavum Karangal daily in the morning to 150 people of this community.

**Distribution of Essential Kit**

Udavum Karangal identified the needy people from the neighbourhood of our Home at Thiruverkadu, especially those who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic lockdown, like Barbers, Launderers, Auto drivers, Construction Workers and Daily Wage Earners and distributed the Essential kit consisting of 25 kgs rice and groceries which would last for 2 months.

Our Social Workers understood the needs of Narikuravars, a tribal community by visiting them personally. They have asked for Essential Kit with Rice and provisions for all the 100 families. Udavum Karangal gave them the Essential kit consisting of 25 Kg of rice, 52 items of provision and masks.

**Mask Distribution**

Mr. BART who is our Well wisher from Netherlands has sent 4 lakhs Disposable 3-Layer face masks to Udavum Karangal. It was a great effort taken by him at a short notice. Now all our residents and children are wearing masks. We have distributed these masks to our volunteers, teachers and staff. We have also donated some masks within the district to Post Office, Primary Health Centre, EB Staff, Government Hospitals, Traffic Police and Thoimai Paniyaalargal (Frontline workers).

**Medical Equipments to Government Hospitals**

Udavum Karangal donated medical equipments for various Hospitals based on the requests from them.
The Social Workers of Udavum Karangal have visited the residence of such Paraplegic patients, met their family members and distributed the Essential Kit consisting of 25 Kgs rice and provision items.

**Donation received from T.S. Mahalingam, Group of Companies**

Shri T.S. Mahalingam Group of Companies, being a big Philanthropist family donated a sum of Rs.1 lakh towards purchase of Steel cots and Ceiling Fans for our Home - Shanthivanam at Thiruverkadu, to be used by the mentally ill patients. We thank Mrs. Sundari who organized the donation on behalf of the family.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SCHOOLS [CDPS]**

Under CDPS, the facilities provided by Udavum Karangal to the following schools are given below:

**Thakkar Bapa Training Institute, Chennai, donated the following items:**

- Stainless Steel Desk and Bench – 50 Nos.
- Staff Cupboard with 12 lockers – 2 Nos
- Teacher’s Table – 15 Nos
- S Type Wire Chair – 15 Nos

**Panchayat Union Primary School, Thiruninravur**

1. Painted the Classrooms & Compound wall
2. Constructed the pathway leading to toilets
3. Constructed Ramp in front of the entrance gate
4. Donated the following items:
   a) Students’ Bench & Desk – 50 Nos.
   b) Teacher’s table – 6 Nos.
   c) Plastic Chairs – 20 Nos.
   d) Plastic Mat – 50 Nos.
   e) Slotted Angle Rack – 4 Nos.
   f) Ceiling Fans – 5 Nos.

   • Cricket Bat – 2 Nos.
   • Tennis ball – 12 Nos.

   Volleyball, Football, Skipping rope, Cricket bat & Tennis ball

**PROGRAMMES**

**The World Health Day**

The World Health Day is a global health awareness day celebrated every year on 7th April, being the founding day of WHO - World Health Organization. The Social Workers, Ms. Porikodi and Ms. Reeba along with Mr. Mohan, Health Inspector, organized the World Health Day celebration for the children residing in Udavum Karangal. Children were explained about the types of Nutrients and their benefits by displaying different types of fruits and vegetables and also explaining about their importance.

They were given details about the impact of Covid-19 and the difficulties faced by the public for the past one year and also the help rendered by Udavum Karangal during this pandemic period.

**National Conference on Social Work**

The Madras School of Social Work, which is a premier institution in India imparting high level education on Social Work, organized a National Conference on 20th April 2021.

The topic was – “Social Work profession – inclusivity and the way forward”. Mr. Vidyakaar, being the Alumni of the college and also considering his vast experience of more than
37 years in social work, was requested to deliver the key-note address, being the Star speaker of the event. Mr. Vidyaakar while attending the Conference gave a detailed account of his trials and travails he had to undergo at every stage of his career. He also suggested to the students the breakthrough qualities that are most important for a person to become a social worker. Students from almost 15 colleges attended the programme pan India.

The Madras School of Social Work presented Mr. Vidyaakar with a memento for delivering the key note address.

**Earth Day**

To commemorate Earth Day on 22nd April 2021, the Children Film Society of India, sent to us a children’s Film named “MALLI”. The film was telecast to our children in the Auditorium, Thiruverkadu, Chennai. The children enjoyed the film as it gave an insight on how everyone should safeguard our Mother Nature and preserve its purity.

**COVID - Vaccination**

Vaccinated the staff, volunteers and mentally ill patients in all the rehabilitation centres and homes of Udavum Karangal.

**Jeevan Community College**

On 24th June 2021, DCPO as a team visited the Shanthivanam Unit for inspection. Mr. K. Duari Raj, Member, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Government of Tamil Nadu also visited and was accompanied by Mrs. Nishanthini, DCPO.
Officer & Mrs. Malar vizhi, Protection Officer. First, they had a discussion about the activities and history of our institute with the staff members. Later, a small program was conducted by the children for them which consist of a welcome dance, prayer song and a dance. They were very impressed by the performance of the children.

His comment on the Log book is given below:
“I visited this Institution. It gives me immense pleasure to see the way children are being taken care. My special appreciation to Mr. Jayaveeran, Mrs. Gomathi Saravanian and their team for their dedication and hard-work”.

MARRIAGES AT UDAVUM KARANGAL
Marriages conducted during the period Apr 2021 to Jun 2021, to the resident girls of Udavum Karangal are as follows:

Ms. Ishnana Weds Mr. Kannan
Ms. Poongani Weds Mr. Chandraprakash
Ms. Vandana Weds Mr. Lingeswaran
Ms. Vadivukkarasi Weds Mr. Karthick
Ms. Mariam Weds Mr. Vinothkumar
Ms. Magilam Weds Mr. T. Ramakrishnan

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