DONATION TO CHIEF MINISTER’S PUBLIC RELIEF FUND

The “Cyclone Gaja” has left a trail of destruction in more than 10 districts of Tamil Nadu and had caused heavy damages to the belongings, trees, houses, properties, etc. of the people. At this crucial juncture and in the need of the hour, we donated Rs.25.00 lakhs on 26-11-2018 to the Chief Ministers Relief Fund for and on behalf of the donors of Udavum Karangal.

MR. VIDYAAKAR RECEIVED AWARD FOR BEST SOCIAL WORKER

Dr. [Mrs.] V.Saroja, Hon’ble Minister for Social Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu has given away the award of “Best Social Worker for the year 2017” as adjudged by the Government of Tamil Nadu considering the yeoman services rendered by Mr.S.Vidyaakar, Founder of Udavum Karangal for the differently abled persons on the occasion of the celebration of “International Differently Abled Persons Day” held on 03-12-2018 at Vivekananda Hall, Anna University Campus, Chennai.
SWACHH BHARATH PROGRAMME
AT RAJ BHAVAN

Ten students of our RVN School, Chennai participated in the cleaning programme at the campus of Raj Bhavan along with His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu Mr. Panwarilal Purohit on 02.10.2018. Out of 90 schools in Tiruvallur District, our school was selected for participation in this programme by the C.E.O., Tiruvallur District, to whom the students of RVN school pay a tribute of salute.

The 8th annual fundraising event “ENNANGALE YENIPPADIGAL” held on 06th October 2018 was another successful fundraiser event of STF for funding Gayathri Medical Mission Hospital Project. STF Charity event was well received with Dr.KAVIDASAN’s motivational speech. About 45+ children above age 10 participated “Training / Workshop” (to improve Communication, Leadership and Team Building skills) - “Learn, Lead and Liberate” Session by Dr. Kavidasan, Mr. Arunkumar Suryanarayanan & Mrs. Sai Vijay and moderated by Mr. Raman Velu. Parents of the children who attended were very much appreciative of STF’s effort.

The dance performance by the children - welcome dance “Senthamizh Nadenumpothinile” was choreographed by our volunteer Mrs. Hema Gnanavel and children of STF.
WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY CELEBRATIONS AT UDAVUM KARANGAL

On 10-10-2018 Mental Health Day was celebrated specifically to make the mentally ill patients know their rights and also individual progress, development and contribution in caring themselves and also their family.

Thousands of patients who underwent treatment and rehabilitation have joined back their families and are leading a meaningful life. It is heartwarming to identify the family and relatives of the patients even after two decades. So far Udavum Karangal has reunited more than 7000 patients back to their families during the past 35 years.

MS. KOUSALYA - A SUCCESSFUL ATHLETE OF R.V.N

Ms. Kousalya, a class VIII student of RVN School, Thiruverkadu, maintained by Udavum Karangal has secured 3rd place in the district level meet in 3000 metres running event held under the auspices of Directorate of School Education of Kancheepuram district at KV-1 School located in Kalpakkam, Kancheepuram districtwherein around 1000 students have participated from three districts.

CONVOCATION RECIPIENTS FROM JEEVEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The convocation of TNOU for this year was held on 16-10-2018 at Madras University Auditorium and the certificates were distributed by His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu. Five students participated in the convocation from different courses and received certificates in person.

AWAReNESS ON SWINE FLU

Mr. Mohan, Retired Health Inspector on 25-10-2018 spoke about swine flu, causes, symptoms and ways to treat it. The students of JCC gained some knowledge about the topic. To prevent swine flu
and dengue Nilavembu kashayam was given to all the students for 3 days.

The marriages of Ms. Sowraba with Mr. Dillibabu; Ms. Nagasundari with Mr. Naveenchandran and Ms. Anubava Vidyaakar with Mr. Gopinath were held on 11-11-2018, 14-11-2018 and 18-11-2018 respectively at Sai Baba Temple, Shanthivanam, Thiruverkadu, Chennai. Mr. G. Naresh works in a Print Pack Graphics and lives in Triplicane, Chennai and Mr. Selvam is employed at Best Cast IT Ltd and lives in Thiruverkadu, Chennai.

The weddings of Ms. Ashwini Vidyaakar with Mr. G. Naresh (alias) Meganathan and Ms. Vennila Vidyaakar with Mr. Selvam were held on 19.10.2018 and 28-10-2018 respectively.
The weddings of Ms. Dharani with Mr. M. Arul Prakash; and Ms. Rangeela with Mr. M. Balachandar were held on 12-12-2018 and 13-12-2018 respectively.

REScue AND RESTORATION OF SHAMBU SONEY

SHAMBU SONEY was admitted to Udavum Karangal on 12th January 2011. He was a psychiatric patient. He was rescued by Udavum Karangal from the streets of Coimbatore referred by the general public as he was found aggressive and violent. He is said to have come out of his house some 14 years back that is around 2004.

With the little information provide by him, through Facebook and Whatsapp, we could at last trace out his younger brother Mr. Gowrishankar, who works at Rasipuram, as a Loader. He disclosed that he ran away from his house at Bihar some 14 years back and said that he was very happy to get back his brother after such a long time and this was made possible because of the effort taken by Mr. Vidyaakar. He was restored with his family on 3-11.2018

RESCUE OF ALEX

Mr. Alex (35 years) a mentally sick person was rescued on 12-11-2018 by Ratan Vidyaakar and by the social workers from Chettipalayam bus stop, Coimbatore. He maintains good eye contact and speaks Tamil. However he is not able to give any reliable information about his family. He is under treatment in our home and shown significant improvement.
Children’s day was celebrated on 14-11-2018 with great enthusiasm at Sontham Children’s Home. The celebration commenced with a prayer followed by speech by V.Sri Ram of STD VII about Jawaharlal Nehru and Children’s Day and V.Nirmal chronicled his childhood days at Sontham. The home in-charge felicitated the boys and distributed sweets and gifts.

**WORLD DIABETES DAY AT GAYATHRI HOSPITAL**

The World Diabetes Day was observed on 14th November, 2018. The theme for the year 2018 is “The Family and the Diabetes”. As a part of this, a Diabetic Awareness Programme was organized for the Teachers of Rama Krishna Vidya Niketan School. Nearly 80 Teachers participated in the programme. Dr. Rama Krishna Madduri- Chief Medical Officer of Gayathri Hospital spoke on 'Introduction to Diabetics'.

He explained in detail on signs and symptoms of diabetes, risk factors, management and its prevention. Since most of our teachers are women, Dr. Anjana- Gynecologist of Gayathri Hospital handled a session on 'Women and Diabetics'. Total of 141 patients (70 males and 71 females) registered for the camp and benefitted.
RESTORATION OF MR. ROOPSINGH

Roopsingh, 55 year old, abandoned patient was found on the street near Dunlop, Ambathur. He was diagnosed with Schizophrenia by the Psychiatrist. He has undergone treatment for the illness with holistic approach and rehabilitation care. Roopsingh was able to recollect his memories and provide the contact details of his family in Sagar district, Madhya Pradesh. We were able to contact the family of Roopsingh and informed them about his status. On hearing the news, family members came to Udavum Karangal on 16/11/2018 and Roopsingh was happily reunited with his family members.

RELIEF MATERIALS DISPATCHED TO NAGAPATTINAM DISTRICT

The NGO “THE CANDLES”, Chennai-50 appealed to us on 30-11-2018 for an emergency requirement of rice, provisions and other necessary relief materials for distribution at Adhamangalam village, Nagapattinam district.

On the same day the Founder Secretary Thiru Vidyaakar arranged and delivered 100 bags of rice (25 kg each), 100 bath towels, 100 bed sheets, 100 sweaters, 30 mosquito nets, 100 plastic buckets, 500 note books, pencils, pen, scale, sharpener, eraser to the officials of The CANDLES for the benefit of flood victims.

MAHATMA GANDHI AWARD

The School Voice (Private Schools Association) and YMCA Federation conducted a program on 27/11/2018 in Hilton hotel for the schools who produced 100 percent results in the State Board exams 2018. Ramakrishnan Vidya Niketan school was shortlisted and selected for the Mahatma Gandhi award for achieving cent percent results in the Board Examination. Ms.Lara (Head Mistress) received the award on behalf of the School Correspondent Thiru S.Vidyaakar.
RESCUE AND RESTORATION OF MR. GOVINDARAJU

Mr. Govindaraju, aged about 65 years, is a distressed person with hearing disability, lying on the platform in New Avadi Road, Kilpauk, Chennai for several months without any food, clothes and shelter. He was rescued on 23.11.2018 by the Social Workers of Udavum Karangal based on the information provided by a good samaritan. By arduous effort, we were able to contact his son Mr. Kumaresan, who is running a tea-stall in Panapakkam. Mr. Kumaresan told that his father was missing since June 2018. Mr. Govindarajalu was reunited with his family on 26-11-2018 and they were extremely happy to take him back to Panapakkam.

RESTORATION OF MR. ASHOK LAL

Mr. Ashok Lal, aged 48 years, was reunited with his family after 30 long years of missing. He was admitted to Udavum Karangal in 2009. He is said to have been missing from the year 1989. By administering post-intensive treatment and rehabilitation for more than 8 years, Mr. Ashok Lal was able to furnish some details and location about his family. He said that he hailed from Jyothika Village in Madhya Pradesh and that his elder brother worked in the Police Department. Based on these inputs the matter was investigated through the Police Department and Whatsapp messages and the family was traced at Jyothika Village, Bethul District, Madhya Pradesh.

On information, the family members air dashed to Chennai. According to the family, Ashok Lal’s real name is Laduben Goswami. After due verification, Ashok Lal with his consent was restored on 06.12.2018 to his family.

TWO SUCCESSIVE REUNIONS OF PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS OF NORTH INDIA

BHOOPARAM, now 43 years, was wandering in the streets of Ernakulam, Kerala was picked up in the year 2013 and brought to Udavum Karangal, Thiruverkadu, Chennai. In Udavum Karangal, he was given medical care, treatment and was put on a rehabilitation programme. He was at Udavum Karangal for the past 9 years. After hectic search, it was found that Bhooparam originally belonged to Rampura Bhund Village, Aonia Tehsil, Bareilly District, Uttar Pradesh and that he has been missing for the past 20 years from his house. He is said to be a bachelor. His brothers Mr. Khemka Ram and Dharm Prakash from Uttar Pradesh contacted to founder secretary a week back and confirmed about
the identity of Bhooparam and immediately expressed their willingness to take him back to their village. After due verification, Bhooparam was reunited with his family on 24-12-2018 and was given one month’s medicines free of cost.

OMKAR, 51 years, was wandering on the roads near Marudamalai; he was uncared and had no orientation; he was begging for his living when he was rescued by Social Worker of Udavum Karangal on 29-01-2015.

He was diagnosed with mental illness up to 60% Schizophrenia and given treatment and was put on a rehabilitation programme. After frantic search, it was found that his father is Nirpat Singh and mother Jaimathiya Bai and they belonged to Madhya Pradesh. He is also said to have a sister, Jalli Bai and brother Kishore Singh. Omkar is said to have been married having two children – a daughter and a son. Mr. Gaya Singh, a School Teacher and nephew of Omkar spotted him through social media in which his details were put in and confirmed his identity through `whatsup` by sending his matching photograph. He said that Omkar Singh was missing from his house since 15 years due to mental illness. Omkar was reunited with his family on 25-12-2018 and they took him back to Madhya Pradesh on the same day.

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Dec. and the Dance programme was organized on 29th December '18 before the children and residents. Everyone enjoyed the programme and a Commemorative Certificate was given to Varsha Vasu by Pappa Vidyaakar.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE**

Though we motivate children to learn their mother tongue, knowledge of English is an integral part of our day to day activities and plays a pivotal role in one’s career development. Hence, we have introduced the Cambridge English Course for Primary Classes (I to V) of RVN School so as to learn English language in a professional way. The courses commenced from 19th of November, 2018 and the two resource persons Ms. Mercy & Ms. Saishree from Cambridge University are taking classes from Monday to Friday in the morning session.

**MATHEMATICS CLUB IN RVN SCHOOL**

Mathematics club plays an important role in motivating the students to learn mathematics with interest and involvement. The students and the teachers from 6th to 12th Std. assembled in the auditorium where different kinds of programme were casted on the stage. The programme includes Multiplication tricks, Division short cut, Puzzles & Maths. in nature besides Skit, Ramp walk, short film, Dance.

**PARIVARTHAN COONOOR CAMPS**

awareness on the first and second day of the camps and 3285 are covered. On the final day, 6 identified patients came for the screening by the Psychiatrist.

**RESTORATION OF VAIDYANATHAN**

Vaidyanathan @ Vishnu Batesing Padvi, aged 59 years, a mentally ill disabled person and victim of road/train accident, lost his way from North India and wandering on the streets of Chennai was admitted to Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai-600 003 by some passerby.

Doctors informed that he will be discharged on 09-09-1999 and requested Udavum Karangal to take him for psychiatric treatment and restoration/reunion with his family as he seems to be a destitute and no one is there to take care of him.

On 9-9-1999 our social workers took him over to the Home at Thiruverkadu wherein he was examined by our Doctors. It was found that he is also suffering with “malunited left distal radius fracture”. and treated for that.

Initially, due to loss of memory, he could neither reveal about himself or his family background. After a long, sustained treatment and counseling frequently by our Social Workers and Psychologist, he started telling minimal information about himself, his family, etc. before landing up in Chennai.

The details were shared in Whatsapp and other social media and with the Police of Nandurbar of Maharashtra. His brothers and his grand nephew came to Chennai along with his son. They expressed their willingness to take him back to their village. They were happy to see him healthy and cheerful and profusely thanked the Founder Society Mr.Vidyaakar. He was reunited with his family on 31-12-2018.

**RESTORATION/ OF LALCHAND JAGANNAD JADHA**

Udavum Karangal had rescued a patient from the streets on 25-12-2018, by name Lalchand Jagannad Jadhav, aged about 45 years. Coincidentally, Mr. Lalchand also belongs to the same place Nandurbar District (Lakshmi Nagar),
Maharashtra, to where Mr. Vishnu Batesing belonged.

We came to know that the Nandurbar Police are in the process of contacting the family of Lalchand. Since no one came from the family of Lalchand so far to take him back while he expressed his willingness to go back to his native place along with the family of Mr. Vishnu Batesing. He was also given free medicines for a month. At the fag end of the year, Udavum Karangal felt happy to restore/reunite two patients viz., Mr. Vaidyanathan Alias Vishnu Batte Singh and Mr. Lalchand, on the same day i.e. 31/12/2018 as they belonged to the same place viz., Nandurbar District in Maharashtra.

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