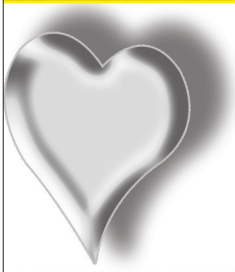


A family built with Love, Optimism & Determination



Sri Arunodayam Charitable Trust

ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009

Message from the managing trustee

Dear Friends,

Sri Arunodayam turns seven this year!

As I look back on the path we have tread, a blend of emotions and thoughts surfaces. Happy to have provided a safe haven for so many children; Sad that these children have been thrown out of their biological homes; Motivated by the unflinching community support; Enthused by the fellowships and grants awarded; Encouraged to provide the best for our children; Determined to work for the cause of the mentally challenged... the list grows longer.

Our responsibility grows as **Sri Arunodayam's** family grows in number by the day. Yet, when a child is newly admitted, our grit to work for the well-being of the child intensifies. We improve the quality of life for each child that comes under our care and protection. Recently, a three-year-old child passed away. The doctors who attended on the child affirmed that, for the condition the child suffered, it was surprising that he lived for three years and attributed it to the love, care and rehabilitation that **We** provided.

Though care, protection and rehabilitation are our prime focus, we have started working to create awareness amongst the community about mental retardation, ways of preventing, importance of early intervention, educate the community on rehabilitation, on support provided by the Government and most important of all, that mentally challenged children should be treated with dignity and not be abandoned.

We have evolved efficient HR policies. We provide a good working environment for our staff. Periodic meetings enable them to work efficiently towards realistic goals.



The year 2008-09 has been eventful for **Sri Arunodayam**. We now have a team of well-trained special educators, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, started construction of the new building, conducted flood relief operations in rural Tamil Nadu, organized medical camps for our children, ushered in the services of local, national and international volunteers and finally, I was awarded the fellowship of the International Youth Foundation. This year has widened our supporter and volunteer base with more individuals coming forth to provide financial and professional support, which we are very much in need. A major milestone is that we have obtained FCRA clearance that enables us to receive foreign contribution.

This annual report will take you on a virtual tour of all the happenings that have taken place at **Sri Arunodayam** in the year 2008-09.

We seek your sustained patronage to enable us provide the best for the mentally challenged children who have been abandoned by their families.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iyyappan Subramanian'.

Iyyappan Subramanian,
Founder and Managing Trustee,
Sri Arunodayam Charitable Trust

Everything is possible!

Amudha was 2 years old when she came to us four years ago. She is a child with moderate mental retardation and delayed development.

Amudha was dependent on others for everything. She could not walk or indicate her needs. Her parents who found it a burden to care for the dependent child, abandoned her. The persistent efforts of our caregivers, physiotherapists and special educators have paid off. She is now able to communicate her needs. She has started walking. **Amudha** even feeds herself with a spoon!



The story of **Albert** is moving. This mentally retarded 17-year-old boy is the younger son of a widowed flower vendor. Two years ago, the police found him loitering near Koyambedu fruit, vegetable and flower market in Chennai. He was unable to give any details about himself beyond his name and his mother's name. The police handed over **Albert** to **Sri Arunodayam**. He was under our care for 1 ½ years. During this period, he was provided food, clothing, shelter, medication and special education. As providence would have it, one day, **Albert** accompanied our staff to the fruit and vegetable market. One of his relatives saw him there, identified him and spoke to our staff.



Albert's mother and brother came to Sri Arunodayam. After verification, we have reunited him with his family. Today, he enjoys the love and care of his family and goes to a special school to continue his education.

*Every now and then, the children and the team at **Sri Arunodayam** prove that nothing is impossible. All that it requires is love, empathy, patience, persistence, hard work, sincerity and co-operation. When these are in place, everything is possible!*

Activities at Sri Arunodayam

Rescue

Rescue is our prime activity. We rescue children found abandoned in public places such as railway stations, hospitals, markets, places of worship and roads.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has recognized **Sri Arunodayam** as a Reception home. The mentally challenged children who are found abandoned in the districts of Chennai, Chengalpattu, Tiruvallur, Villupuram and Ranipet are sent to **Sri Arunodayam** by the respective district Child Welfare Committees.

We admit children who are referred to us by the Department of Social Defense. Other sources through which such children reach us are, through the Police help line, Public and Child Help Line.

The rescued child is produced in the Juvenile court, which directs us to provide care and protection for the child. The rescue activity is complete once the legal formalities are over and the child is admitted into the home.

Shelter

Providing shelter, care and protection is our next major activity. When a child is admitted into **Sri Arunodayam**, we medically evaluate the child. This is crucial, since we do not know about the child's medical history. The medical evaluation indicates the health condition of the child and the kind of care required. Many children are prone to epileptic seizures, while some may require orthopedic or neuromuscular attention.

We assess the children to gauge their ability and disability. Based on the assessment, we draw out academic or vocational programs for the child. We provide the best possible quality of food, clothing and medical care.



We believe that a family set-up is the best place for a child to grow and develop. Therefore, we take efforts to trace the child's family and re-unite the child with them. So far, **twenty-seven** children have been re-united with their families.



Rehabilitation

The rehabilitation process is manifold. We provide medical and psychiatric care, physiotherapy, occupational and speech therapy, special education, vocational training and encourage children's social participation. Depending upon the ability of the child, they are imparted special education, which is categorized into the following levels,

No.	Group	Prime Activities	Number of Children
1.	Early Intervention	To handle children with different types of developmental delays besides mental retardation	32
2.	Pre-Primary	They are taught <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basics of Education • Self help training • Grooming • Indicating Toilet Needs 	21
3.	Primary	They are taught <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concepts of time, number, money • Reading, Writing • Sports • Cultural activities 	16
4.	Pre-Vocational	They are taught functional academics to perform vocational activities	10

Networking

Sri Arunodayam networks with other organizations to learn and share the knowledge, experience and expertise. We attend workshops and seminars on various facets of running such an organization efficiently. Moreover, they enable us to establish fruitful associations with experts from various fields.

We network with organizations who are experts in a specific domain. **Madhuram Narayan Centre** specializes in Early Intervention. They have been working successfully in this core area for twenty years. Together with them, we have launched the Early Intervention Program for children from 0-6 years.

Our Network of supporters from across the globe, chip in with their expertise to enable Sri Arunodayam to function efficiently. **Mr.Srikanth**, an environmental scientist who works in Canada has been associated with us since 2003. He visits India every year and definitely spends time with the children and staff of Sri Arunodayam during every visit.

He monitors and evaluates the growth of the organization and says that the progress motivates him to work further. Apart from making financial donations, he does excellent PR work for **Sri Arunodayam!** He has contributed to the exponential increase in our supporter base.

Documentation

Documentation is our forte. We have a very efficient system to maintain records about the children, their legal and medical records, the activities and progress of the children, the staff, their job roles, responsibilities, donor details, finance and accounts.

Our excellent system of documentation accentuates the credibility and transparency of our organization.

Resource Mobilization

Mobilizing financial and non-financial resources is a major activity that enables us to run the organization successfully. Volunteers and socially motivated individuals chip in to contribute their time, skill and expertise to enable us to evolve into a successful organization. Our policy to repair, recycle and reuse enables us to accept donations in the form of used vehicles, furniture, clothes, household gadgets, vessels, equipments and the like.

In this year...

S.No	Description	Boys	Girls	Total
1.	Total number of admissions	27	7	34
2.	Number of children transferred to other Institutions	6	3	9
3.	Number of children reunited with parents	2	1	3
4.	Number of children who died	4	2	6
5.	Number of children who escaped	5	-	5

Medical Evaluation

S.No.	Description	Conducted By	Details of Beneficiaries
1.	Dental camp	Saveetha Dental College, Chennai	All children were screened for dental ailments. 37 children underwent cleaning Teeth extracted for 5 children.
2.	Psychological Assessment	Mr.Varadarajan, Clinical Psychologist	40 children were assessed.
3.	Blood Profile Tests	Sri Arunodayam	17 children
4.	Tuberculosis screening	Sri Arunodayam	45 children
5.	HIV tests	Sri Arunodayam	10 children

Other Activities

- **NIRAMAYA health insurance card distribution** was conducted by the SPASTIC Society. Our children attended and received the health insurance cards.
- Our children participated in a three-day Sports Training program conducted in Chennai.
- Our children attended the National Disability Day program conducted on 3rd December 2008.
- **Sri Arunodayam** conducted **Naming Ceremony** for babies who were newly admitted. It is our culture to invite a well-wisher to name the child, distribute sweets and make it a joyous occasion.
- **We** worked with the District Disabled Rehabilitation Office Chennai, and ensured the distribution of National ID card for the disabled. **Thirty-four** children from **Sri Arunodayam** and **four** from the public were issued cards during this camp.



Flood Relief Operations

In November 2008, cyclone Nisha ravaged Tamil Nadu. It took away lives, destroyed people's livelihood and rendered many people homeless.

Sri Arunodayam team visited Thiruvarur, one of the worst affected districts. We visited four villages, Kumarapuram, Karnakudai, Pudu Street and Manjukottagam. These villages suffered extreme damage due to gusty winds and very heavy rainfall.

The cyclone destroyed agriculture, the houses, their belongings and livestock. All the residents of these villages were struggling for their survival needs and shelter. **Sri Arunodayam** jointly with **Bhoomika** Trust, Chennai, collected relief material distributed to 200 worst affected families. The relief kit we distributed consisted of Dhal, Oil, Sugar, Tamarind, Salt, Sambar Masala, Wheat, Rava, Bath Soap and Mat.

We also made use of this opportunity to propagate awareness about mental disability in these villages.



Youth Action Net

A program of the International Youth Foundation, YouthActionNet® seeks to develop a new generation of socially conscious global citizens who create positive change in their communities, their countries, and the world. Each year, 20 exceptional young social entrepreneurs are selected as YouthActionNet® Global Fellows following a competitive application process.

In 2008, International Youth Foundation received **750** applications from across the globe. Of these, **fifty** applicants were short-listed and finally **twenty** were selected for the fellowship. Iyyappan Subramanian, Founder Managing Trustee of **Sri Arunodayam** was the lone Indian among the twenty fellows awarded in 2008.

Preceding the fellowship award ceremony, a weeklong program on **Skill-building, Advocacy, Networking and Resources** were conducted in October 2008.

Please visit http://www.iyfnet.org/uploads/2008_YAN_Face_Book.pdf for more details.



Community Participation

Community participation has always been our strength. Individual donors are a promising and potential source of resource. We have been harnessing this potential very well. Many benevolent donors support us but we would like to mention about a few.

The CPPNV Sangam, Chennai supports us since our inception in 2003. This year, they conducted a program and raised funds for **Sri Arunodayam**. Member of Parliament, Mrs.Kanimozhi was the chief guest of the program and she presented us the cheque for Rs.5 lakh, the funds raised by CPPNV Sangam.

Mrs.Sudha Raghunathan, eminent carnatic musician visited our organization on 23rd August 2008. Subsequently, Samudhaaya Foundation, a charitable trust run by Mrs.Sudha Raghunathan, conducted an event where a cheque for Rs.5 lakh was presented towards construction of our new building.

Mrs.Kokila, a 68-year-old homemaker, uses the ration card provided by the Government Public Distribution System, buys commodities such as rice, wheat, pulses, sugar, kerosene, and donates it to **Sri Arunodayam**. She also requests the people in her neighborhood, who do not make use of the rations provided by the Government, to permit her to buy them on their behalf and donate it to us. We are proud of such active citizens who support our cause. After all, little drops make a might ocean!



Organizational information:

Vision

All mentally challenged children will be safe and enjoy equal opportunities.

Mission

- Reach out to mentally challenged abandoned children and provide care and protection
- Protect and promote the rights of these children.
- Equip the community to integrate the mentally challenged children into the society

Core Values

- Emphasis on ability rather than disability
- Transparency
- Credibility
- Equality
- Compassion
- Dignity
- Inclusion

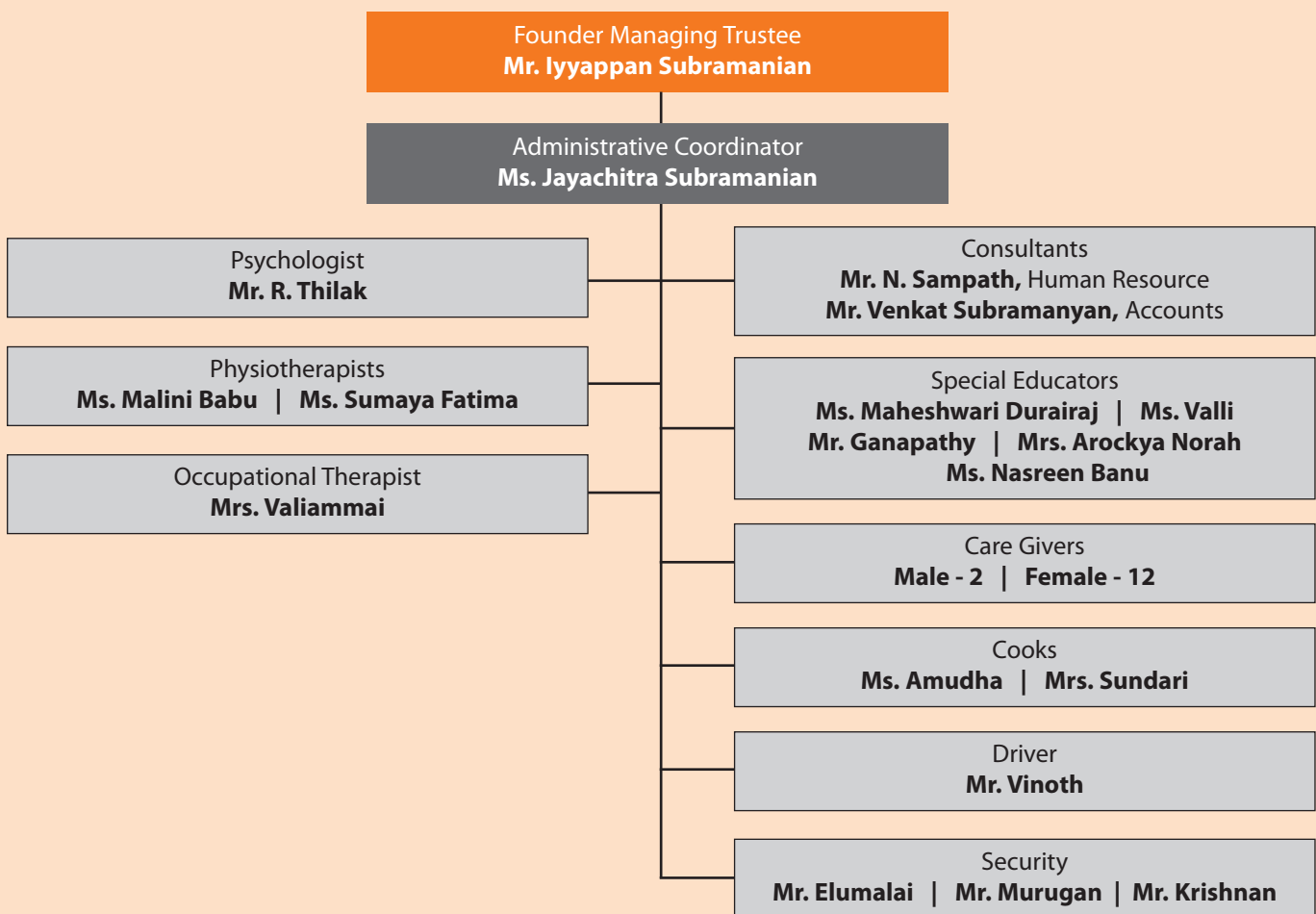


Legal Status

Sri Arunodayam is a registered charitable trust. The registration number is 360/2002. Over the years **Sri Arunodayam** has been,

Recognized by the Government of Tamil Nadu | Registered with National Trust | Recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India | Declared as fit institution by the Child Welfare Committee, Tamil Nadu
 Registered with Credibility Alliance, Mumbai | Recognized by Give India | Registered under Person with Disability Act | Registered under Ministry of Home Affairs to receive foreign contribution

Organogram



Financials

of the Trust and Team

Name of the board members:

S. No	Name of the trustee	Position held in the trust
1	Mr. S. Iyyappan	Managing trustee & Treasurer
2	Mr. C. Ranganathan Chetty	Secretary
3	Mr. N. Nandakumar	Trustee

- The board of Trustees met on 22.10.2008, 1.3.2009 and 5.4.2009.
- All the three members were present for all the meetings.
- There is no remuneration and reimbursement paid for the board members.
- No remuneration is paid for the Head of the organization.

Slab of gross salary paid per month for the staff

Slab of salary	Male staff	Female staff	Total staff
Less than 5000	5	13	18
5000 – 10000	2	9	11
10000 – 25000			

Highest pay Rs. 9000

Lowest pay Rs. 3000

- Total cost of international travel for the board members, staff and volunteers: NIL
- Total cost of the national travel for the board members, staff and volunteers: NIL
- Statements of accounts have been prepared on accrual basis

Financial Statements

BALANCE SHEET AS ON MARCH 31, 2009

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.	ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
CAPITAL FUND :			FIXED ASSETS :		
Balance	5,440,946.35		As per Schedule I		3,039,875.80
Add : Excess of income over expenditure for the year	<u>4,426,569.85</u>	9,867,516.20	CURRENT ASSETS, ADVANCES & DEPOSITS		
Loan		190,000.00	Fixed deposits with banks	1,222,093.17	
CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS :			Tax deducted at source	5,067.00	
Outstanding liabilities		24,993.00	Advance for apartment	5,264,726.00	
			Telephone deposit	2,000.00	
			Electricity deposit	<u>7,230.00</u>	6,501,116.17
			CLOSING BALANCE :		
			Cash in hand	54,473.00	
			Cash at bank		
			: Bank of Baroda	8,492.26	
			: State Bank of India	121,906.00	
			: ICICI Bank	39,300.50	
			: Indian Bank	<u>317,345.47</u>	541,517.23
Total		10,082,509.20	Total		10,082,509.20

Prepared from the books of accounts
Information and explanation provided

For Sri Arunodayam Charitable Trust

For G JOSEPH & CO.,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS,

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VIJI JOSEPH.
PARTNER

Place : Chennai

Date : July 8, 2009.

Managing Trustee cum Treasurer

INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2009

EXPENDITURE	Rs.	INCOME	Rs.
Audit Fees	7,721.00	Donations received	6,862,160.48
Bank charges	12,923.00	Grant received from Govt of Tamilnadu	169,849.00
Postage & Courier	24,531.00	Interest received	27,259.87
Printing & Stationery	63,132.00	Phenyl sales	55,365.00
Traveling expenses	68,028.50		
Welfare expenses	715,412.50		
Salaries & Wages	901,865.00		
Rent	87,000.00		
Telephone charges	68,969.00		
Staff welfare	24,158.00		
Electricity charges	40,284.00		
Maintenance & Repairs	186,464.00		
Books & Periodicals	3,597.00		
General expenses	26,062.00		
Consultancy charges	25,270.00		
Membership fees	750.00		
Phenyl making charges	25,718.00		
Insurance charges	22,196.00		
Training program to staff	3,189.00		
Rates & Taxes	1,976.00		
Security charges	4,354.00		
Vehicle Maintenance	146,006.00		
Depreciation	228,458.50		
Excess of Income over expenditure for the year	4,426,569.85		
Total	7,114,634.35	Total	7,114,634.35

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2009

RECEIPTS	Rs.	Rs.	PAYMENTS	Rs.	Rs.
Opening balance :			Bank charges		12,923.00
- Cash in hand	43,767.00		Postage & Courier		25,050.00
- Cash at bank			Printing & Stationery		63,132.00
: Bank of Baroda	41,506.26		Traveling expenses		68,028.50
: State Bank of India	5,000.00		Welfare expenses		715,212.50
: ICICI Bank	67,052.50		Salaries & Wages		901,865.00
: Indian Bank	623,531.29	780,857.05	Rent		79,000.00
Donations received		6,862,160.48	Telephone charges		70,626.00
Grant received from Govt of Tamilnadu		169,849.00	Staff welfare		24,158.00
Interest received		27,259.87	Electricity charges		39,330.00
Phenyl sales		55,365.00	Maintenance & Repairs		186,464.00
Loan received		190,000.00	Books & Periodicals		3,597.00
Fixed deposit matured		1,232,344.00	General expenses		26,062.00
Staff loan returned		2,500.00	Consultancy charges		25,270.00
			Membership fees		750.00
			Audit fees		5,618.00
			Phenyl making charges		25,718.00
			Insurance charges		22,196.00
			Training program to staff		3,189.00
			Rates & Taxes		1,976.00
			Security charges		4,354.00
			Vehicle Maintenance		146,006.00
			Fixed assets purchased		342,475.00
			Advance for apartment		4,763,725.00
			Fixed deposits invested		1,222,093.17
			CLOSING BALANCE :		
			- Cash in hand	54,473.00	
			- Cash at bank		
			: Bank of Baroda	8,492.26	
			: State Bank of India	121,906.00	
			: ICICI Bank	39,300.50	
			: Indian Bank	317,345.47	541,517.23
Total		9,320,335.40	Total		9,320,335.40

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For G JOSEPH & CO.,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS,

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Place : Chennai
Date : July 8, 2009.

Managing Trustee cum Treasurer

VIJI JOSEPH.
PARTNER

- Sri Arunodayam Charitable trust is registered public charitable trust Vide no: 360/2002.
- Sri Arunodayam Charitable Trust is registered with Income Tax Department Under section 12AA of the Income Tax Act 1961 Vide no: DIT (E) No:2 (1042)/ 03 – 04.
- All contributions to Sri Arunodayam Charitable Trust are exempted under 80G of Income Tax Ac, 1961 Up to 31.03.2009 Vide No: DIT(E) no: 2(1042) 03 – 04.
- Sri Arunodayam Charitable Trust has been granted registration to receive foreign contribution with the Registration no: 075901185, Nature – Social Vide No: II/21022/67/(0460)/2007 – FCRA – II.
- Income Tax Permanent Account No: AAETS5261K

Acknowledgements

We thank all our friends and well wishers who have supported us all along. Whether the support is in the form of money, time, services or things ranging from grocery to gadgets, we appreciate them. Thank you for being a part of **Sri Arunodayam**. Your contribution is valued and we are very much in need of it.

We take this opportunity to thank our efficient team, which works to ensure a warm, safe and healthy home for the abandoned children.

We accept donations in cash, cheques or kind. **Sri Arunodayam** is eligible to receive foreign contribution. For more details on how to donate to the trust, Please write to the Founder Trustee, Mr. Iyyappan Subramanian, at sriarundoayam@gmail.com

Support us

Financial Support

You can spend your special days, birthdays, wedding day and anniversaries by sponsoring meals for our children. To support us financially you can,

- Sponsor a single meal or all meals for a day
- Sponsor a child's complete needs for a month
- Donate for a child's monthly medicine expenses

Sri Arunodayam has been listed in GiveIndia. GiveIndia is Non Government Organization that raises funds for the under privileged in India. About **200** trustworthy charities are listed in their site. Donors who wish to make online donations can do so through Give India. All NGOs on GiveIndia have been screened for transparency and credibility.



<http://www.giveindia.org/m-859-sri-arunodayam.aspx>

Sri Arunodayam has been listed in GlobalGiving, an online marketplace that connects you to the causes and countries you care about.



<http://www.globalgiving.com/projects/support-abandoned-mentally-challenged-children/>

Non-Financial Support

- Medical assistance: Timely detection and early prevention can arrest deterioration. For this, we need the support of doctors to attend to our children.
- Hospitals can provide emergency relief during seizures and provide regular supply of medicines.
- Trained Physiotherapists and Occupational therapists can volunteer on a daily basis to assist our Physiotherapist and Occupational therapist.
- We welcome donations in kind. We accept commodities such as rice, dal, oil, sugar, other provisions and toiletries.
- We accept old furniture, bed sheets, children's clothes, diapers and napkins in large numbers.

The Impact

Mental retardation is generally a life-long condition that cannot be *cured* with medical treatment. Scientific research has shown that by providing the right kind of support and services, it is possible to ensure that mentally challenged people can live healthy and relatively independent lives. These services comprise many areas such as health care, early intervention, education, vocational training. Studies indicate that lack of appropriate care causes physical or behavioral ill health, in mentally challenged people. In India, due to lack of awareness, poor economic conditions and social stigma, many families abandon their mentally challenged children.

Many NGOs in Tamil Nadu serve mentally challenged children. They function as day centers or as a support service for the family to share the various issues involved in bringing up a mentally challenged child. **Sri Arunodayam** is the **only** home that accommodates **abandoned** children who are mentally challenged. They cater to a wide spectrum ranging from borderline cases that can be trained into independent individuals, to profound cases that require life long palliative care and respite.

Since these children are deserted by their biological families, the total responsibility of providing food, accommodation, medical care, education and rehabilitation rests with us. Each child is different and so are its needs, which call for individual attention and care.

We have evolved from a residential care unit into an organization. The professional expertise of well-wishers, donors, supporters and volunteers has been harnessed effectively.

We work for children who have been condemned by their families. Life is precious and the right to lead an honorable life is the same, whether an individual is disabled or not. We strive to improve the quality of life for the children, provide the best medical support, education and vocational training. These efforts boost the morale and dignity of the children who feel honored to be a part of the society. Working on the abilities of the children than on their disabilities makes them more productive. Until date, we have rescued 160 children.

A remarkable impact is that **Sri Arunodayam** is run exclusively on community support. It is not just the question of donating in cash, kind or services. The society has been motivated to understand and accept that mentally challenged children have equal rights to lead a dignified life. Each member of the society owes a responsibility towards the cause.

Ultimately, we aspire to integrate these children into the society as responsible, contributory and participatory individuals.

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