

About Pain Relief and Palliative Care Society, Hyderabad

We introduce ourselves as a registered charitable society called Pain Relief and Palliative Care Society, Hyderabad, Registration No. 922/07, Section 12 A and Section 80 G of the Income-Tax Act. We are also registered under FCRA Act. We work in the field of providing palliative care and end of life care for patients living with terminal illnesses like cancer and other life limiting illnesses

Activities of the Society -inter alia- include the following

1. Adult Hospice: A 26-bed in-patient facility located in Kukatpally taking care of terminal stage cancer patients. Care is provided by a team of doctors, nurses, and other support staff. More than 9000 patients have been admitted since its inauguration in July 2013. The hospice also provides free food for the patient and caregivers in addition to free treatment and medicines. A facility for transportation of dead bodies to their respective homes is also available. These are patients for whom no other treatment options are available in our present health care system, both in government and private sectors. Between 950-1000 patients are admitted annually and provided free medical care, nursing care, medicines, food (for patient and caregivers) by a team of 30 staff members.

2.Pediatric Program: This program consists of a 10-bed in-patient facility called 'Mandara Hospice' located in Kukatpally and a home care program consisting of 3 vans. In addition, two of our teams are embedded in the pediatric ward of MNJ Cancer Hospital and the Niloufer Children Hospital. Mandara Hospice admits about 250-300 children in a year and serves as a 'cocoon' for the parents and families of these children. Apart from free medical care and medicines, food for all the family members is also being provided. On any given date about 300 children are registered in the home care program. The three teams make 12-15 visits per day based onpriorities

3.Adult Home Care Program: This flagship program of our's is one of the largest of its kind. Starting from 1 van in 2008, we now operate 9 vans in and around Hyderabad City making 40-45 home visits daily by teams consisting of Doctors, Nurses, Counselors and a physiotherapist. Putting the concept of 'total care' with continuous support in physical, psychosocial, and spiritual realms into practice through institutionalized care is very difficult. Home care program provides comprehensive care, 24 hour / 7 days a week to

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patients and families suffering with advanced life limiting and terminal illnesses like Cancer, Kidney, Heart, Neurological and Liver diseases, Dementia, Muscular Dystrophy and Stroke. The program is designed to provide palliative care; pain and symptom management, emotional, spiritual and social support at homes and allowing patients the choice of receiving personalized care in their own home setting.

All the above services are provided *entirely free of cost* as most of the patients belong to the poorer section of the populace. We run our programs from donations received from corporate donors under CSR schemes and other individual donors, both big and small.

Conclusion

As all our services are offered entirely free of cost, we raise funds from Corporates thru their CSR initiatives and also from philanthropists and individual donors both big and small. While we have been able to secure funds for the Home Care programs there are gaps in our Hospice funding for which we need to secure. We therefore request you to consider our above proposaland support us with whatever amount you deem fit.

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