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To whomsoever it may concern

Dear Sir / Madam,

SUB: AN APPEAL FOR SPONSORING A COMMERCIAL WASHING MACHINE

FOR SRI ARUNODAYAM–HOME FOR ABANDONED MENTALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you concerning the above requirement.

I would like to briefly outline the history of our Home and what your sponsorship would mean for our children.

Who we are

Sri Arunodayam is a home for mentally challenged children who have been abandoned by their biological parents. Most often, these children are abandoned in hospitals and crowded public places such as railway and bus stations. At times, they are even abandoned in dustbins and lonely places. These children are rescued by the Department of Social Welfare, the Police, and Child Helpline, and sent to Sri Arunodayam, which is a Government recognized Reception Unit. On completing all the necessary formalities, these children are admitted to our Homewhere they receive timely medical treatment and all the care that they need. Today, we have 110 precious lives to care for.

What we do

Nurture: When these children are brought to us, most of them arrive in a desperate condition, having endured rejection, abuse, and unimaginable hardships. Several have serious medical conditions that

require immediate attention. At the Home they are nurtured, fed, clothed, comforted, and medically treated to the best of our capabilities.

Rehabilitate: Our work with these children is ongoing. As they recover, we assign physiotherapists and special educators to provide personal care based on their condition and abilities. Each child's progress is regularly assessed and evaluated, and our Special Educators set individual goals for them. They prepare teaching materials, implement the training programs, report the activities and evaluate the progress of each child. Depending on the ability and condition of the child, they are categorized into Early Intervention Services, Pre-Primary level 1, and Vocational. Through Prayatnaour vocational training unit, older children (18 years and above) are trained in vocational careers such as the making of paper bags, envelopes, candles, beads, domestic phenyl, and also book binding. In this way we help them integrate into society and become as self-sufficient as they can be.

Restore: We believe that a family set-up is the best environment for a child to grow up in and develop. Therefore, we make every attempt to trace a child's family and try and re-unite the child with them. For parents who have abandoned their children on account of poverty but are willing to be reunited with them, we provide counsel and help them get the necessary financial help from the Government to be able to raise their child in a home environment. Our legal department works on such cases and 70 children have been re-united with their families so far.

Our Urgent Need Today – A Commercial Washing Machine

Children must be kept clean and healthy to prevent any outbreak of disease. One of the ways to do this is to ensure that they have freshly laundered clothes every day or as often as may be required in a day.

Due to the nature of their disability, several of our children lack bladder control and tend to soil their clothes frequently. If not kept clean, they can easily fall ill, especially the ones who are immobile. Although we fit them with diapers, we still like to keep them scrupulously clean and ensure that their clothes are changed as often as is required. Daily washing also keeps germs and bacteria at bay – a very important criteria for our children – so that their health is maintained.

This, however, is a herculean task at the moment. Manually washing the clothes of 110 children each day is both back-breaking and laborious. If not washed well, the children are at risk of disease. The only way we can ensure that the job is truly well done is to automate the activity.



This is where your generous sponsorship of a Commercial Washing Machine can help keep our children clean and healthy!

We sincerely thank you for stepping in to meet this need. An estimate of the cost of a Commercial Washing Machine from Ramsonsis attached for your kind action.

When Sri Arunodayam commenced its humanitarian work with one child in 2003, little did we know that we would expand so steadily over the years to accommodate around 110 children today. And the numbers are growing...It is due to our constant efforts in rehabilitation, and the kind support of benefactors such as you, that a tremendous improvement is occurring in the lives of these destitute children.

Although these children may be written-off by society, nevertheless, they are precious human beings needing constant attention and care. Your sponsorship can make a huge impact in enhancing the quality of their lives.

Thanking You,

Yours sincerely

For Sri Arunodayam Charitable Trust

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Iyyappan', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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