**About Sphoorti**

SPHOORTI FOUNDATION is a not-for-profit organization registered under the AP Registrations Act as a Charitable Trust (NGO). Sphoorti is based in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh. In July 2006, SPHOORTI established a Children's Home near Cherlapally, Hyderabad with three children and two caretakers.

We currently support 207 children – 114 boys and 93 girls in the age group 5-18. Out of these, we have 160 children in our campus in Dundigal and the rest of the children are in various residential colleges in Hyderabad. In addition, we sponsor school fees of 200 more children who live in the vicinity and whose parents cannot afford education for their children. We make the fee payment directly to schools these children attend.

We currently employ 11 people to take care of cooking, grooming and security of our premises.

**The Journey**

Sphoorti started its journey in Oct 2005 when it was registered as a Charitable Trust. It was only in July 2006 that we welcomed Shanku, Puppy and Suchi into our premises.

We rented a very modest house in Cherlapally to start our Children’s Home. At the end of the first year, we had about 35 children and very little support.

The initial days were those of lack of resources, insecurity and instability. Most people did not trust our intentions or our abilities. We had little money to fund our vision and dreams.

At the same time, we could not abdicate our responsibilities and run away from challenges. We took solace from the fact that most organizations have a humble beginning and our case will be no different, we would get there someday. We started sending our children to an English Medium Private School in the vicinity.

In 2007, we started getting support from local businessmen, employees of various companies and students. There was steady flow of volunteers from colleges and financial support from various corporates in Hyderabad. We started receiving support from Indian citizens from the US, the UK etc.

Through this support, we are providing them nutritious food, library and computer lab and ample recreation facilities. Soon, Sphoorti started getting visibility in the social sector. We were featured in and interviewed by newspapers and news channels.

In 2009, Sphoorti’s efforts were recognized by the State Government and we were allotted 3 acres of land. We are currently constructing Hostel blocks for 200.

In June 2010, the number of Sphoorti children surpassed 100 and we became one of the bigger Children’s Homes in Hyderabad. Our children were being invited to participate in cultural activities and sports competitions in Microsoft, Deloitte, and Cognizant etc. We were featured in Readers Digest in 2011.

Sphoorti was chosen as a ‘Top Rated Non-profit’ by US based Greatnonprofits.org for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. Sphoorti also received awards from Humanitarian Aid Foundation, Rotary Club of Greater Hyderabad, Valmiki Foundation and Pratibha Charitable Trust.

In academics, some of our children have stood among the toppers in their schools. We have children who passed out of High School and pursuing courses in STD XI and XII as well as Diploma stream in various Polytechnic Colleges in Hyderabad.

It is the sincerity and dedication of our staff members along with the generosity of our friends and well-wishers that provides our children an opportunity to carve their own destinies. Our children cherish their lives at Sphoorti and look forward to a great future. Your support and patronage will encourage our children to dream big and succeed.

**The IMPACT**

Most children before coming to Sphoorti were in government schools (Telugu Medium). The state of government schools is pathetic. Students are promoted to higher classes purely based on their attendance and not necessarily on the basis of their performance in examinations. Some of our kids used to work on fields during the harvest season and skipped classes for the better part of the academic year. Our immediate challenge is to make the kids oriented towards studies and make them understand the importance of education in building their careers and lives.

Ever since we started taking comprehensive care of these children, we have been pursuing one single goal – make them good citizens of the nation. Accordingly, all the basic needs are being met on par with other children who have a proper family backing. We provide them good food, clothing and recreation facilities.

Some of our visitors and donors spend good time with the children and teach them skills like Dance, Painting, Tennis and Music. Many children are doing well in academics and co-curricular programs. They have been participating in cultural and sports events in school, and also in corporate events. In recent times, children have performed dances in different schools, colleges and cultural events in Hyderabad.

Most of the children do not have a good grounding in English, Hindi and Social Sciences. We are also trying hard to make our children speak in English to gain fluency. This will give them lot of confidence while interacting with people inside and outside the school.

We have an after school support system. We have hired tutors who spend time in the evenings with the children helping them with home assignments and clarifying any questions kids might have in their lessons. There is also an in-house mentoring system - elder children act as guides for younger children and new inmates. These mentors train the kids on habits and procedures followed in Sphoorti.

**Sphoorti Children’s Home Project**

Since the mission of Sphoorti is to transform underprivileged children into responsible citizens, we take complete care in providing basic amenities and beyond to all our children.

# Food

SPHOORTI lays great emphasis on providing a very healthy diet to the children. Healthful food builds children who think more clearly, are less prone to illness and are stronger and lead longer and healthier lives. We strictly follow a diet regime prescribed by a nutrition expert and is revised from time to time. We strongly discourage junk food

For children with deficiencies, we provide additional inputs like Vitamins through carrots and Dexorange syrup where needed. Eggs, fruits and biscuits are a vital part of our menu. De-worming is done for all children every six months.

# Clothing

We provide all necessary clothing for children – 4 pairs of civil dresses and 3 pairs of school uniforms, underwear, as well as school bags, ties and belts. We provide mattresses, bed-sheets and blankets and in winter, we provide them woolen blankets, sweaters and woolen caps.

# Shelter

Our Hostel block in Dundigal has separate rooms for boys and girls. We have a common kitchen. The building measures 22000 sq ft in area. In the next phase, we will construct another block measuring 22000 sq ft as well as a dining hall.

# Education

All our children pursue formal education. Many children have completed high school and are pursuing higher education – Diploma, Degree and Engineering. Some of our children are studying in Bhavans’ Degree College (Sainikpuri) and Vignan Junior College (Gachibowli).

At SPHOORTI, Education is not limited to schooling and passing examinations. We emphasize on children learning various art forms and sports and therefore, we teach Yoga, Painting, Music and Dance.

We focus on behavioral traits - behaving with peers, with elders and visitors, in school and elsewhere. We build camaraderie among children by assigning them tasks and encouraging them to work in teams. As children grow up, we will concentrate more on soft skills and personality development.

We have a well-stocked library with about 1500 books and a reading program. We also have a computer lab used by elder children for browsing for their educational requirements and general information.

# Health

To a large extent, our diet regime takes care of the children's health. For ordinary ailments and emergency, we send the children to general physicians in the neighborhood. Prescription medicines are bought from medical shops.

We keep a first-aid kit and stock of medicines for general ailments. Children use cold creams and petroleum jelly in winters. We have medical camps - general; dental and eye check-up organized by friends and volunteers on a regular basis. We conduct periodic meditation and breathing exercises.

# Recreation

Children should be children! And what can be more exciting and enjoyable for children than watching a movie or visiting an amusement park or just spending their free time in a manner they choose.

Painting and Dancing are a passion at SPHOORTI. We regularly conduct painting sessions and competitions. We provide all the necessary sports equipment - Carom and Chess boards, Cricket bats and balls, Skipping ropes, Tennis and Badminton rackets, Tennicoit rings etc.

Our children celebrate major festivals and events like Diwali, Sankranti, Holi, Christmas and New Year day with fervor and enthusiasm.

**Awards and Recognition**

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| No. | Title of Award | Awarding Organization | Year |
| 1 | Top reviewed Nonprofit  | Greatnonprofits.org  | 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 |
| 2 | Award for encouraging talents of children  | Yashoda Charitable Trust | 2013 |
| 3 | Heroes among Us | Axis Bank Foundation  | 2013 |
| 4 | Award for Excellence in Vocation | Rotary Club of Greater Hyderabad | 2015 |

**Coverage in Press and Electronic Media**

Sakshi Salam Interview - Sakshi TV

MAA TV Velugu Veliginchu

Yuva Bharat ETV2

Interview in Readers Digest 2011

Featured in

* Eenadu,
* Andhra Jyothy,
* The Hindu,
* Deccan Chronicle,
* Postnoon,
* Bhagyanagar Post

# Organization profile

**Name of NGO** : Sphoorti Foundation

**Year of Establishment** : 2005

**Organizational Address**  : Sphoorti Foundation,

484, EC Nagar, HCL Post,

Hyderabad – 500051

**Status of the organization** : Charitable Trust (registered as Charitable Trust in Hyderabad)

**Registration No. and date** : 122/2005, Oct 4, 2005

**Name and addresses** : 1. Srivyal Vuyyuri – Managing Trustee

**of Trustees** 484, EC Nagar, HCL Post, Hyderabad – 51

 2. Mahesh Kumar Janjam – Trustee

 59, Nava Nirman Nagar, Jubilee Hills – 34

 3. Sunil Bhardwaj – Trustee

 C/o SAS India Pvt. Ltd, Bandra, Mumbai

**Main activities** : 1. Running a Home for 180 Orphan and destitute children

 2. Sponsoring education of 200 underprivileged children

**Tie – up** : Microsoft, Deloitte, GRT Jewellers, Hexagon, Google etc. and

funding agencies like Hope Abides (USA), Sphoorti (USA) and

 Naya Jeevan (Denmark)

**No. of staff** : 11

**Area of coverage of services** : Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

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| **TYPE OF REGISTRATION** | **REGISTRATION NUMBER** | **DATE OF REGISTRATION** |
| **Public Trust Act** |  122/2005 | Oct 5, 2005 |
| **PAN Number** | AAFTS4504E | **-** |
| **FCRA Registration** | 010230842 | 27/1/2011 valid till 1-11-2021 |
| **Registration U/s 12A**  | DIT(E)/HYD/69(09)/2008-09 | 15/01/2009 |
| **Registration U/s 80-G**  | DIT(E)/HYD/80G/64(04)/2010-11 | 07/09/2010 |