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Vision Statement

Mission Statement

Our organization in participation with the grass root level people seeks to serve irrespective of caste creed or religion, the weaker sections of the society the women, children youth and marginalized communities and offer them the opportunities for developing their potentials leading them to have a self sustaining life.



SJDT's Approach

SJDT's Approach is called 'MEALS' approach
Motivating
Equipping
Accompanying
Linking &
Self Sustaining.

The MEALS approach envisages the NGO as a facilitator in motivating and mobilizing the community from the outside and not as "one of the community" equipping the community through skill transfer, accompanying the community by providing relevant back up, and eventually enabling them to link with mainstream resources and services and being instrumental for policy influences.



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Rev. Dr. Bro. I. Sebastian

Dear Friends

Greetings and Prayerful wishes to you from Rev. Dr. Bro. I. Sebastian FSC, Executive Director, St. Joseph's Development Trust, Genguvarpatti, Theni District.

St. Joseph's Development Trust (SJDT), ever since started to work with the marginalized communities always perceived development as inclusion of the most marginalized in the mainstream. In this inclusive development we always focused on the "Persons With Disabilities" (PWDs). SLF had been strong supporter in this inclusive development endeavour. Our raw statistics reveal that we may have helped almost 1000 PWD's during the last thirty also. We had already brought out few documents on this rehabilitation aspect. Now we present you some case studies to show how we managed to include the excluded PWDs in our development work. I take this opportunity to thank very sincerely SLF- Netherlands and SLF -India offices for their unstinted cooperation in this effort..

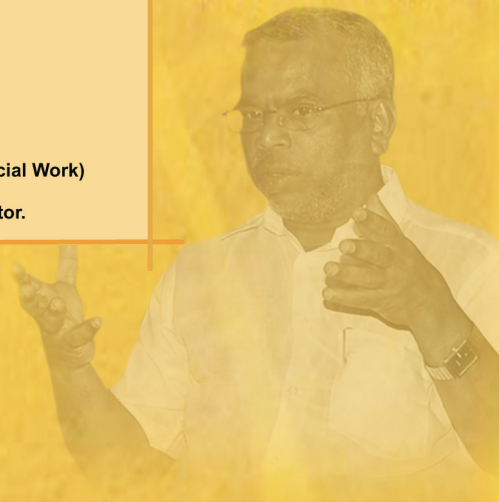
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Rajesh

Age : 21
 Sex : Male
 Type of Disability : Locomotor Disability
 Village : Aanaikovil
 Block : Tranquebar
 District : Nagapattinam

S.Rajesh is 21 years old young man from Aanaikovil village in Tranquebar region in Nagapattinam District, Tamilnadu. He is from a very poor family. His father is a street vendor and he sells " Rangoli " flour. Mother goes for some available daily wage works. Rajesh has got one younger sister. The family is living in a thatched house without much basic infrastructural facilities. Rajesh is not born with disability but due to an accident his leg was amputated and he became a differently abled person.

His father is addicted to alcohol and spends most of his income in consuming liquor not sparing anything for the family maintenance. The whole family was surviving with the meagre income earned by his mother through her daily coolie works. Both Rajesh and his sister were going to school but Rajesh stopped his studies due to the bad character of his father. He could not tolerate the suffering of his mother and indifferent attitude of his father and so he stopped his schooling with eight standard and started to go for some coolie works to help his mother and family financially. He went with masons to assist them in construction works. Rajesh wanted his family members to live like others with all facilities and happiness. Rajesh's sister also was stopped from going to school once she attained puberty and she started to look after the household activities.

Rajesh wanted to earn more money for the family and he went to Chennai to work in a big construction site. For about one year he was earning quite a good income and with that income he helped his family to get settled and also he fulfilled all the needs of the family members. Rajesh used to come home once in a month to see his family members.

Once Rajesh was returning to home to see his family members, as he was coming to Thiruvannamiyur bus stand from his work site to catch a bus to Nagapattinam, he met with an accident. A good's lorry which was carrying sand dashed against him and he was thrown at an electric post. He was wounded very badly and became unconscious. People those who were walking on the pathway rushed him to the nearby hospital. As he was unconscious he could not give any information to his family members. After two days of the accident, police came to the hospital for an enquiry, and they visited the accident spot and somehow they identified the construction site where Rajesh was working. From the people working at the construction site they came to know about the address of Rajesh's residence and informed his parents about the incident. Immediately his parents rushed to the hospital with full of agony.



field vision

By the time Rajesh's parents reached the hospital, Rajesh's leg was amputated. Once Rajesh's family members reached the hospital at seeing Rajesh in the hospital in unconscious stage and with amputated leg his mother became speechless and started crying. There was no one to take care of Rajesh in the hospital until his family members reached. Rajesh's mother with the permission of the doctor cleaned the body of Rajesh, dressed him and gave water to drink. Doctors advised Rajesh to undergo six months regular treatment. Doctors also informed that due to the accident there is some problem in Rajesh's kidney functioning. The family had to spend Rupees Two Lakhs by the time they discharged him from the hospital.

Due to the sudden accident and hospitalization of Rajesh, the economic condition of the family once again became very pathetic and nothing was left in the family. The family was struggling to survive. After six months of continuous medical treatment Rajesh got better and he wanted to go for some work to earn.

SJDT's Intervention:

On 10 December 2010, SJDT staff during their field visit met Rajesh and came to know about the whole incident. Rajesh and his parents were made to realize the importance of "Individual Rehabilitation Plan" (IRP) and with their full participation "Individual Rehabilitation Plan" (IRP) was developed for Rajesh and our staff executed IRP with regular follow up visits. Rajesh also became a member in one of the (Persons With Disabilities) groups promoted by SJDT in his village. After the identification the following helps were provided to Rajesh through the intervention of SJDT.



1. Rajesh participated in the health camp conducted specially for the PWD's on 10th February 2011 and he was helped to get Identity Card from the Government which helps him to get access to all Government welfare programmes.

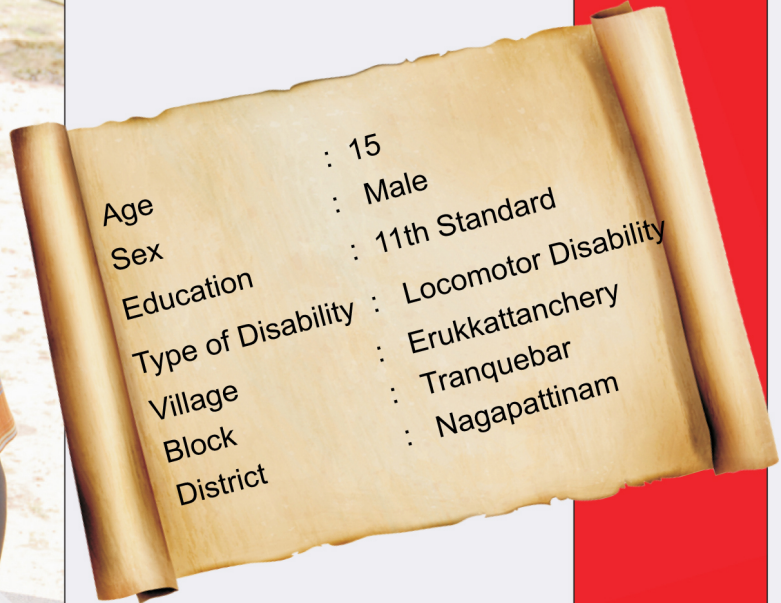
2. Rajesh was given Rs.4000/- as financial support from SLF for starting an income generation programme.

3. Rajesh was taken to NIEPMD (National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities) Institution which is at Muttukadu -Chennai, managed by Central Government of India. After consulting with the specialist doctors, Rajesh was helped to get artificial electronic leg.

4. Rajesh was also taken to Annamalai Medical College and helped to undergo kidney check-up and it was found that his kidneys are functioning well.

Conclusion:

Now Rajesh is running the shop that he started with the support provided by SLF which brings him consistent income. He goes to Poraiyar which is five kilometers away from his village by tri-cycle to buy goods for his shop. He also does some mechanic work in the shop. His parents are also going for work. Recently his sister got married. Now the family is living very contented life and Rajesh has become an inspiration to many others of his village.



Raja is hailing from a very poor family in a village called Erukkattancherry which is in Tranquebar Block in Nagapattinam District in Tamilnadu. He is 15 years old. His father is a watchman and his mother is a housemaid. He has got one sister. The family is living in a hut without any basic infrastructural facilities. His parents are illiterate. Raja was born with disability. His parents tried many ways to get him cured at the young age itself but everything went in vain. Due to the poor economic condition of his family, his father was given watchman work to look after our training hall which is in his own village and Raja was included in SJDТ's sponsorship support programme for the differently abled which SJDТ is implementing with the support of SLF in their region.

Raja was going to the Government Higher Secondary School which is near to his village. He was regular to school but poor at studies. He failed in the 10 th Annual Examination and after that he was not willing to go to school and remained at home. This situation caused conflict between the father and the son. Everyday there used to be quarrel between the father and the son. Before the situation could become worse our staff met Raja in his home and he was counselled and advised to continue his studies. Raja accepting the advice of our staff reappeared for the exam and passed the paper in which he failed earlier. Now he is doing his 11 th Standard and he is regular to school and studies well. Raja wants to get good education and serve the differently abled persons of his locality with his earnings.

Raja

Age	: 23
Sex	: Female
Studies	: M.Com.,
Type of Disability	: Locomotor Disability
Village	: Thudaripettai
Block	: Tranquebar
District	: Nagapattinam

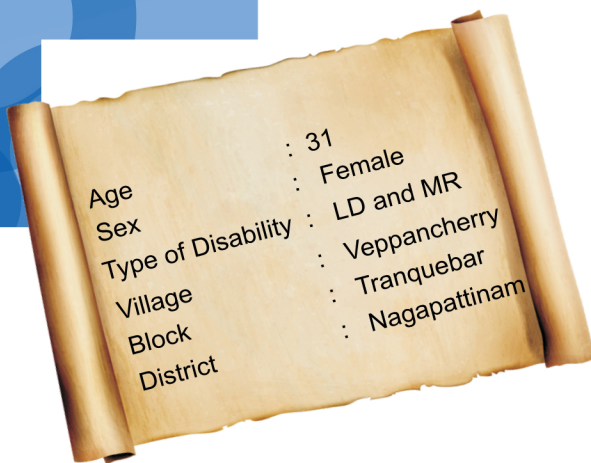


Gokila is from a village called Thudaripettai in Tranquebar Block in Nagapattinam district, Tamilnadu. She is 23 years old affected by stunted growth. She is from a Below Poverty Line (BPL) family. Her father is a coolie worker and her mother rears goats. They are living in a hut which is so small. During rainy season the rain water falls into the house as the roof of the house has lot of holes. In spite of family's financial crisis, Gokila has been sent to school. Her parents used to borrow money from the money lenders on installment basis to meet out the educational requirements of Gokila. Her father has to spare a major portion of his earnings for repaying the borrowed money. However he helped Gokila to complete her school studies successfully.

Now Gokila is doing M.Com. Gokila goes for some available coolie works in the weekend and holidays to earn some additional income to meet out her educational and family necessities. She has completed Tally course through her earnings. As she was going for work during holidays and weekend she could not complete her home work. She became very depressed and could not concentrate on her studies and started to score less marks in internals and semester examinations.

It was at that time our staff identified Gokila through their field visit. Considering her home condition and her interest to study she has been included in our institutional education support scheme for the differently abled persons which SJDT has been implementing with the support of SLF. Initially she was given Rs.2,500/- as scholarship which she used for paying her semester fees. Because of this additional support she got relieved from mental depression and started to show interest in studies and perform better. She scored high marks in the internal examinations. Again she was given Rs.2,500/- as scholarship, which she used for paying her examination fees. This year she is completing her M.Com degree and once she completes her studies she wants to get some job in SJDT and earn for the family.

GOKILA



Usha

Usha is 31 years old lady from the village called Veppancherry, which is one of the remotest villages of Tranquebar block in Nagapattinam district of Tamilnadu. They are totally 5 children in the family and among them 4 are girls. She was born with Locomotor Disability and Mental Retardation. Except her elder sister all the other four children in her family are born with disabilities. Her father was a TB patient and he died when she was very young. Her mother alone is the main breadwinner of the family. Her mother could not afford for all the four children's regular medical treatment and the treatment that she tried to provide also went in vain. The family is living in a small hut which is so small to accommodate all the five children.

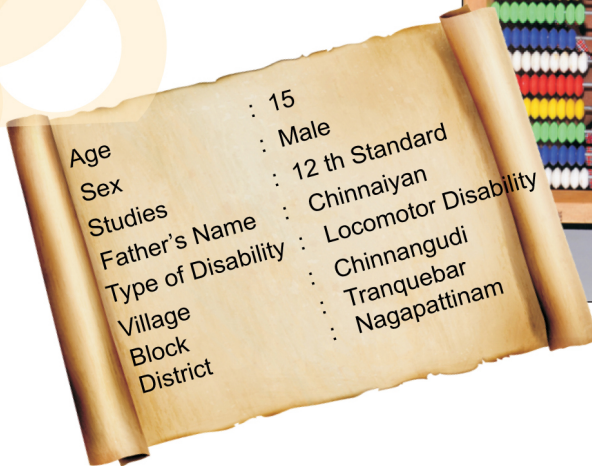
The family was struggling to survive and the mother of the family was desperate to manage the family affairs. To provide the basic needs for the children her mother sold her jewels and started a small tea shop in her village. Initially nobody came to her shop to buy anything as they considered her family as cursed by God. Days went, weeks went and months went without any profit. She couldn't give an one time proper meal to her children. As the result she closed the shop and looked for some coolie work. She went for about a month for some agricultural related coolie work to a neighbouring village, but her children were left helpless as four of them were physically disabled, they couldn't manage their nature's call and daily living. Children became very weak and so she stopped from going for agricultural coolie work and once again she opened her tea shop in the same village. Seeing her pathetic condition some people started to come to her shop for buying. Slowly she got some income with that she could give one good meal for her children. She also sent her two children to special school for studies. However they couldn't continue their studies because they found it difficult to go by bus daily. To add to the misery, Tsunami struck the family and they lost all their belongings.

However all the children were saved by GOD's grace. Her mother became more desperate as she lost all her belongings and left without much to live. The family was helped by many NGOs and voluntary organizations that were involved in Tsunami relief and rehabilitation activities. In few months of time most of the NGO's and voluntary organizations left their village.

It was at that time SJDT, which was involved in Tsunami relief and rehabilitation activities in the block of Tranquebar in Nagapattinam district, through their household survey identified this family and came to know about the pathetic condition of this family and decided to help them in all the ways possible. Usha and other three children were included in the Self Help Groups promoted for the Differently Abled Persons (Persons with Disabilities-PWDs groups) while her mother was included in the Women Self Help Groups. The family was provided with initial support like utensils, food items and clothes. After few months her mother was given Rs.12,000/- as interest free loan with which she once again started her tea stall business. As the guardian of the four children her mother used to take part in the PWDs group meetings and save money in all four children's names. Usha was given Rs.10,000/- as interest free loan which her mother used to extend her tea stall with other grocery items. Though many more shops have come up in her village, Usha's mother's business is not affected as she has developed good contact with the customers. Now she is able to get Rs.200/- and above as profit daily and with that money she is taking care of the four children. Usha's elder sister is also given in marriage. SJDT staff continue to visit this family and take the children for regular medical treatment. Usha and the other three children in the family are undergoing physiotherapy treatment regularly.



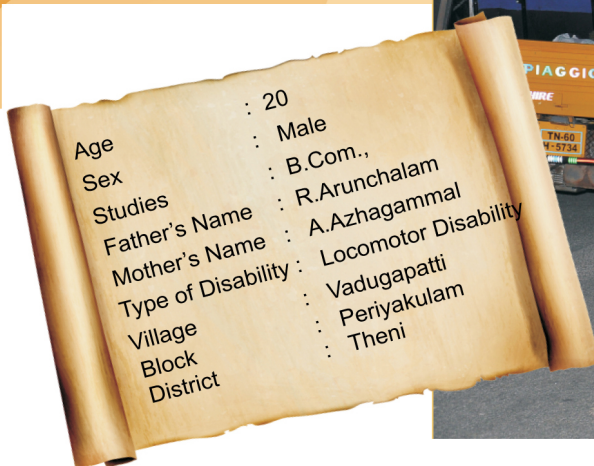
Usha and her mother thanked SJDT and SLF for the intervention which has helped them to not only to get relieved of their poverty but also helped them to lead a peaceful life. Her mother is very happy that she is able to meet all the medical expenses of the four children because of the income that she is earning from her business which she started with the support extended by SJDT in cooperation with SLF.



Velmurugan is differently abled person as he is affected by Locomotor Disability. Velmurugan is from a very poor family. Totally they are six children in the family. His father was finding it difficult to run the big family with the meager income that he was getting from his fishing work which is also not regular as fishing depends upon the season. However Velmurugan's father was sending all the children to school. But to make the situation more pathetic Tsunami occurred and Velmurugan's family lost whatever they had. His father also was mentally disturbed and became ill and he was not able to go for fishing. Velmurugan's father was not able to send his children to school but he wanted to send Velmurugan to school as he was physically handicapped and needs a good future which he cannot get without proper education. But he was not able to meet out all the school needs of Velmurugan and thought of stopping him from going to school.

That was the time when the staff of St. Joseph's Development Trust identified Velmurugan through the house visits. After coming to know about the pathetic situation of the family Velmurugan was selected for our institution's educational support scheme for the differently abled persons which the organization has been implementing with the support of SLF in his village. Velmurugan is now going to school. He has obtained good marks in the last year quarterly, half yearly examinations and has passed to 10th standard. Velmurugan is continuing to go to school and at present he is studying in 10th standard and he attends our Tuition Centre regularly. Velmurugan and his family members thanked SJDT and SLF for the intervention which has assured good educational possibility for Velmurugan.

Velmurugan



A. Murugavel is 20 years old boy from Vadugapatti village in Theni District. His father is Mr. Arunachalam a coolie worker and mother Mrs. Azhagammal is a house-keeper. Both of his parents have studied upto 3rd standard. His father earns around Rs.4,000/- per month through his coolie works. With that meager income the whole family was surviving.

Murugavel has got one each elder brother and sister and one younger sister. His elder brother is Mr. Balasubramani, 25 years old and he has studied upto 8th standard and as of now he is working in a Banian Company. His elder sister Ms. Angala Easwari is 30 years old and she has studied upto 8th standard and she is given in marriage. His younger sister Ms. Krishnaveni is 19 years old and has studied upto 10th standard and as of now she is working in a mill.

Murugavel is not differently abled by birth. When he was eight years old he was affected by severe fever and at that time both of his hands and legs were affected and he became differently abled. He cannot walk properly. When Murugavel was a child his father was not even earning Rs.800/- per month and the whole family was struggling under poverty. His father spent so much of money for the treatment of Murugavel but everything went in vain. In spite of the pathetic economic condition of the family his father has sent all the children to school. Murugavel was sent to Vellalar High School which is in his own village. Once he completed his 8th standard his father stopped him from schooling due to poor economic condition of the family. Murugavel was remaining at home, helping his mother in household activities. At that time the field staff of SJDT identified him and after coming to know about the poor economic condition of the family, and understanding the interest of Murugavel to continue his studies he was selected for institution's educational support scheme for the differently abled which SJDT had been implementing in the block of Periyakulam with the support of SLF. From that time onwards he was offered educational assistance to continue his studies. He was helped to complete his school studies. He completes his 12th standard in Government High School, Vadugapatti.

Once he completed his school studies, he expressed his interest to do college studies. As he wished he was supported to do his college studies also. As of now he is doing B.Com in an Arts College which is at Veerapandi. He is very good at academics and has secured good marks in the semester examinations. Once he completed his B.Com course he wants to do M.Com.

Murugavel thanked SJDT and SLF for the support extended to him and he is very proud and happy that he is a degree holder now and he is also very sure that he will get good job once he completes his studies.

Murugavel

Pazhaniyammal

M.Pazhaniyammal is from Devathanapatti village in Periyakulam Block in Theni iDistrict. She is from a very poor family. Her father is Mr.Muniyandi a coolie worker. He goes for some agricultural related coolie works which is also seasonal. Her mother is Mrs.Panchammal a housemaid. Her father's earning is very meager and is not sufficient to meet out all the family expenses.The family is living in a roofed house without much basic infrastructural facilities.

She has got two younger brothers.One of her younger brother's by name M.Illaiyaraja has completed B.Com and he is looking for some job and the other one is M.Arunachalam aged 14,studying 9th standard.

Pazhaniyammal is differently abled by birth. She was taken to different hospitals for treatment but she couldn't be cured. Her father was worried about the future of this girl.He was deeply worried since she was a girl child. He wanted to ensure good education for Pazhaniyammal in spite of the poor economic condition of the family. Pazhaniyammal was sent to Government High School which is at Genguvarpatti. The family was looking for some external support to provide education for all the three children.

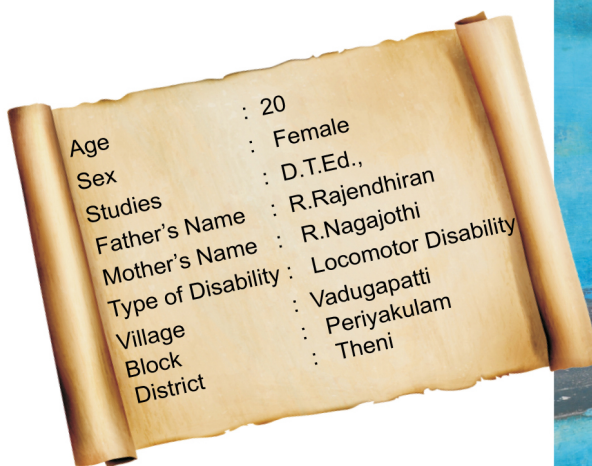
When SJDT field staff was making visit to Devathanapatti village to collect data of the differently abled children ,Pazhaniyammal was identified. The field staff met the parents of Pazhaniyammal and came to know about the living condition of the family. After the meeting,she has been selected for institution's educational support scheme for the differently abled children which SJDT has been implementing with the support of SLF. From standard 8th onwards, she has been helped to continue her studies with the financial support of SLF through SJDT. She completed her school studies in Government Higher Secondary School at Genguvarpatti.

As of now she is studying D.T.Ed.,(Diploma in Teacher Education)at Dhiraviyam Teacher Training institute which is at Kailasapatti. She is doing well in her studies and wants to do B.A., in the future. She is a bookworm and spends most of her time in reading books.

She along with her family members thanked SJDT and SLF for the meaningful intervention which has assured bright future for Pazhaniyammal.

Age	: 20
Sex	: Female
Studies	: D.T.Ed.,
Father's Name	: A.Muniyandi
Mother's Name	: M.Panchammal
Type of Disability	: Locomotor Disability
Village	: Devathanapatti
Block	: Periyakulam
District	: Theni





R.Nagalakshmi is 20 years old girl from a very poor family in Vadugapatti village in Periyakulam block in Theni District. Mr.Rajendran is her father and he goes for agricultural related coolie works. Her mother R.NagaJothi is a house wife. They are totally two children in the family. Besides Nagalakshmi there is a boy who is younger to her and he is studying 10 th standard. This family is living in a thatched house without much basic facilities.

Nagalakshmi is differently abled by birth. Her mother is a sugar patient. Only her father is the breadwinner of the family and his income was not sufficient to meet out all the family as well as medical expenses of Nagalakshmi and her mother. However as both of her parents were illiterate they wanted to ensure good education to both the children.With much financial difficulties they sent both the children to school.Nagalakshmi was sent to Government Middle School which is in her own village,and she studied there upto 8th standard. At that time she was identified by our field staff and selected for institution's educational support scheme for the differently abled children which SJDT has been implementing with the support of SLF. She was helped to complete her school studies at Government Higher Secondary School,Vadugapatti. After completing her school studies she looked for continuous support from the organization and as of now she is offered financial support to do her "Diploma in Teacher's Education" (D.T.Ed) with the financial support of SLF. She is very confident to make her life with the education that she has received with the support of SLF through SJDT and thanked SJDT and SLF along with her parents for the support extended to her.



R.Nagalakshmi



M.Rajendhiran

M.Rajendhiran is the only son to Mr.MuthuGanesan and Mrs.Uma, a poor couple living in Vadugapatti village in Periyakulam block in Theni District. Rajendhiran's father is a vegetable vendor and mother is a house wife. Both of his parents are illiterate.They are living in a roofed house.

Rajendhiran is differently abled by birth.His father took him to Madurai Government Hospital for treatment, but he could not be cured. After that Rajendhiran was taken to many private hospitals for treatment but all the treatments were ineffective. Major portion of the earnings of his father was spent on the medical treatment of Rajendhiran. However both the parents decided to not to have any more children and wanted to spend all their earnings for the medical treatment and educational expenses of Rajendhiran.

As they were afraid about the future of Rajendhiran,they continued to take him to different hospitals for treatment hoping to see their son normal. They also sent him to school which was in their own village.As the years went by,his father also fell sick and he could not continue to go for vending.This resulted in loss of income for the family which in turn resulted in stopping Rajendhiran from going to school. Once Rajendhiran completed his 8th standard his father decided to stop him from going to school as he was not able to meet out all the educational and family requirements with his irregular income. He also had to spend for his own medical treatment.All the jewels in the family were sold to meet out all the family requirements.



Age	: 22
Sex	: Male
Studies	: B.Com CA.,
Father's Name	: Muthuganesan
Mother's Name	: M.Uma
Type of Disability	: Locomotor Disability
Village	: Vadugapatti
Block	: Periyakulam
District	: Theni



At that time our field staff identified Rajendhiran through their village visit and after coming to know about the family condition and the father's decision to stop Rajendhiran from going to school, our staff brought the issue to the knowledge of the Executive Director. And our Executive Director, at once informed the staff to include him in the list of institution's educational support scheme for the differently abled children which SJDT has been implementing with the support of SLF. Rajendhiran has been helped with institution's educational support scheme from his 9th standard onwards. He completed his school studies in Government Higher Secondary School, Vadugapatti and at present he is studying B.Com CA in Arts College. In the future he wants to do M.Com CA and get some Government job. Rajendhiran, while acknowledging the tireless efforts of his father to offer him good education and to cure him, he also expressed his sincere gratitude to SJDT and SLF without whose financial support he would not have continued his studies and his future would have been a question mark. Now he is very happy and wants to take care of his ageing parents by getting some Government job.





R.Balamurugan is 20 years old boy from Melmangalam village in Periyakulam block in Theni District. M.Ramar is his father and he is working in a hotel. His mother is Mrs.Eashwari a housewife. He has got one sister by name R.Gayathri and she is given in marriage. They are living in a thatched house. Father alone is the earning member of the family.

Balamurugan is differently abled by birth.From the time of his birth he had muscle coordinating problem. His father tried many medical and physiotherapeutic treatment for Balamurugan but he could not be cured fully.Till today he is undergoing physiotherapy treatment.

Balamurugan was sent to Government Middle School which is in his own village. He was regular to the school and good at studies.In the beginning his father used to take him to the school and bring back from the school.Due to regular physiotherapy treatment he learned to walk. As he was taken for regular treatment most of his father's earning was used for the medical expenses. In spite of the financial troubles his parents wanted to give him good education. At this time our staff identified him and after coming to know about the living condition of the family he was selected for institution's educational support scheme for the differently abled children which SJDT has been implementing with the support of SLF. He has been supported to do his school studies from 9th standard onwards.He completed his school studies in Government Higher Secondary School,Vadugapatti. He has been assisted with continuous support to continue his college studies.As of now he is doing B.Com CA, in Theni College of Arts and Science, Veerapandi. He wants to do M.Com once he completes his B.Com CA.

He along with his parents thanked SJDT and SLF for the continuous educational support extended to him and for providing good opportunity to make his living.



R.Balamurugan

M.RamPrasath



M.RamPrasath is 20 years old boy from Thamarakulam village in Periyakulam block in Theni District. His father is Mr.R.Murugan who is a driver by occupation. His mother is Mrs.Amaravathi a house wife. He has got one younger brother studying in 12 th standard. They are living in a roofed house without much infrastructural facilities.

RamPrasath completed his high school studies in Sekkizhar Middle School at Periyakulam and higher secondary school studies in Government Higher Secondary School at Thamarakulam.

When he was 17 years old he met with an accident and his leg was injured severely and that made him differently abled. After the accident he was regularly going for treatment to JK hospital, Theni. His parents had to spend all the money that they had saved for the college studies of RamPrasath towards his hospitalization. Due to this situation, RamPrasath could not continue his studies and he was idle at home. But within himself he had deep desire to continue his studies but looking at his parents who were struggling to meet out all the family expenses he decided to stop his studies. He was at home helping his mother.





When SJDT staff identified him through their village visit, they came to know the accident which turned down the progressive life of Ram Prasath. During the house visit, Ram Prasath expressed his desire to continue his studies and requested for some financial support from the institution for continuing his studies. With the consultation of the Executive Director he was selected for institution's educational support scheme for the differently abled children which SJDT has been implementing with the support of SLF for the past so many years in the block of Periyakulam in Theni District. Ram Prasath was very happy to know about the support and as of now he is doing D.C.E. in Thangamani Polytechnic College, Velnagar, Periyakulam. He is performing well in his studies and he wants to do engineering studies once he completes D.C.E.

He along with his family members thanked SJDT and SLF for the timely support extended to him.





Nagenthiran is 21 years old boy from Theni. Mr.T.Murugan and Mrs.M.Veeramani are his parents. He has got two younger brothers. One of the younger brothers is doing college studies and the other is studying in 11th standard. His father is a coolie worker and only with his earnings the family is maintained.

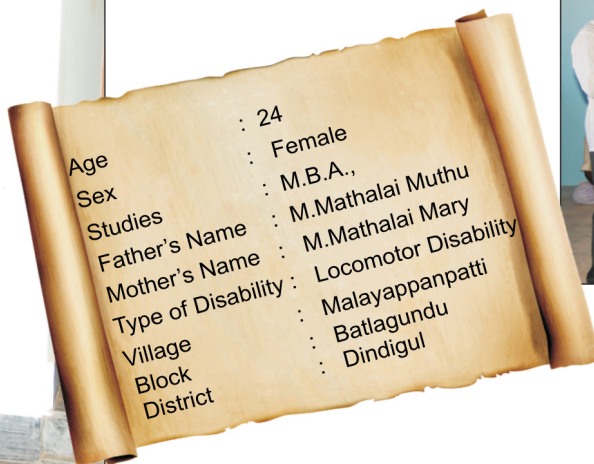
When Nagenthiran was 6 years old he was affected by severe fever and due to the ignorance of the parents' proper treatment was not offered and that resulted in Nagenthiran becoming differently abled. He lost his walking ability due to severe fever. His parents spent all their earnings in medical treatment of Nagenthiran but he could not cured.

In spite of the financial crisis all the three children in the family were sent to school. Nagenthiran did his school studies up to 10th standard in Government Higher Secondary School at Vadugapatti. As he was differently abled his father wanted to stop him with 10th standard and wanted to spend his earnings towards the education of the other two children hoping that they would earn and look after the parents as well as Nagenthiran. And so Nagenthiran was stopped from higher studies and he remained at home idle.





When our field staff identified Nagenthiran during their house visit, had discussion with him and came to know about his interest for studies. Our staff met the parents of Nagenthiran and informed them that Nagenthiran would be helped through the institution's support to continue his studies. His parents were very happy to hear that and assured to send Nagenthiran for further studies if financial support is assured. As it was decided Nagenthiran was selected for institution's educational support scheme for the differently abled children which SJDT has been implementing with the support of SLF in the block of Periyakulam in Theni District. After that Nagenthiran has been supported financially to complete his ITI in Venkateshvara ITI at Madurai. He stayed in the hostel and completed the course. As of now he is doing DCE in Thangamuthu Polytechnic College. He wants to do B.E., also with the support of SLF through SJDT. He is a very clever student and secures good marks in the academic. He along with his parents thanked SJDT and SLF for the wonderful intervention.



Mariyaselvi is 24 years old girl from Malaiyappan Patti village in Dindigul district. Mr. Mathalai Muthu and M. Mathalai Mary are parents of Mariya Selvi. Her father is a street vendor and mother is a house wife. She has got one younger brother by name John and he has completed B.Com. The family is living in a concrete house.

Mariya Selvi is not a differently abled person by birth. When she was around 5 years of age she was affected by polio and became differently abled. Her father took her to different hospitals to give good treatment but she could not be cured. She had been identified through our field staff and selected for institution's educational support scheme for the differently abled children which SJDT has been implementing with the support of SLF in the block of Batlagundu in Dindigul district. She has been helped to do her school studies. She completed her middle school studies in Lillian School, Nilakottai and high school studies at NSVV School, Patti Veeranpatti and Higher Secondary studies at Mahalakshmi School, Batlagundu. She was good at studies and regular to school.

Once she completed her studies she expressed her desire to do college studies with the support of SLF through SJDT. Her desire was accepted and she was assisted to do her college studies. She completed BBA in Arts College, Nilakottai and on her own she did MBA as correspondence course. In future she wants to do M.Phil.

She is very active girl and very outgoing by nature. She is also member of differently abled group. Due to her active participation in the group activities she became animator of the group and represented her group in different meetings and gatherings. She was offered receptionist post in our office and given monthly salary. She is also looking after the SLF programme in the office. Now she is earning Rs.4000/- per month. She is also president of state level federation of differently abled promoted by ADD India- Trichy. She thanked SJDT and SLF for the educational assistance provided to her and making her to live on her own without depending on others by offering her job in the same institution which helped her to do her studies.

M. Mariyaselvi



M. Veera Pathiran is 20 years old boy. His native is Veerapandi in Periyakulam block in Theni District. Munishwaran is his father and Muthu Eashwari is his mother. He has got one younger brother and one younger sister. Both of them are doing their school studies. The whole family is living in a rented house. Father is the main breadwinner of the family and his earning is not sufficient to meet all the family requirements as well as the educational requirements of all the three children.

Veera Pathiran completed his middle school studies in Sankara Narayanan School Vadugapatti and Higher Secondary studies at Government Higher Secondary School at Vadugapatti. He is very clever student and secured good marks in the examinations. Once he completed his school studies he did his Mechanical Engineering in GCT College in Coimbatore. In future he wants to start a workshop on his own.

Veera Pathiran is differently abled by birth. He is affected by Locomotor Disability as well as Down Syndrome. His parents could not afford to meet out proper medication for Veera Pathiran and they stopped the treatment at the initial stage itself. When he was doing 5th standard he was identified by our staff team and after coming to know about the poor economic condition of the family, he was selected for institution's educational support scheme, which the institution was offering for the differently abled persons with the financial support of SLF. Through SJDT he completed his school studies and Mechanical Engineering and now ready to start his own workshop. For this he thanked SJDT and SLF. His family members are very happy about Veera Pathiran and they expressed their gratitude to the organization and the funding partner SLF for the support extended to Veera Pathiran.



M. Veera Pathiran



S. Govindha Samy

S. Govindha Samy is 23 years old boy from Batlagundu in Dindigul district. He is hearing and speech impaired by birth. He is doing B.Com at present with the support of SLF through SJDT. In the future he wants to become teacher for the special school children.

Mr. Shunmugam and Mrs. S. Annalakshmi are the parents of Govindha Samy and both of them are differently abled. His father is hearing and speech impaired and also he cannot walk and his mother is hearing and speech impaired. Govindha Samy has got two younger brothers by names Thirunavukkarasu and Sivakumar and they are doing 12th standard and 8th standard respectively. The whole family is living in a poor thatched house. His father alone goes for some available coolie works and his earning is not sufficient to meet out the family expenses and educational expenses.

In spite of the financial crisis in the family, his parents sent all the three children to school, however they started to show less attention towards Govindha Samy once he completed his 5th standard. Parents were not able to meet out all the three children's educational expenses and so they stopped Govindha Samy from going to school. Govindha Samy was staying at home and started to go for some construction related coolie works to earn additional income for the family.





It was at that time he was identified by our staff team through their house visit. Our staff met the parents of Govindha Samy and advised them to send back Govindha Samy to school. His parents expressed their inability to send Govindha Samy to school as they were already struggling financially to meet out the educational expenses of other two children as well as family requirements. The staff brought the issue to our Executive Director and at once our executive director informed the staff to enroll him in the institution's educational support scheme for the differently abled which the institution has been implementing for the differently abled children in the block of Batlagundu in Dindigul district with the financial support of SLF. Govindha Samy has been financially supported to do his studies from 6th standard onwards with the help of SLF through SJDT.

As of now he is doing B.Com, and he wants to become a teacher in a special school for the hearing impaired. He along with his family members thanked SJDT and SLF for the meaningful intervention which has changed his life. His family members are also very happy over the progress made by Govindha Samy.





I am S.Angala Eshwari from Vadugapatti Village in Periyakulam block in Theni District. I am 16 years old. Mr.Srinivasan is my father and he is going for some available coolie works and Mrs.Muthu Lakshmi is my mother, a house wife. I have one elder brother and one elder sister. My elder brother S.Selvakumar is 18 years old and he is doing B.E. and my elder sister S.Chitra Devi is 20 years old and she is given in marriage. We are living in a concrete house. My father is the main breadwinner of the family.

I am differently abled by birth. My father took me to different hospitals for treatment but all the treatments were ineffective. As I was growing I came to know that my parents have spent huge sum of money for my medical treatment and that had led them to great debt from which till today my parents couldn't get relieved. In spite of the financial crisis in the family my parents sent all three of us to school. But my parents had to stop my elder sister from schooling once she completed her 9th grade and similarly they also wanted to stop me once I completed 8th standard as they were not able to meet out all the educational and family requirements. At that time I was studying in Velalar Middle School at Vadugapatti. Once I completed 8th standard I was stopped from attending school and I was remaining at home helping my mother in household activities.



Age	: 16
Sex	: Female
Studies	: 12th Standard
Father's Name	: P.Srinivasan
Mother's Name	: S.Muthulakshmi
Type of Disability	: Locomotor Disability
Village	: Vadugapatti
Block	: Periyakulam
District	: Theni



At that time when the staff of SJDT was making house visit in our village so as to collect data about the differently abled persons, they identified me and came to know about our family conditions. Deep within my heart I had the desire to stand on my own and help my parents in all the ways possible and for that I wanted to continue my studies. I expressed my desire to the staff and they assured to inform about my situation to the executive director for further assistance. As they promised during the following visit they met me and informed me that my issue was presented to the executive director and he has informed the staff to include me in the institutional educational assistance scheme for the differently abled which the organization has been implementing for a long period of time with the support of SLF. From then onwards I have been supported financially to continue my studies. From standard 9th onwards I am receiving this financial support and as of now I am doing 12th standard. I am studying well and my desire is to become doctor and serve the people.

I and my family members are very happy now and we express our sincere gratitude to SJDT and SLF for the timely assistance provided to me and helping me to realize my wish i.e to stand on my own and look after my parents as well as to serve the poor people.



M-Naga Lakshmi

Age : 23
Sex : Female
Studies : B.Ed.,
Father's Name : Muthu Karuppan
Mother's Name : M.Perumayi
Type of Disability : Locomotor Disability
Village : Thulukkapatti
Block : Periyakulam
District : Theni



M.Naga Lakshmi is 23 years old girl from Thulukkapatti village in Periyakulam Block in Theni District. She is differently abled girl by birth. She is affected by Locomotor Disability. Mr. Muthu Karuppan and Mrs. Perumayi are the parents of Naga Lakshmi. Her mother alone is the breadwinner in the family as her father cannot go for any works due to prolonged illness. She has got three elder brothers. As she is the only girl in the family she is liked and loved by all the family members. Her family is living in a colony house without much basic facilities.

In spite of the financial crisis in the family her parents sent all the four children to school with the meager income earned by her mother. Her parents used to borrow money from the money lenders to send all the four children to school. However her elder stopped from going to school once he completed his sixth standard so as to share the burden of his mother. Most of the earnings were spent on the medical treatment of Naga Lakshmi's father and so Naga Lakshmi also was stopped from going to school once she completed 7th standard.

The girl was identified by our staff through their house visit. After analyzing the family condition and the poor health of her father she was selected for institution's educational support scheme for the differently abled children which the organization has been carrying out with the support of SLF in the block of Periyakulam in Theni District. After that she completed her high school studies in Government High School at Vadugapatti and higher secondary school studies at Periyakulam. She also has been helped to complete her B.A., degree in Anna Packiam College - Thamarakulam and as of now she is doing her B.Ed., Course in Dhiraviyam Teachers Training College at Kailasapatti.

She is very happy that her life has been saved through the intervention of SJDT and thanked SLF for making real substantial change in her life.



M. Rajesh Kumar

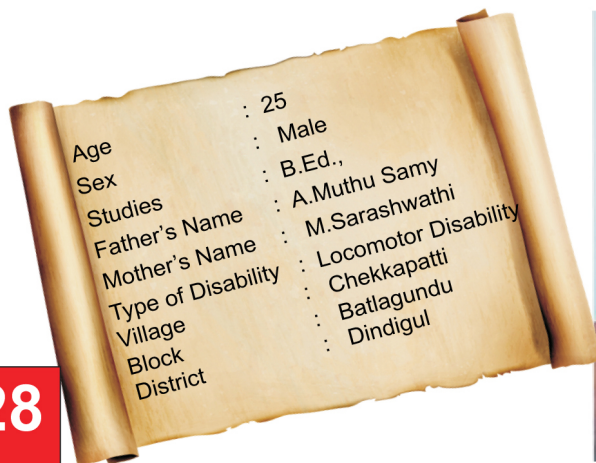
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I am M. Rajesh Kumar from Chekkapatti village in Dindigul District. I am 25 years old now and I am doing B.Ed at present. My father is Mr. A. Muthusamy and mother is Mrs. M. Sarashwathi. My father is a coolie worker and mother is a house wife. I have one elder brother and one elder sister and both of them have got married. We are living in a tiled house. My father is a hard working man and he goes for available coolie works to make our living. My mother looks after the household activities as well as rears goats.

Though my father alone was the main breadwinner of the family he struggled hard to send all three of us to school. We were a happy family living a contented life. But due to my fate when I was around 7 years old I was affected by polio and I had to lose my normal walking ability and became differently abled. My father and mother were shocked and they were trying to find all the possibilities to cure me and in the process of my treatment they spent all their savings and belongings. My father also borrowed huge amount from a money lender for exorbitant rate of interest and he could not repay it timely. My father was struggling to meet our ends. As the result my sister was stopped from going to school. My sister was helping my mother in looking after the household activities and rearing goats.





In spite of the financial difficulties myself and my elder brother were sent to school. When my sister attained the age for marriage, my father once again borrowed money from the moneylenders to meet out the marriage expenses and after that major portion of his earnings were used for repaying the borrowed money with high interest. We could not get good meals. At that time my father wanted to ensure good education to my elder brother so that he would take care of all of us once he gets some job. And so my father asked me to stop from going to school. At that time I was studying 9th standard, I also obeyed my father's words as I had witnessed the sufferings of my father throughout my life. My father is a very lovable person and he has showed me abundance of love. Though I had deep desire for studies I listened to my father's words and I wanted to learn some feasible works to earn some additional income for the family and help my brother's study.

At that time the staff of SJDT, through their house visit identified me and they came to know about the condition of our family and promised to support me in whatever ways possible. As they promised they selected me for institutional scholarship support scheme which the organization has been carrying out for the differently abled persons in the districts of Theni and Dindigul with the monetary support of SLF. From standard 9th onwards I am being financially supported for my education and as of now I have completed B.Sc in P.V.P College at Singarakottai and at present I am doing B.Ed in Sri Ragavendhira Education College at Singarakottai.

I along with my family members express my sincere gratitude to SJDT and SLF for the support extended to me and helping me to reach where I am at present. I want to become a teacher and serve the poor children in the future.



Age : 23
 Sex : Male
 Studies : B.Sc Computer Science
 Father's Name : V.Muthan
 Mother's Name : M.Subbammal
 Type of Disability : Vision Impaired
 Village : KeelaTheppathupatti
 Block : Batlagundu
 District : Dindigul

M.Marugan is 23 years old boy from Keela Theppathu Patti village in Dindigul district. He is affected by Vision Impairment. He is from a very poor family. His father is Mr.Muthan and mother is Mrs. M.Subbammal. Both of his parents go for agricultural related coolie works. They are totally seven children in the family. Among the seven three are boys and four are girls.They are living in a tiled house but it is very congested to accomodate all the family members.

All the seven children were sent to school but except Marugan and one of his elder brothers all others have discontinued their studies before they could complete their school studies due to financial crisis in the family. Marugan could continue his studies only because of the intervention of SJDT.

Due to the financial crisis of the family, all the children were stopped in between their studies and they were sent for some coolie works. Marugan also was actually a school dropout as he was stopped from going to school once he completed his 5th standard. He was going with his father for some agricultural related coolie works.When the staff of SJDT were making house visits in his village to collect the data of the differently abled children, Marugan was identified.The staff met the parents of Marugan and informed them about the institutional scholarship scheme for the differently abled children which the organization has been implementing with the support of SLF in the block of Batlagundu in Dindigul district and motivated his parents to send back Marugan to school.

M-Marugan



From then onwards, Marugan was financially supported to continue his studies. Marugan completed his higher secondary studies in Government Higher Secondary School at Viruveedu and did his B.Sc Computer Science at J.C.College, Periyakulam. Moreover Marugan is also offered job in our office and at present he is working in the sponsorship department. He is drawing salary of RS.6000/- per month. He is very happy now and his parents are also very happy that their son in spite of his physical ailment is able to complete college studies and work in the same organization which helped him financially to complete his studies.

Marugan and his family members acknowledged that if it was not SJD, today Marugan would be an agricultural coolie worker and an illiterate. They are sure that Marugan would meet his ends on his own with his educational qualification and thanked SJD and SLF for the meaningful intervention which transformed the life of Marugan. Marugan is also very good at business and he is running a chicken shop during the evening hours and holidays and earning additional income. He has got his own savings in the banks.



Seyar Malai is 20 years old boy from Kadamalaikadu village in Dindigul district. He is a Mental Retarded person by birth. He does not have parents. He has been brought up by his grand mother. He has got one elder brother. His elder brother does not take care of him. He was brought to Pudhu Udhayam Special School and Home for Mentally Retarded Children by Sr. Jeya and Sr. Amala from Kadamalaikadu. At their recommendation he has been admitted in our Pudhu Udhayam Special School and Home for Mentally Retarded Children which is at Pallapatti.

At the time of joining the school:

When he was 15 years old he was brought to our Pudhu Udhayam Special School and home for Mentally Retarded Children. Though he was 15 years old he did not know to keep himself clean. He needed Special trainings to learn ADLS. As his left leg was affected by polio he needed physiotherapy treatment also. He needed someone's assistance to brush his teeth, take bath, wear dress and wash clothes.

At Present:

He was given all the needed ADLS training and he was also taught basics of education. Now Seyar Malai is able to do ADLS on his own. He has undergone physiotherapy treatment and now he is able to walk better. He keeps himself clean. He has learned the basics of education but he finds it difficult to write. He can differentiate colours, objects, etc, he knows the value of coins and rupees. He knows the names of the birds, flowers, vehicles, animals, etc. Overall he has learned the basics of education and knows the address of his home and he can reach his house on his own. He is very active boy and helps other small children to do their ADLS and teaches them other basics like colours, shapes, numbers and alphabets. He also helps other children to do their cleanings and helps them to wash their clothes and brush their teeth.

At present he is appointed as watchman for our Pudhu Udhayam School for Mentally Retarded Children with salary. In future he can work as watchman anywhere he goes. He is very happy in our school and takes active part in all the school programme.

SJDT also feels very proud over the improvement made by Seyar Malai and along with him thank SLF for the financial support extended to Seyar Malai for these many years.



Age	: 20
Sex	: Male
Type of Disability	: Locomotor Disability
Village	: Kadamalaikadu
Block	: Batlagundu
District	: Dindigul

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