

# FREEDOM TRUST

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...breaking records!!

**History:** Freedom Trust was founded in the year 1997 to cater to the needs of the physically challenged by Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Specialist Dr. Sunder. Over the years, the trust has provided mobility aids like wheel chairs, tricycles and orthoses to over 15000 disabled persons. Under its talent promotion “Sishupunarjanmam” scheme over 40 exceptionally talented special children (visually impaired, hearing & speech impaired) have been given scholarship and training.

Our projects & performance for the year 2014 – 2015

## GRAM VIKALANG PUNARJANMAM

Mobility is very important; to make a child go to school, to enable a student travel to college, and to make a worker go to office. Orthoses, or in layman’s terms, calipers are appliances given to paralyzed or weak limbs fit to the children on a custom made basis, enabling them to walk erect. Handicapped persons in rural areas cannot afford to come to the city or towns where qualified rehabilitation teams are situated; they neglect their handicap and later develop deformities which are difficult to correct, except by surgical means.

In this background, Freedom Trust has been relentlessly working for the cause of such physically challenged persons living in rural areas and has helped them with mobility aids. This year, Freedom trust extended its support to outreach programs in Kamarajapuram near Chennai, Padianallur, Spastic Society of Tamilnadu in Royapuram & Ayanavaram, Madhuram Narayan Centre, Chennai, Neyveli, Padianallur, Polambakkam, Erode, Parukkal, Virudunagar, Tuticorin, Trichi & Tirunelveli. **THIS IS A RECORD NUMBER OF CAMPS AS WELL AS BENEFICIARIES FOR OUR TRUST**

Date	Place of camp	Beneficiaries	Nature of camp
20.7.14	Amar Seva Sangam	62	Assessment
31.7.14	Padianallur	73	Assessment

31.8.14	Polambakkam	25	Assessment
9.10.14	Spastn Royapuram, Ayanavaram	34	Assessment
19.10.14	Neyveli	158	Assessment
26.10.14	Virudunagar	198	Assessment
25.11.14	Madhuram Narayan Centre	18	Assessment
30.11.14	Erode	34	Assessment
11.2.15	Tuticorin	82	Assessment
14.2.15	Trichi	30	Assessment
15.2.15	Parukkal	54	Assessment
14.3.15	Tirunelveli	45	Assessment

15.8.14	Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudi	35	Distribution
7.9.14	Padianallur	71	Distribution
12.10.14	Polambakkam	21	Distribution
24.10.14	Lodge Ramaprasad, Egmore	25	Distribution
23.11.14	Neyveli	107	Distribution
21.12.14	Hotel Hablis, Chennai	18	Distribution
28.12.14	Virudunagar	132	Distribution
25.1.15	Erode	27	Distribution
15.3.15	Tuticorin	64	Distribution
22.3.15	Parukkal	75	Distribution
22.3.15	Trichi	26	Distribution

**A total of 768 (as against 546 last year) physically challenged persons were assessed and 600 (438 last year) at an outlay of Rs. 35, 00, 000/- received mobility aids in the year ending March 2015**

**Photos of our assessment camps**



**Photos of our distribution camps**



## SISHUPUNARJANMAM

To identify exceptionally talented special children and nurture them with training, scholarship & medical assistance and enable them to support themselves through a talent that they are naturally endowed with. The project involves transportation of the children to the trainer or the trainer to them, the amounts paid for their training to them and to their trainers, rehabilitation assistance including physiotherapy and appliances and assistance in obtaining any items for their training like musical instruments or painting materials.

Track record: 5 of our scholars - Vidharte, Mehtab Allam & Suvedha, Lokesh & Aiswarya bagged National Awards for their exceptional talents in drawing over the years and Vishnupriya & Srileka, two other visually impaired students who are being trained in music won State honours for their talent in music and academics. All the scholars who were identified for training in various fields (music, dance, drawing, sports) have chosen the same as their career and are earning a living for themselves. Vidarte one of our first batch of scholars bagged the prestigious Vijay TV Award for her outstanding talent in the field of art on International Women's day on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2013.

**DARSHAN Orchestra** – The 2014-15 continued to be an eventful year for the Dashan Orchestra team. They were invited to perform at several marriage functions, birthday parties, temple festivals & corporate functions.

### Current list of pearls for the year 2014-2015:

1. Manoj – Music	Visual handicap
2. Nagaraj – Music	Visual handicap
3. Akshaya- Music	Visual handicap
4. Samaya- Music	Visual handicap
5. Lokesh – Drawing	Hearing/speech impaired
6. Vishnupriya - Music	Visual handicap
7. Srileka – Music	Visual handicap
8. Rohit Das	Hearing & Speech Impaired
9. Raghavi	Hearing & Speech Impaired
10. Godzen - keyboard	Visual handicap
11. Indrakumar	Hearing & speech impaired

## CEREBRAL PALSY CLINIC & NEURO REHAB CENTRE

Cerebral Palsy is a disorder of the brain occurring at the time of pregnancy or during child birth, due to which the child is unable to attain its milestones like coming to sit, stand or walk. There are associated sensory problems such as hearing or vision loss coupled with day to day problems like difficulty in eating or toileting. Appropriate sensory inputs and movement training can help such special children to become more functional and mobile. In this background, Freedom Trust extends treatment to such children at highly subsidized rates. On an average around ten children are being treated on a daily basis by well trained physiotherapists under the able guidance of Dr.Sunder at our new premises at Ramaniyam Krishna, 1<sup>st</sup> Seaward Raod, Thiruvanmiyur. The venue has been let out on lease to Freedom Trust by Smt. Jayalakshmi Sekar, who has been a great well wisher.

We are so thankful to our patrons who have been giving us solid support to all our projects. It is due to their philanthropy and kindness that we have been able to work towards fulfilling our mission – that of giving a better life to the differently abled.

Our patrons for 2014-2015.

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Inner wheels club

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### OUR PLANS FOR 2015- 2016

The current batch of children have shown consistent progress in their learning process and have also bagged a number of prizes in inter school, inter institutional and other competitions. The trust plans to extend training and scholarship to the existing “pearls” and focus on arranging shows (exhibitions of paintings drawn by our pearls and cultural shows in classical music by our orchestral team). The trust is also planning to organize a benefit performance to mobilize funds and also focus in promoting the DARSHAN ART GALLERY.

#### Proposed camps:

A total of 8 assessment camps and 8 distribution camps have been proposed in the following places for the year 2015 – 2016 reaching out to about 500 physically challenged persons.

S.No	Month	Place	Beneficiaries
1	April	Perambakkam	50
2	June	Villupuram	100
3	August	Trichi	50
4	Sept	Chidambaram	50
5	Oct	Tuticorin	100
6	Nov	Madurai	50
7	Dec	Kallidaikuruchi	50
8	Feb	Coimbatore	50