

2011-2012



6th ANNUAL REPORT



SUKRITI
SOCIAL FOUNDATION

Founder's Message

2011-12 has been a good year in terms of our reach, with special reference to our rehabilitation efforts. We have been able to serve a bigger number of persons. Though this increased reach, we are able to understand better the needs, problems and issues faced by the people we serve. We will explore solutions to their problems that go beyond the lack of quality mobility aids.

Our long planned desire to support a disabled person with a modified two-wheeler has also been fulfilled this year. For a disabled person, the mobility and freedom offered by the two-wheeler opens new doors in life.

Internally, we have also improved our documentation, processes and administration.

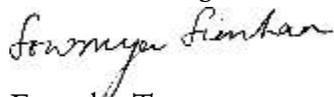
Last year, we read disturbing news about society's apathy towards persons with disability. If Ms. Jeeja Ghosh was offloaded from the aircraft, somebody else down South was not allowed to board the MTC bus with an escort. We need to step up our advocacy efforts to change the way disabled persons are treated.

Orthopedically disabled persons are severely constrained by their mobility issues. These greatly hamper their growth and progress in life, in spite of the skills and talent they possess. We have to look at ways to give them home-based work. For example, a tailor with high skill sets is not able to source work because of the mobility constraints or a person with data entry skills unable to commute to place of work. People who have large volumes of work can consider outsourcing their work to such home bound people. Sukriti, for its part, plans to explore this and see how best to facilitate this growth.

In addition, we continue to explore ways in which small efforts can bring a large change in people's life.

We thank all our donors, funding organisations, networking partners and volunteers for being with us and helping us grow.

With warm regards,



Founder Trustee

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PREVENTION

EYE CAMP FOR SENIOR CITIZEN

As a prevention of disability initiative, we have been conducting eye screening camps every year since 2006, offering free spectacles and free cataract surgeries.

Eye screening helps in identifying cataract which is one of the most common reasons for loss of vision. In addition, camps also help in identifying any other problems that could affect vision. In these camps, vision power is checked and appropriate spectacles are prescribed. Sankara Nethralaya do regular eye screening camps and they also perform free cataract surgery for the affected. Spectacles are provided at a much cheaper rate.



On August 23 and 24, 2011, Sukriti conducted an eye screening camp in partnership with Sankara Nethralaya at two branches of Little Drops, an old age home for destitute elderly people having four branches in Tamilnadu. On the 23rd, it was held at Little Drops Paraniputhur branch, Chennai. Here, we screened nearly 60 elderly people, both men and women. On the 24th, it was held at the Somangalam branch, Chennai where again, nearly 60 elderly men and women were screened.

In the Somangalam branch, we came across an elderly lady who asked us in English when she would get the glasses. When we replied in Tamil, she responded by saying “When I speak in English, you should reply back in English”. In another instance, an elderly lady told us she was a dancer, got married at the age of 14 and even now at the age of 90, she could still dance. These are some of the lighter moments that we shared with the elderly people, whose lives we understand can be difficult and saddening.

We found that no one screened could go through a cataract surgery, because of the age factor. However, 33 people were in need of new spectacles and these have been delivered.

ROAD SAFETY

A POSTER COMPETITION TO EDUCATE CHILDREN



This drawing won the first prize

Every year, we conduct road safety awareness programs as a prevention of disability initiative. On January 12, 2012, we conducted a painting competition on road safety at Rani Lady Meyyammai School in Mandaveli, Chennai. 48 students participated. Mrs. Indira Govindan of Dharmakarma Arts, U.S.A and Mr. Balaji, a Chennai-based sculptor were the judges.

REHABILITATION

Distribution of Mobility Aids

Distribution of mobility aids is an ongoing activity all through the year. A mobility aid like a calliper or a prosthetic limb or MCR footwear helps a person to sustain himself in a job or carry on with his day to day activities.

In 2011-12, we distributed 37 mobility aids. The breakup is provided below:

Item	Number distributed
Wheel Chairs	2
Tricycles	17
Children's Orthosis	10
Walker	2
Adult Orthosis	5
Retrofitted Two-Wheeler	1
MCR footwear	35 pairs

A Tricycle for Rajendran's Garment Sales

Mr. N. Rajendran, 24, resides at Nerkundram, Chennai. He is a polio survivor and uses calipers and crutches to move around.

Unmarried, Mr. Rajendran lives with his parents and younger brother. His father earns a living by selling vegetables around his neighbourhood using a push cart. Mr. Rajendran received an amount of Rs. 15,000/- as a grant from a well-wisher. With this, he has been able to start sales of readymade garments from his home on instalment basis. He requested Sukriti for a quality tricycle which will help him earn better income as he can do door to door sales. On January 20, 2012, Sukriti delivered the high quality tricycle to Mr. Rajendran.

After receiving the tricycle he said it helps him earn an income of around Rs. 300/- per day



TRAININGS

Cycle Assembly and Repair Training, Thiruvallur and Madurantakam

From 27.6.2011 to 30.6.2011, Sukriti organised a cycle assembly and repair training for disabled persons, in association with TI Cycles, IRCDS and Vasantham Federation. 12 individuals with different levels of disability participated in the training. 10 members who attended the training on all days received certificates from TI Cycles.

In the program, the candidates learnt to understand each and every part of a cycle. Two cycles were also used in the training – one, a gent’s cycle and the other, a lady’s cycle. On the second day, the gent’s cycle was disassembled and the trainees were taught how to assemble the cycle. Each and every candidate was asked to assemble the cycle not once but at least two times. All candidates worked in pairs to disassemble and assemble the cycle. On the same day, the names of different tools were taught and then the trainer showed the participants how to use the tools. On the third day, the ladies cycle was disassembled and assembled. While a pair of candidates worked assembling the ladies' cycle, another pair assembled men’s' cycle. On this day, the differences in male and female version cycle explained.

On the fourth and final day, fixing a tyre puncture and



fixing wheels (fixing spokes) were taught. Cycle Assembly and Repair Training, Madurantakam

From 27.2.2012 to 5.3.2012, Sukriti organised a similar cycle assembly and repair training for disabled persons, in association with ASSCOD, Madurantakam. 10 members were trained and given certificates from TI Cycles.

Venkatesan’s life starts moving forward

Venkatesan is around 36 years old. He lives in Veliyur village on the Thiruvallur. Unmarried, Venkatesan cannot walk. He crawls and uses a tricycle. He has many skills like hair cutting, knitting wire furniture and basic cycle servicing.

After attending the cycle assembly and repair training at Thiruvallur, Sukriti, with TI Cycle’s support, provided him a toolkit to help him start his cycle servicing shop. He started his shop outside a government office. The location has helped him fix punctures for two-wheelers and four-wheelers as well. Currently, he earns around Rs. 200/- per day.

Craft workshop for special educators

A paper crafting workshop for the special educators of Sri Arunodayam was conducted by Mrs. Indira Govindan of Dharmakarma Arts, U.S.A.

Sri Arunodayam is a home for orphaned mentally challenged children. The workshop participants were from vocational training in special education. Since none had been exposed to paper crafting tools like punches or stamps, it was a totally new craft experience for them. The workshop covered activities like tag decoration and decorating book covers. Each participant first created a blank book using the slot-and-tab method and then proceeded to decorate the cover using scrap papers, old greeting cards, cut outs etc. The participants enjoyed the workshop.



ADVOCACY

Will The Chennai Metro Rail Serve The Disabled?

Sukriti has been actively advocating for ensuring that the upcoming Chennai Metro Rail is disabled-friendly. We have also participated in the various meetings that the Disability Rights Alliance-Tamilnadu had with the Chennai Metro officials in this regard.

How Disabled-Friendly is India? The Amazing Beyond Barriers – Incredible India Tour

Four wheel chair users from Mumbai-Mr Aravind Prabhoo, Mr Nishant Khede, Ms Sunita Sancheti and Ms Neenu Kewlani (who is also on the board of Sukriti) travelled 28 states, covered 19000 kms in 84 days to have a hands on experience on the state of accessibility of tourist spots in India.

In Chennai, Sukriti received two members of the Beyond Barriers team as special guests for the International Day for Persons with Disabilities celebrations. The team later visited the famous Valluvar Kottam in the heart of the city which was covered in The Hindu dt 6.12.11. The highlights of their observation

- The team had to be carried up the steps to enter the building
- The team could not access the green room or toilets or the first floor

UPDATE

After the audit by the team, we have an update on Valluvar Kottam. A ramp is under construction at Valluvar Kottam



Ramp at Valluvar Kottam

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY



The International Day of Persons with Disabilities was observed on 3rd December 2012 at Maharashtra Bhavan, Vepery, Chennai. The event was attended by more than 250 persons, mostly disabled children, from Sukriti's partnering organisations - Andhra Mahila Sabha, ASSCOD, German Leprosy Relief Association India, Indian Red Cross Society, Life Help Centre and Sri Arunodayam. The program started with an excellent light music concert by a Chennai-based light music band "Chords". The children enjoyed the music immensely.

Mrs. A. Sivagami, Regional Manager/Head, Inclusive Education, Aide-et-Action was the Chief Guest. Mr. S V Subramaniam, Senior Advocate, Madras, and a long-time supporter of Sukriti presided over the program. Ms. Neenu Kewlani and Ms. Sunitha Sancheti of the Beyond Barriers Incredible India Tour team, Mumbai were the special guests.

10 pairs of micro-cellular rubber footwear, 6 tricycles, a cycle repair tool kit, a powered sewing



machine and a retro fitted scooter were also given to needy persons.

The International Day of Disabled Persons was renamed as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) by the United Nations in 2007. The IDPD theme for 2011 was "Together for a better world for all, including persons with disabilities in development". The theme was prominently displayed, both in English and Tamil, in the event banner.

FINANCIALS

SUKRITI SOCIAL FOUNDATION

Balance Sheet As On 31st March 2012

LIABILITIES

Corpus Fund		53,312.00
Excess of Income over expenditure		207,405.70
Contingency Fund		100,000.00
Loans		34,305.00
Outstanding liabilities		31,125.00

ASSETS

Fixed Asset	72,709.00	
Bank of Maharashtra	26,702.00	
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Cash in hand	9,113.70	
Loan	3,500.00	
Staff advance	748.00	
Rental Advance	16,250.00	
Investment- Fixed Deposit		
Corpus Fund	80,000.00	
Contingency Fund	100,000.00	
Short Term Deposit	25,000.00	
Accrued Interest on FD	15,925.00	
	426,147.70	426,147.70

Income And Expenditure For The Year Ended 31st March 2012

INCOME

Donation Receipts		454,822.00
Bank Interest-Bank Of Maharashtra		4,839.00
Other Income		9,530.00
FD interest		9,600.00

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure towards the objects of the trust	279,231.00	
Expenses of the trust	46,873.50	
Excess of Income/(Expenditure) of the Trust	1,52,686.50	
	478,791.00	478,791.00

"AS PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE"

Sd./
As per report of even date
For Sanjiv Shah and Associates
Chartered Accountants
G. Ramakrishnan
Partner

PLACE: CHENNAI

DATE: 28.09.2012

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RECEIPT AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 2011-2012

RECEIPT	AMOUNT(RS.PS)	PAYMENT	AMOUNT(RS.PS)
OPENING BALANCE			
Cash on Hand	21,779.70	Advertising	7,000.00
Bank Balance	84,968.50	Annual Report	5,457.00
Bank Interest	4,839.00	Bank Charges	247.00
Donation Received	454,822.00	Consultancy fee	2,500.00
Profit on Ticket Sales	9,530.00	Fixed Deposit	85,000.00
		Internet charges	160.00
		Membership fees	750.00
		Other Expenses	1,243.00
		Postage & Courier	505.00
		Printing & Stationery	2,078.00
		Repairs and Maintenance	8,297.00
		Scooty	51,480.00
		Staff Advance	4,248.00
		Telephone Charges	5,497.00
		Traveling & Conveyance	9,072.00
		Website	3,717.50
		Welfare of Disabled	226,146.00
		World disability day exp	44,176.00
		Outstanding Liability - Subham Ortho	6,000.00
		Banner	350.00
		CLOSING BALANCE	
		Cash on Hand	9,113.70
		Bank Balance	102,902.00
	575,939.20		575,939.20

Compliance reporting:

1. Salary paid to the head of the organisation- Nil
2. Remuneration and reimbursement paid to board members-Nil
3. Highest paid full time staff-nil
4. Lowest paid part time staff-Rs 2000/pm
5. Number of staff members -1 male -part time
6. Total cost of international travel-Nil

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As per report of even date
For Sanjiv Shah and Associates
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Partner

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For Sukriti Social Foundation
Sowmya Simhan
Rajalakshmi Ramakrishnan
Trustees

ABOUT US

SUKRITI SOCIAL FOUNDATION IS A REGISTERED TRUST ESTABLISHED ON MARCH 1, 2006. (REGISTRATION NUMBER: 286 OF 2006).

OUR VISION

A society where there is equal opportunity for the disabled and where

PEOPLE AT SUKRITI

Founder Trustee - SOWMYA SIMHAN

A management professional, Sowmya Simhan is differently-abled and has over a decade of involvement in social work. She

Founder Trustee - RAJALAKSHMI RAMAKRISHNAN

A philanthropist, Rajalakshmi Ramakrishnan is associated with many voluntary organisations working in the areas of care for

Trustee - S. GUNASINGH

Gunasingh works with Chettinad Cement and has been involved with Sukriti Social Foundation since its inception

Trustee - S. SWAMINATHAN (SWAMI)

A graduate from the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA), Swami has work experience with the NGO sector

Advisor - NEENU KEWLANI

A well-known disability activist based in Mumbai, Neenu is a differently-abled, multi-dimensional corporate professional

PARTNERS

Sukriti is happy and proud to partner:

- Andhra Mahila Sabha
- Arrive Safe Society
- ASSCOD
- GLRA
- IRCDS
- Indian Red Cross Society
- Life Help Centre
- Lions Club of Silver Pearls
- Sri Arunodayam
- Vasantham Federation

We Thank

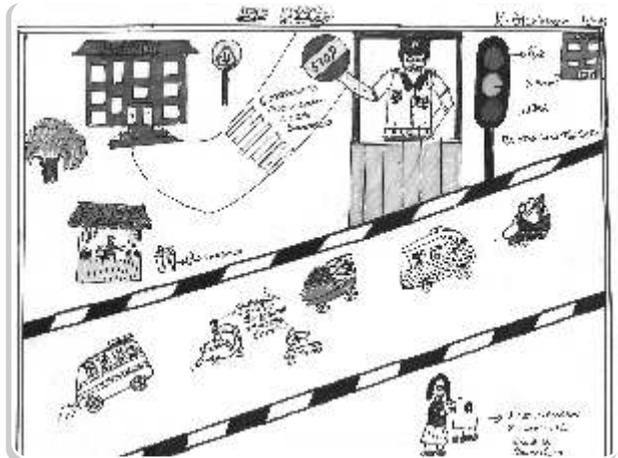
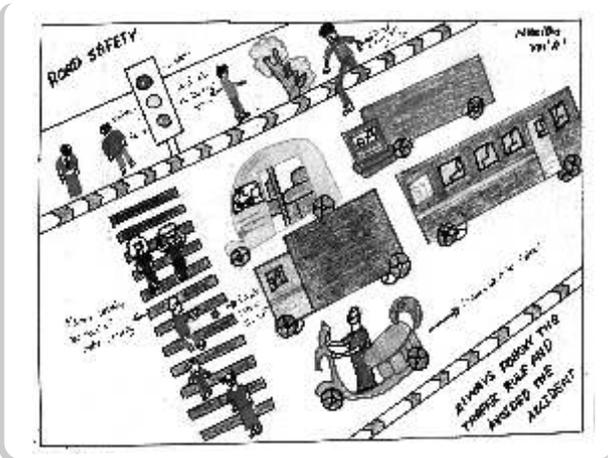
- Aid-et-Action
- Give India
- Mrs. Abirami Ramanathan
- Mrs. Indira Govindan
- Mr. Surya Varman
- Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Prabhakaran
- Maithri Educational and Charitable Trust
- Mafoi Foundation
- Maharashtra Bank
- Scope International
- Savera Hotels
- TI Cycles of India Ltd
- Vasantham Trust

Media Coverage
The Hindu

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603, Anna Salai,
Chennai - 6

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Sanjeev Shah and Associates,
New No. 80, (75), Adarsh Apartments,
Vepery High Road, Chennai - 7

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LEND A HAND. SUPPORT OUR PUSH FOR BETTER MOBILITY, LIVELIHOODS

Sukriti works with the support of people like you. Below, you will see a list of options. We invite you to see the list and support us in the ways you can.

We would also like to take some more of your time and draw your attention to two special requirements.

Mobility and livelihoods are two key ways to empower the differently abled and to help change their lives. These are also the areas we focus most on.

We deliver mobility aids that help the differently abled get around more easily and comfortably. Will see that we give aids that truly deliver such ease and comfort. These aids are costlier but are far more useful for the differently abled.

We also address the twin challenges of livelihood opportunities and skills or employability. Through trainings such as the bicycle assembly and servicing, beaded jewellery, paper bag making we strive to build

skills that ultimately translate into micro enterprises or jobs.

Both options go a long way in empowering a differently abled person. They can lead to long-term change and improvement in their lives.

Lend your hand too. And help us create enduring change. E-mail or call us to discuss the ways in which you can make a difference.

You can also support our work by shopping at <http://www.etsy.com/shop/dharmakarmaarts>

DharmaKarmaArts is the venture of a US-based Indian who makes and sells original, handmade, Indian inspired jewellery, yoga art in watercolour, sari wall art in mixed media, decorative wooden boxes and scarves made from Kanchipuram silk sarees.

Finally, you can also donate online through <http://www.giveindia.org/m-1201-sukriti-social-foundation.aspx>

HOW YOU CAN HELP

(All contribution amounts in Indian Rupees)

- Spectacles for an aged person ₹ 250
- MCR Footwear ₹ 300
- Crutches ₹ 750
- Wheelchair ₹ 5000
- Three-wheeler ₹ 5000
- Calipers ₹ 6000
- Artificial Limbs ₹ 5000
- Self-employment Program ₹ 10,000
- Cycle Training Program ₹ 20000

*Donations to the
Trust exempt under section 80 G of IT Act*

*Cheques favouring Sukriti Social
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below:*

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