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THIYAGAM WOMEN TRUST

Centre for Physically Challenged Women

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Annual Report - Thiyagam 2006-07

- ❖ Those who have lost hands they can help themselves using their legs, those who have lost legs they can help themselves using their hands. Thiyagam Women Trust was initiated in 2005 with an aim to guide challenged women to lead a meaningful life.
- ❖ Free training in self-employment, ensuring earning capacity; counseling and guiding challenged women to avail opportunities, grants and rights.
- ❖ Residential Stay home for rural challenged women.
- ❖ Thiyagam Narpanbu Kalvi Maiyam(TNKM) evening free tuition centres in 5 villages around Madurai.
- ❖ This annual report is not only reveals the activities of the year but to involve itself into a self analysis of its functions too.
- ❖ Thiyagam Tailoring Unit: Through free training in self-employment 34 women obtained training in tailoring unit. At present 14 women are doing job work and has earning capacity from the unit.
- ❖ One export unit of Madurai has given the order to stitch bags initially. Later we got order to stitch hand glouse was given. They were also given training in stitching Nighty. Those who have completed the training, they are either continue in the unit, if they wish or we guide them to form their own unit.
- ❖ Tailoring Unit - Some service aspects we identify and nurture the talents of the girls of Tailoring unit. Higher studies of Physically challenged women through distance education has become reality through the efforts of Thiyagam.
- ❖ In August 2006, Thiyagam Self Help Group was formed in order to give boost to savings.
- ❖ Thiyagam Tailoring Unit was registered with District Small Scale Centre(SSI).
- ❖ Free bus pass obtained for physically challenged women working in Thiyagam Tailoring Unit.
- ❖ Earring aid instrument was given to Mrs Murugeswari of Thiyagam by Muthamizh Trust.
- ❖ In Feb.2007, four tailoring machines were given by Mata Amritanandamayi Math.
- ❖ Ms Jayamani, a challenged women affected with 3 problems mind, speech and earring. She got motivation and enthusiasm which helped her to regain her speech in a small way. This gave her confidence and recognition from family.
- ❖ Thiyagam - Home - Apart from job work training, girls coming from distant places has to stay and work in homely atmosphere. The amount they earn will not suffice to go for a rental accommodation. For this purpose, Thiyagam Home has become their residential stay home.
- ❖ At present Ms Selvi from Siruvalai village, Ms Chithra from Rajapalayam and Ms Valli from Pattukkottai are staying in the home and obtain training in the job work.
- ❖ The aim of the Home is to provide a family environment and all other women shares their concern and love. The denied care and concern is showered

upon them by all inmates of Thiyagam. The motto is: 1. without depending on anyone for survival 2. Supporting one another in their job work 3. Life with courage and determination will lead them to a bright future.

- ☒ Thiyagam - Counseling - Challenged women who are neglected by society or denied opportunities are recognized identified and given confidence. Counseling is regularly done and suggestions are given to solve the problem by person or through the letter. When we allocate time and give patient hearing with open heart to the person itself gives him great satisfaction. We meet not only challenged women but also their parents and give them right understanding. We ensure no discrimination of family members in treating the challenged women.

Counseling/Guidance	Beneficiary
(i) Families of Physically Challenged	15
(ii) Employment counseling	16
(iii) Education counseling	10
(iv) Other Opportunities etc.	25

Visually impaired student Ms Priya is studying M.A. IInd year. She has to prepare her project report on the studies of Madurai Prisoners. Thiyagam facilitated Ms Priya in her preparation of the Project report and arranged for the meeting with prisoners.

- ☒ Thiyagam Friends Circle formed to enlist the participation of challenged women for mutual service with the friends of Thiyagam. The challenged woman gets some kind of support from the society to come up in their lives. Thiyagam requests such challenged women to help other challenged women from their respective villages.

Friends circle till now:

Thiyagam Tailoring Unit - 14 women

Friends Circle - 26 women

40 women

- ☒ Thiyagam - Rural Net work - Thiyagam has taken up a particular rural area to collect the information about challenged women. The research will be made on overall village condition like sanitation, literacy, employment opportunity, number of challenged persons, school drop out children etc. Information collected from the villages of Melakkal, Kamatchipuram, Kodimangalam, Thiruvudagam, Cholavandan. This would help us to undertake future course of action.

- Thiyagam Narpanbu Kalvi Maiyam(TNKM) - Free tuition centres in 5 villages to create Role Model citizens in each and every field of our society who will set an example in uprightness, integrity and humaneness. And to see that when the child leaves the school, he is well established in goodness, both outwardly and inwardly. Some highlights:
 - The senior children are now convinced to lead a harmonious life and guide the junior children.
 - TNKM efforts helped to enlist the support of parents and villagers
 - TNKM teachers meet and parents meet are continuing with a view to enhance the effectiveness.

- Tree Planting - In Kamatchipuram village Thiyagam children planted the trees. It is also been agreed that during birth days children have to plant a tree near by their houses or school and maintain it. The tree will be called by their name.

- The Journey - This is our journey to ensure the all round growth of physically challenged. The challenges and problems have returned back as they have came in, because of the support of noble friends. Our aim is that Thiyagam should be governed by challenged women. In future our action will speak louder than our words. We plant the seeds of hope to reap the fruits of life in due time.



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Thiyagam - Activities at a glance

- Focus: Empowering rural women with disabilities.
- Conducting special training programs for Physically Challenged Women (PCW) and also women in distress living in rural areas to promote the development opportunities.
- Running and maintaining a Tailoring Unit for PCW enabling training and earning capacity and so far 40 challenged women have empowered by the Unit.
- Running and maintaining a Free Stay Home for PCW coming from rural.
- Running a Computer Centre giving basic training in the System to secure immediate employment.
- Arranging to provide Wheel chair, three wheeler scooter and crutches to PCW's through service organizations.
- To give counseling and referral service on employment and also other issues relating to Challenged Persons.
- Thiyagam Self-Help group formed to encourage self employment.
- Thiyagam Cultural team formed to spread happiness and awareness.
- Thiyagam Narpanbu Kalvi Maiyam(TNKM) evening free tuition centres in five villages around Madurai is running to flower humaneness in students and to create Role Model citizens in every field of our society who will set an example in uprightness, integrity and humaneness.

Thiyagam solicits your wholehearted guidance, support and co-operation to reach the unreachable.

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