



# Sneha Sparsh

A Home of Love

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### Dear Brothers & Sisters,

The most precious treasure that God has provided to all of us is life. This treasure is not meant to bury which will be accounted on the judgement day.

In the Gospel, Jesus says: "Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house". Our life is the light. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." When God has given us an opportunity and chosen us to be on this earth, He has a Mission. He has blessed our life and equipped us physically with 2 eyes, 2 ears, 2 hands, 2 legs. Though these are physically meant for our own use, there is a purpose in providing these to us in couples.

God has given us 2 eyes so that we can also see the misery of others through our second eye. Extend the hand to someone's problem. Give a tolerant hearing to the voiceless through your ears. Feed the hungry, walk down to the poorest & needy. God can work marvels through you. And when you do God's work he will bless you in thousands fold. Our life becomes meaningful when we only reach out to others.

The good health that God provides is the foremost richness that keeps our life light shine for others. We are living in a super-fast life. In the run many of us seek only our own interests but it is time to think and act for others. If we can put all our wealth together, we will not be happy & satisfied as the wealth is temporary. We tend to seek more & more wealth by any means.

There may be temporary satisfaction. But the real time happiness is when we share with others, whatever we have. Life is too short, let us make the best out of the gift given to us. Touch the hearts and Almighty touches you.

Joseph Crasta  
Managing Trustee & Executive Director

### Covide -19 Action during second Wave



Kit distributed to Navasahaja members



Food kits to HIV affected and poor families

### Special Note for our Readers

We acknowledge the positive appreciation towards SNEHA SPARSH. Many of our readers have requested Sneha Sparsh in Kannada. The Management has decided to bring out Sneha Sparsh in Kannada and English from the next issue.

We humbly request THE KANNADA READERS to send us a message through whatsapp, those who need Kannada version. Wtsp: 8590256917. Send your name, and correct postal Address.



## 10th Housing Project at Chikmangalore

Mr Mathew D Souza of Chikmangalore submitted an application requesting financial support to complete his half constructed house. He was living in a mud walled haf walls covered by tarpaulin.

The public had helped him to a small extent to have his own house and he had started the construction work of his planned house and he was badly stuck when half of the work was done. Snehalaya came to the rescue and provided required help to complete the work. The House is inaugurated in April 2021.

## 11th Housing Project

An application by a religious sister from Haliyal, Belugum requesting financial support to complete their half constructed house. Her family is very poor and a old thatched mud walled house was ready to give way. Due to the pandemic her brother, lone earning member was jobless. Snehalaya team took up the project and helped her for their constructional work and its completion.

## 12th Housing Project

One of our well-wisher referred a deserving family whose house needed urgent Renovation. An application was obtained from Abdul Kadar of Padil, Mangalore and basic financial support to complete his half constructed house, part renovation, fixing windows and doors was completed. Religion is not a barrier to humanitarian works. He is from an extremely poor financial background. The family is very happy having their own completed house in time.

# Housing works in Progress

## 9th House for Devasi & family, Mundaje.

Mr. Devasi of Mundaje, Belthangadi who is suffering from mild mental illness since past 30 years was living with his wife, 2 children and with his ailing mother, appealed for new house. All of them are living in single bed room under asbestos cement sheets. 2 grown up girl Children are pursuing B. Ed and BCA respectively. His mother is suffering from BP, diabetics and arthritis. For the children's education local church members, groups, religious sisters are helping them from Belthangadi.

His existing single bedroom was damaged due to heavy rains two years back They didn't have toilet facilities either. They decided to have a new house and locals helped them put up a small foundation and the work had stopped.

Snehalaya took up the project and the constructional work is in progress. Meanwhile it is painful to note that whole family was attacked by Corona and the mother aged 79 stumbled to COVID during first week of May. The house is expected to complete in July.

## Housing Project No. 13

An application from Prashanth Tauro of Kalasa parish seeking help to complete his half done house was received and his telephonic follow up invited Snehalaya team to visit them. He was wheel chair bound unable to attend on any of his personal works. Aged mother, 2 sons and his care is shouldered by single women. Their house structure was half completed.

About 6 years back a major accident had crippled him and was unable to carry on any works due to spinal injury. He was a TV repairer and helpful person.

Upon our intervention we learnt that his land documents were not in place. Snehalaya team undertook to authenticate the land documents and also took up the completion of the house. The final finishing is being done and due to lockdown fluctuation the house inauguration is not fixed. A new house is ready for occupancy by June end 2021.

## Housing Project No. 14

Snehalaya team received an application from Mrs. Mutthu Naidu through our volunteer Mr. Oswald from Sampige. Mrs Muttu Naidu is living with her husband at Moodbiri and are not having any children. They are married for 21 years and were settled in Mysore as her husband was working in a battery company.

He was getting monthly Rs. 2500 wages. While at work he got a stroke and was not having the strength to walk around. She started earning her livelihood working as a domestic help the house work and that too is now stopped because of pandemics. Their shed is unable to stand this monsoon and with the help of locals the house work is under progress expected to complete by 15th July 2021.

## The Mannah Mission

The best of all Charities is to Feed a hungry Person" an initiative to feed the hungry, especially for the attendants' servings the patients at Government Hospital in Mangalore is completing 6 years of service. The initiative is named. "Mannah" mission. During the second wave of the pandemic the service continued, serving meals to the Covid patients at Wenlock hospital. The fresh hygienic food prepared at Snehalaya is well appreciated by the patients and has helped many needy, hungry.



A huge thanks goes to all the well-wishers, donors for supporting the mannah mission.

## Educational support

The COVID-19 pandemic had a major impact on the students, last year and for many schools around the world. Children are denied their mid-day meals, daily physical classes, teacher students interaction, writing & reading habits. The ongoing outbreaks wave after wave of the pandemic will affect education in both the near and distant future.



Many middle class and lower middle class families are gradually dropping out of schools for lack of online learning facilities. Non availability of mobile phone, computers and network has become a big challenge to primary to research scholars. Snehalaya took up the issue and identified few deserving students and, during this pandemic, provided 20 students mobile phones for continuing their education.

## Medical supports

Venugopal Chettiyar who was working in Pune as Supervisor at a restaurant, had met with an accident on 6th June 2020. Mr Venugopal Chettiyar, from a very poor family was living with wife and two young children still studying. He was bed ridden and under coma for several months, unable to move. Through social media we had approached for charity and best medical support was provided to Venugopal. Many kind hearted people contributed and helped this cause. But he never responded to treatment. He breathed his last.



Venugopal had got enough money for his treatment. After the death his son visited Snehalaya and gave excess 1.00 lakh Rupees, after keeping 3 lakhs for their education. They have requested to use the money for only medical help to any deserving patients. Immediately one lakh was reached to 2 of the poor families, suffering from Kidney for dialysis, and other was for brain tumour.



## COVID – 19, Relief work by Snehalaya team

Team Snehalaya was well equipped to cater their yeomen service during the second wave of this pandemic. The rich experience of previous phase and knowing the need of the families Snehalaya provided free ambulance facilities for all the people who were in need. Especially to transport COVID patients and dead bodies to the required destinations.



One independent driver and ambulance is stationed in Mangalore city. The service is available round the clock even at night.

More than 65 cases have been provided free ambulance services in just 40 days.

## Food Kits distribution

“We rise by lifting other” and it is the right time to know the need of people suffering. During the lockdown period so many poor families were struggling for their daily needs such as food, medicines, groceries, clothes etc. Snehalaya team distributed more than 500 food kits to the poor deserving people. A special drive to reach out special categories such as HIV affected families, transgender, sex workers and economically poor families. The Mangalore unit under the leadership of Prakash Pinto Bondel led the mission under the guidance of Joseph Crasta.



## Ongoing Projects under construction at campus

### Sewage Treatment Plant ready to commission



Snehalaya Psycho Social Rehabilitation center is housing about 300 individuals daily at an average had an urgent need for a STP. The said STP work of 60K Liters capacity commenced about a year back at an estimated cost of Rs. 15 Lakhs. The STP work has completed in time and from 5th June 2021 the plant is functional on trial mode. The waste water is being used for utility, farming and gardening. Presently the drinking water is diverted only for portable use. Snehalaya is thankful to all donors for the financial support extended towards STP project.

## Community Kitchen Project

One of the urgent requirement of Snehalaya was to have its fully equipped Community kitchen. To provide hygienic and quality food for more than 230 inmates, 50 plus staff. 700 meals for Mannaha mission was a big challenge. Snehalaya never compromised in its deliverables. An acute need for a community kitchen was felt and the work commenced in December 2019. The work is in progress. More than 60% of the works have finished. By the blessings of Almighty the Inauguration of the new kitchen is scheduled for 26th August 2021.



# “Man with a Mission” Book release



Mr. Roy Castelino, The PRO of Mangalore diocese said, Joseph’s work cannot be documented in a single book because each minute he does something new. At the age of 50 writing a biography may be too early but the authors need to continue many successive parts of his Biographies. He is the chosen one and I am also inspired by his works he said.

Mrs. Felcy Lobo, a writer & poetess spoke on the book and aspired that the content be an inspiration for the future generation. Her flawless narration and the poetic style of presenting the book was impressive. On behalf of the writers, Swarup Amin was felicitated. Shri Rafiq Master, a renowned social worker compared the program in his unique style.

“Man with a Mission”, a biography of Joseph Crasta, the Founder and Executive Director of Snehalaya, was released on 10th February 2021 by the Bishop of Mangalore, Most Rev. Dr. Peter Paul Saldanha, at the Bishops House, Mangalore.

The book is very well compiled and written Shri. Geo D Silva & Mr. Swarup V Amin jointly.

The book consists of 20 valuable articles with photo albums of Joseph’s birth, childhood, U turn in life, spiritual call and the missionary work. The initiation of Snehalaya, the challenges faced, his missionary work as a lay man, are documented in an impressive way and aptly titled “MAN WITH A MISSION”

The Bishop “we need not engrave our names on Marble but in the hearts of people. This requires sacrifices and love. Joseph is following the footsteps of Mother Theresa and may his works be continued”

The Bishop mentioned that he had an opportunity to go through the content of the book, and it is excellently narrated. The Bishop honored Joseph by offering him a Shawl.



Joseph Crasta the charismatic personality thanked the dignitaries and the writers. He expressed special thanks to the authors who have taken the pain picking lot of information and translated into a document.

## Celebrate your special day with and at Snehalaya

<b>Contribution towards food Mannah &amp; inmates</b>	Dear Brothers and Sisters, Share generously with those in need, and good things will come to us in return.			All contributions/donations made to Snehalaya Charitable Trust are exempt <b>U/s 80 G of the income tax act 1961.</b>
	<b>Food</b>	<b>Daily Expenses of Inmates</b>	<b>Mannah Expenses</b>	
	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>6000</b>	<b>8000 per day</b>	
	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>15000</b>	<b>Special Meal</b>	
	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>15000</b>	<b>Rs. 30,000/-</b>	

Every rupee in cash or kind, received at Snehalaya is acknowledged with receipt. Our bank account details are provided below, for the reference of kind hearted donors.

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## Editor's Desk



God created this beautiful world and finally He created "man" in his own image, male and female, to rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth. No doubt man is given the supreme authority to safe guard the universe. But the world is filled with disparity, inequality, misery among the God's own creation.

When we gaze around the society, we find in abundance, the poor, the helpless, the homeless, the hopeless, the mentally ill, physically challenged, the HIV patients, the destitute, the orphans, the refugees, the displaced, the unemployed, teenagers on cross roads, the troubled, the victims, the abused, the lonely, the uncared elders, the addicts, uncared widows, single women, the victims of natural disaster etc. It is true that as an individual, one cannot solve the needs of the world, alone. But we all can do something together like thousands of bees contribute in making a candle that gives light to others.

The second wave of the destructive pandemic has drowned several families in tears, the wounds that won't heal for years. Our helplessness and the situation around us is giving a red alert to wake up. The Government & medical challenges, won't save us unless we take care of ourselves. Now is the time for each one to reach one. Snehalaya team never rested during the tough times, rather saw more opportunities to reach out to people in need. Be it medical help, housing, social & economic empowerment, counselling, helping people across a tele call. The tag line "sarve jana sukhino bhavantu" in reality.

During the lockdown youngsters have oriented themselves for social work. The political parties have ventured out for competition. The NGOs have exhibited par excellent service. The front line workers have not rested. All this is an indication that there is a spirit inside us that invokes us to reach out to others.

Here are some of the things that we can start doing to better the society:

- Give a portion of earnings/allowance/savings from week end parties/extra earnings, to the poor & needy person (Directly or through reliable NGO)
- Contact your neighbourhood and maintain good rapport and attend on their basic needs, share what you have, may be even fruits, vegetables or groceries.
- Attend on the sick, weak, elderly and atleast connect them to decent centers that can take care of them.

• Any suicidal person needs a timely intervention. If you come across anyone contact the concerned NGO, counsellors and be with them motivating them.

Wishing you a happy and healthy life to better the society in the best way that we can.



**Geo D Silva, Agrar.**

## MESSAGE



### Covid -19 and our Faith

The world's second oldest women Lucille Randon, aged 117 years, from France also known as Sr. Andre was successful to beat Covidin February this year. When asked what makes her so invincible, SR ANDRE, who is also the world's oldest living nun credited it to red wine apart from her faith in God. Rather than pondering upon the epidemic, its origin, whether it is a by-product of nature or it is from God, whether it is a wrath or curse, is it from China, USA or WHO all questions are immaterial. It may be a human made disaster, a man made Fiasco, an outcome of laboratory, the clarity will be visible today or tomorrow. The truth, reality will come out.

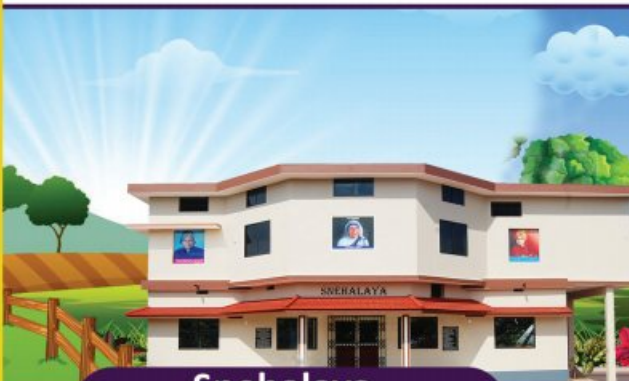
What we really need to worry about is the devastation, misery, untold suffering on each one of us, especially the children and the families. We are taxed & punished as Economies tumble, banks have become bankrupt, state may have to borrow and print notes. Many persons may not have one square meal per day. The poor has become the worst hit target. Hundreds of priests, nuns and religious have succumbed to death. Thousands have become orphans and the rehab centres are facing the challenges as Government bodies are focusing on administrative survival and elections rather than caring the victims and uplift them.

Psalm 91 reads 'you shall not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; pestilence that roams in darkness, nor the plague that ravages at noon, though a thousand fall at your right hand, near you it shall not come. You need simply watch, whoever clings to me, I will deliver. All who call upon me, I will answer and show them my saving power. So many have recited it and so many have been saved and are witness to it.

So, "whoever is in Christ, is a new creation, the old things have passed away, behold new things have come". says it. St Paul in Corinthians 5.17



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# New Admissions at Snehalaya

## Reena(55)

*Isaiah 41:10*

*Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*



The above words of holy scripture became a reality in the life of Reena, aged about 55, on 18.02.2021, who was found roaming in Thuminadu at Manjeshwar by Snehalaya team. She was in very bad mentally ill condition, extremely poor personal hygiene, with full of rashes on her body, when she was rescued by the team. She was treated medically and sheltered at Snehalaya and now under medication.

## Shantha(28)

*Psalm 82:4*

*"Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."*



A young lady in her mid-twenties, was found troubling the general public in Mangalore city, while the Local police rescued the lady on 20-02-2021 and learnt that her name is Mrs. Shantha aged about 28 years.

She was brought down to Snehalaya by Pandeshwara South Police Authority with a request to shelter her. She was very violent and aggressive. She was provided the primary care, hygienic attention and provided good food. Now she is happily living at Snehalaya and helping other patients in their day-to-day activities.

## Gangamma(55)

*Deuteronomy 15:11*

*"You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land."*



Snehalaya team received a call requesting help to rescue a mentally ill lady from Suratkal. She was creating public nuisance roaming in the highway and round around Suratkal in front of MRPL. She was threatening & troubling the public by lighting fire on the roads.

Immediately team Snehalaya rushed to Suratkal to pick the lady. She was very violent. The team brought her and provided the primary basic care. When one feels that they have nobody in life they lose everything., and Gangamma's case was best example. She became sober and responded to the loving care and now living a decent life under controlled condition.

## Belamma( 58)

*Proverbs 7:12*

*She was the brash, rebellious type, never content to stay at home. She is often in the streets and markets, soliciting at every corner."*



On 18th March 2021, a call seeking help to rescue an elderly lady from the streets of Melkar, B.C Road, was received by Snehalaya at late hours. They said her condition was very bad and in a mentally ill condition.

Snehalaya team went the spot and rescued the lady, brought her to Snehalaya provided preliminary care and treated her with love. Now she is improving and responding well for treatment at Snehalaya.

## Fareeda (50 )

*Proverbs 5:6*

*"For she cares nothing about the path to life"*



The police officer of the women cell, Kasaragod Police station, brought a mentally ill lady patient to Snehalaya Psycho-Social rehabilitation centre on 12th January 2021. She was found roaming in the streets of Kundamkuzin Kerala. She is a middle aged lady and team snehalaya admitted her for care & rehabilitation. Now she is treated at the rehabilitation center and responding well to the treatment.

## Mr. Kenchanna (50)

*"Whenever we touch someone's life, we leave a trace over there. Always leave good traces so that you can walk in the streets with dignity"*



A man named Kenchanna aged around 50 was found roaming on the highway of Uppala. He was rescued and brought down to Snehalaya for shelter on 19th January 2021. He was possibly on roads for many years. He is being treated at Snehalaya and is recovering. He has still not recalled his memories and unable to share his details.

## Mr. Palani

*We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses. - Abraham Lincoln*

Yes on the streets of KALASA, Chick Mangalore on the thorny streets, a rose was found in the form of PALANI. On 19th March 2021, he was rescued with the support of local leaders, media personnel and Snehalaya team. He was mentally ill, creating lot of disturbance sitting right in the center of the road. He was rescued and drove him all the way to Snehalaya and now sheltered & treated at Snehalaya.



He was frightening the public, creating fear among the people and was moving between the heavy traffic and the crowd in the market place. Under the guidance of Mr. Manjunatha, a member of the Samse Gram Panchayat, the local JC president, along with few journalists and local friends, took initiative to rescue Palani under the guidance of the officials of Snehalaya Charitable Trust Mangalore. The Youth of Kalasa exhibited their real humanitarian heart to save the victim and bring him to the mainstream.

The person was found in shabbily dressed attire, plenty of coins in his bags. He was stinking as he was roads for several years with psychiatric disorder, unshaved for years was rescued through a brisk action. Palani, is from Tamil Nadu. Now he is responding well to the treatment. And Snehalaya is proud to pick him, the rose, from the thorny challenges.

## Mr. Sagar

*Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself. - George Bernard Shaw*

A young man in his twenties, who was found roaming on K.C Road, Near Manjeshwar, Kerala. He was rescued on 28th March 2021. He was mentally ill brought and admitted at Snehalaya. He has responded well to the treatment and shared his details. He hails from Hariyana.



Snehalaya team has identified his family and awaiting their arrival after the lockdown clearance. Snehalaya has created his life and helped him find himself in him.

## Mr. Krishnaswami(45)

*The measure of a society is found in how they treat their weakest and most helpless citizens. - Jimmy Carter*

On 2nd April 2021, Mr. Krishnaswami was picked up from Thokkottu Bridge, Mangalore. It is very sad to note that he was sleeping under the bridge over the flowing Netravathi river for several months. The public observed him and requested Snehalaya to rescue him. Snehalaya team brought him and being treated. He is unable to recall his past and awaits his dear ones.



## Mr. Murgan

*Everything is easy when you are busy. But nothing is easy when you are lazy. - Swami Vivekananda*



Mr. Murgan was found in Sullia in a helpless situation wandering around. One of Snehalaya staff, amidst his busy schedule found this man on 13th April 2021 at Sullia bus stop. His timely decision to rescue Murgan has given him new lease of life and is presently undergoing treatment at Snehalaya.

## Mr. Firoz (36)

*If you have not tasted poverty, you will not be able to manage blessing when it comes. If you have not tasted humiliation, you will not be able to manage honour when it comes. - T. B. Joshua*



Mr. Firoz aged about 36 years was found on 5th March 2021 at Talapady bus stand in a mentally ill condition. He had possibly been on roads for years, wandering without any destination. He was found to have tasted worst situation in his life. Snehalaya team picked him, and sheltered at the rehab centre. The local police assisted in rescuing him and reaching him to Snehalaya. At present he is recovering and living with dignity.

# Re-Union

*"Nothing Is Permanent in This World, Not Even Our Troubles"*

The ultimate aim of Snehalaya to rescue, care, treat and rehabilitate the mentally ill, destitute patients to unite them back to their biological families. During the past six months the team was successful in identifying the families and re-unite them with their families. The trouble and torments undergone by the patients for years got diluted and found joy in their own home.

## An emotional Home coming of Mr. Pratheep

Humans are by nature social creatures. Most people crave some level of intimacy. Companionship, and lasting connection with others. But sometimes when loneliness dominates you, people neglect you, stress out, shocks detaches you from mainstream and only time soothes the wounds.

Mr. Pratheep aged 33 years was from similar condition, received in mentally ill state on 1st January 2021 from RTO circle Mangalore Karnataka. He was treated and got recovered quickly. He is successfully reunited with his family at Ambedkar Nagar District of UP State. According to his family members he was missing since 6 years. The family members left no stones unturned to find him. Having failed in their efforts they left the hopes in the hands of destiny as they didn't find him anywhere.



It was ecstasy for the family members when the team reached their home with Pratheep, it was very emotional re-union. The family accepted him with an embrace.

## Benar Singh Manhan finds his home after ONE year

*"Family is like branches on a tree; we all grow in different directions, yet our roots remain as one".*

Benar Singh Manhan who was rescued from Beeri, Near Mangalore had started his life at Snehalaya on 15-11-2020. When Snehalaya team found him in pathetic condition, who had spent several days on roads, needed urgent rescue, care and treatment. Therefore, he was brought to Snehalaya for treatment and rehabilitation.



After timely medical treatment to Benar Singh Manhan, his activities took a gradual turn and participated in various activities like Yoga, exercises, games etc. He was able to recall his past and shared his family

He is from Balamger District of Odissa. Snehalaya with the help of Shraddha Rehabilitation Foundation, Mumbai, sent him to Mumbai for further process of rehabilitation and reunion.

A home survey was conducted and his house was found. His uncle who was overjoyed to accept him said, "I am seeing him after 1 year. There was no hope that I would ever meet him". His uncle expressed his gratitude for finding and bringing him back home.

Benar Singh Manhan's original name is Anirudha Manhanda, was mentally ill for the past 15 years. Treatment was not given to him by the family. His parents had expired long back. He is single and has no sibling. His uncle was looking after him. But unfortunately, one fine day he disappeared. His uncle searched everywhere. But all his efforts were in vain. Now as his family branch has found its root, he is very happy and his uncle too.

## Yet another Successful Reunion of ANIL

*"Rejoice with your family in the beautiful land of life!"*



Snehalaya psycho social rehabilitation centre successfully rehabilitated an individual, missing since 9 years safely back to his family. It was the real time to rejoice and experience beautiful life upon reunion. Mr. Anil aged 66 Years, a resident of Belgaum was found on 11.12.2018 in a mentally disordered state at KC Road, Mangalore.

He responded well to the effective treatment and was able to relate his past. Upon receiving his family information, Snehalaya with the help of Kaktie Police officers, Anil was reached his home on 13.1.2021. His sister in law Ashalatha welcomed and received him with happiness after 9 long years.

## Bhulan Sha rehabilitated within 6 months

*"Family means putting your arms around each other and being there."*

Mr. Bhulan Sha was picked from Mangalore railway station in a very bad condition on 06.11.2020 who was in uncontrollable & hyper active in nature.

He was admitted for treatment and special care extended by Snehalaya helped his recover. He recalled his address who hails from Mohanpur, Nihalpur, Buxar district of Bihar. He was reunited with his family within 6 months. His mother warmly welcomed him and was very happy. It was feast to see the mother embrace him, Family means putting your arms around each other and being there for you, her eyes expressed and for Snehalaya it was a mission accomplished.





## Re-Union of Mr. Somashekar of Bengaluru.

*"You don't choose your family; they are God's gift to you"*

Mr. Somashekar aged about 40 was picked from Mangalore Railway Station in a mentally ill state of mind was found on 06.11.2020. He was treated at Snehalaya for his psychiatric illness. He responded to the treatment During counseling Mr. Somashekar shared his family details. Snehalaya team contacted his family. On 21st February 2021, Mr. Somashekar's brother and sister from Bangalore reached Snehalaya. According to family members, Mr. Somashekar was missing for 3 years.



The family received Mr. Somashekar with happiness, as a gift from God back to their family.

## Ubaidullah Rehman back home after 1 year

*"May the roots of your family tree grow deep and strong"*

Mr. Ubaidullah Rehman was picked from Jyothi Circle, Mangalore in a very bad condition on 04.03.2020 by Mr. Prakash Pinto, Trustee of Snehalaya. Mr. Ubaidullah Rehman was uncontrollable & hyper active in nature, been on roads for several days creating fear among the public.



He was admitted for treatment and by the special care of Snehalaya. He responded well and got recovered. He recalled his background and shared his address. He hails from Shervani Nagar, Sitapur Road, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. He was reunited with his family after a gap of 1 year. His mother and brother warmly welcomed him and were very happy. The roots of family had been detached got reunited deep & strong through this reunion.

## Anitha's Reunion on women's day.

*"A family is a little world created by love."*

Mrs. Anitha, a young and beautiful lady, mentally instable, was on 26th October 2020, near Kunjathur Streets, Manjeshwar, Kerala. By her looks she appeared to be from eastern part of India. She responded to effective treatment & care rendered by Snehalaya and was able to share her details.

Her where abouts were identified. She hailed from Bihar and was reunited back to her family in Bihar on 8th March 2021. Incidentally the date was the International women's day. Anitha was married and is mother of 3 children. Her reunion was a special gift to her loving mother in law, Husband, children and family.



According to her family she was suffering from mental illness and was missing since one year. She has 3 children and her husband is working in Delhi as daily wager. Anitha's mother - in -law accepted her with love. This reunion brought immense joy amongst the family members truly endorsed that a family is little world created by love.

## Suresh finds his home after 12 years

*"The only thing sweeter than union is reunion." -Kathleen McGowan*

Suresh, a mentally ill patient was rescued and admitted to Snehalaya on 19th January 2020, from Subramanya. During the admission he said his name as Raja. Timely medical assistance, counselling transformed Raja, to take active part in all the activities of Snehalaya, and he began to share about his family details.



He is the native of Dhanbad District of Jharkand state. And he shared that his actual name is Suresh. Snehalaya then contacted Shradha Rehabilitation Foundation, Mumbai and sent Suresh to Mumbai for further process of rehabilitation. His house was identified, home survey was conducted and it was a great joy for the family members to find Suresh after a span of 12 years.

Suresh has his surviving parents, 2 brothers and 3 sisters. They expressed their gratitude and said "we are seeing him after 12 years. We had given up hopes of meeting him ever". They were surprised to see the changes in him and his health. The family is grateful to Snehalaya, where Suresh got new lease of life. This reunion was sweetest part of our life, the family said.

Suresh is the eldest son in their family. He was suffering from mental illness. Treatment was given by the family. But one day he went missing & disappeared. His where abouts were not known. All efforts to find him had failed. Now Suresh found his home and family after 12 long years.

## Various activities of Snehalaya

### Donor's Day celebration

A Special prayer service was organized for all the donors of Snehalaya and celebrated the International Donors day at Snehalaya. An Adoration service led by Rev. Fr Michael D' Souza, Parish Priest Bola was conducted, lifting up all the donors who have contributed their share in kind, cash or concepts. All the donors, benefactors, patrons and our supporters and their families were specially remembered during this adoration service.

### AA Meetings

Snehalaya team has initiated A.A. meetings on Sundays, and the meetings are conducted on all Sundays without fail. Talks and sharing testimonies on drug abuse, alcohol, its consequences and family situations are presented to those who are addicted to alcohol. Those who have given up alcohol and living happy life are resource persons.

### Staff orientation

On 31st January 2021, Mr. Geo D Silva, a master trainer and a resource person with expertise NGO knowledge and operations techniques conducted an orientation session for the staff of Snehalaya. Various skills, communication and personality development, planning tasks and evaluating self was touched upon during the session.

### Staff monthly activity



"No man is an Island." None of the NGOs can be stagnant waters. Knowing well that each one has lot of learnings and adopt best practices, an initiative to visit various institutions carrying on similar works was planned. Accordingly, on 16th February 2021, Snehalaya staff visited Little sisters of the poor, Mangalore for an experience exchange program.

Snehalaya staff interacted with the inmates and staff of little sisters of the poor, home for the aged. An entertaining cultural program was conducted and few spot games were conducted. The winners were given prizes. A walk through gave the staff an excellent committed work of Rev. Sisters and both institutions exchanged grains and groceries mutually what was excess to other institution.

### Women's Day Celebration

The world women's day was celebrated meaningfully at Snehalaya on 8th March 2021. Mrs. Gean Lavina Monteiro – President – Manjeshwar Grama Panchayath, was the Chief Guest of the day. Mrs. Ganga Devi K.K, Anganwadi Teacher – Bachalike, Dr. Shyna R – Medical Officer – FHC Vorkady, Mrs. Olivia K.L, Trustee Cum secretary Snehalaya Charitable Trust were the Special Invitees.



The guests highlighted the values and role of women with many examples. They also expressed the concern over several abuses on women and mentioned that women also have big responsibility to understand men and the families.

On this occasion two Women performers were felicitated for their special role in society. Mrs. Anitha Rodrigues, Women Entrepreneur- Proprietress of J.R Rice Rotti Industry and Miss.Kasamma, a resident of Snehalaya for her outstanding selfless service to the inmates were recognized during the celebration. Cultural programs and games were conducted.

### World Environment day celebration

The environment in which we live can be understood as a blanket that keeps life on the planet safe and sound. It plays a vital role in keeping living things healthy. It provides food, shelter, air, and fulfills all human needs. Like wise, it maintains ecological balance on earth. Human and animals are having equal right to the use of environment.



Understanding nature, preserving ecology and growing trees is the best contribution one can give to this universe. The world Environment day was celebrated at Snehalaya by symbolically planting a sapling. On the auspicious day, Sri. Dinesha K, Section officer District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Kasaragod visited Snehalaya, and together with Snehalaya team, organized a small Program to commemorate the world Environment day by planting the Saplings in Snehalaya campus.

### Aadhar Card campaign for residents

Having an unique Identification Number and holding authentic ADHAR card is the right of every citizen of India as per the prevailing rules. The inmates of Snehalaya missing from their respective houses, not knowing their own self had no idea what so ever with regards to their statutory requirements. The need for obtaining their Aadhar card was discussed with the District Legal Service Authority Kasaragod, Social Justice Dept. Kasaragod and Akshaya District Office Kasaragod. It was on their humanitarian initiative a camp was organised a provide Aadhar cards to all our residents. This move was well appreciated by other institutions.

## Snehalaya Staff's Social Responsibility



Snehalaya staff has always been pioneer in new initiatives. Amidst their daily routine, their hearts beat for the needy and all staff have come together to float an independent fund out of their earnings. Though this Staff fund they have been reaching out to the abandoned, most deserving patients. During this lockdown the staff helped one of the kidney patients for his dialysis.

## Vaccination Drive

Vaccinations is said to be an important part of every individual, family and public health. Vaccines prevent the spread of contagious, dangerous, and deadly diseases. These include measles, polio, mumps, chicken pox, whooping cough, diphtheria, and HPV etc



Of the present pandemic the Government has arranged vaccine process against COVID. Snehalaya's 227 residents got their covishield vaccination. The District Medical Officer Dr Ramdas AV personally visited the camp and special thanks goes to CHC Manjeswara health unit for their coordination and service. Snehalaya is grateful & appreciate the Government initiative for reaching out to the institutional residents.

## Birthday Celebrations at Snehalaya

It is not what you do for your Children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make the successful human beings.

Teaching young ones the love of the least and the lost brothers & sisters, introducing them to shelter homes and connecting them to share their joy with God's own children are the best gifts that one can present to their children.



Miss. Rovita D Souza & Baby Evanna, celebrated their birthday at Snehalaya with the residents. Snehalaya wished them millions of blessings and proud of their parents for inculcating lovely values in their little ones.

## Hearty wishes for a happy married life



Loy Merwin Saldanha, is with Snehalaya since inception as a staff. Akshatha is also the staff since 2 years. Both were united in matrimony sacrament on 6th May 2021. The wedding celebration was conducted at Snehalaya campus

## New Ambulance Donated to Snehalaya



Mrs. Sophia D' Souza, a well-wisher of Snehalaya, donated an ambulance in Memory of her husband Henry G. D' Souza, which speaks volumes of her social humanitarian concern. Snehalaya is grateful to her generosity.

## Visitor's Gallery

### Official Visit of OCB Chairman



A surprise inspectional visit by Shri Mohammed Koya Master, the Chairman of Orphanage Control Board, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala On 16th Feb 2021 to assess the operational system, documents, management and the cleanliness at the center. It was though an uninformed visit, the chairman found that the system in very well in proper place and appreciated the institution and the staff.

### Manjeshwar MLA Visits Snehalaya



Shri. A.K.M Ashraf, Newly elected MLA of Manjeshwar visited Snehalaya on 29th May 2021. and spent his precious time with the institution.

He was the past president of block Panchayath, and was a dedicated, helpful leader who had visited Snehalaya many times and extended possible Govt. schemes to Snehalaya. He is a young, energetic, dynamic and people friendly leader.

As a remembrance of his maiden visit as a MLA he planted a fruit sapling at Snehalaya premises.

### The Parishioners of Balkunje

The parishioners of Balkunje Parish visited Snehalaya and spent their precious time at Snehalaya during the Holy week.

Their visit developed lot of concern and care towards the inmates. The members interacted with different inmates. Their kind gesture of providing different usable materials and contribution in cash & kind made the inmates happy.



### The friends, well-wisher of Snehalaya

A group of friends led by Mr. John Alfred, accompanied by Mr. Romeo Saldanha, Mr. Denzil John Rego, who are also the well-wishers of Snehalaya visited the centre on 21.03.2021.



They have contributed a generous contribution and set an example for others during the fasting season. Their visit motivated many inmates.

## Social Outreach Activities of Snehalaya

### Housing

Home is where children find safety and security, where we find our identities, where life starts. It usually starts with believing you are part of a family, community, and society at large. Or else we are lost. Therefore, it is essential to have a stable decent house to live. Snehalaya took up this as a mission during the corona epidemic first wave: to provide decent, safe, and affordable housing to the needy & deserving. I don't think that you can address poverty unless you address the lack of affordable housing. We have completed one year since we took up housing mission and by the end of June 2021, about 15 families were provided decent housing by team Snehalaya, with the help of ever supportive donors and benefactors. We are extremely pleased to see smiles on these family members and a joy of mission accomplished.

### 8th Housing Project Mrs Jacintha Lobo, Kollangana



On 22nd October 2020, a request from Mrs Jacintha Lobo, of Kollangana seeking help for the treatment of her daughter Olivia Varghese who is suffering from cancer. Upon interacting with the family members her half built house structure, 3 teenage bright girls studying, Jacintha working as domestic help, constant medical need for the daughter had shattered the family as her husband had abandoned the family.

After reviewing the request, an appeal through audio visual was posted on the you tube channel on 16th November 2020. There was a astounding response to help the family. One of the donor sponsored the complete medical expenses of the girl child and that was the most need of the hour. By the grace of God, prayers of the kind hearted, the financial support of donor and positive spirit of the child the girl has completed her chemo and recovered fully.

Meanwhile Snehalaya started the construction works through a local committed mason, Mr Wilson Rodrigues a great social worker himself who completed the house in just 3 months. The newly built house was inaugurated on 31-01-2021 and there was no bounds to the joy on the faces of the beneficiaries.

The House blessing was done by Fr. Rithesh Rodrigues. Mr. Dylan D Silva an entrepreneur carried out the process of handing over of the house symbolically. Mr. John Maxim D Souza unveiled the name plate of the house, JV D Mello and Ravi Naikapu were guests of honor. Raju Stephen, Fr. Felix Noronha, Trustees of Snehalaya were present.

Mr Wilson Rodrigues a sincere dedicated Mason who had shouldered the complete construction responsibilities was honored. The representatives of various donors were present to witness the day. The guests and especially Shri John maxim provided them all the required items to their new house, as they had nothing of their own. Mr. Geo D Silva compared the programe with a key note address.