



Sneha Sparsh

A Home of Love

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My Dear brothers & sisters in the service of humanity,

I am immensely grateful to the Almighty for the bountiful blessings showered on our institution and on all our well wishers. During the past 2-3 months during the Lockdown and the various challenges of the pandemic, I was worried about our inmates. But our prayers and trust in the Almighty safeguarded all of us.

I am thankful and ever grateful to my kind supporters, donors and well wishers, who joined hands in our new mission during the COVID 19 crisis. The social outreach program initiated with the help of my friends Mr. Prakash Pinto & Mr. Geo D' Silva had an encouraging response. We were able to reach out to around 1000 deserving, poor and needy families. We had a team of 17 dedicated volunteers, who on certain occasions walked many miles to accomplish the mission. I was, just only an instrument. I thank God for giving me a lovely team to work together.

As a result of our visits to various remote pockets, we could identify more than 25 damaged houses and huts. A few of them were living in very pathetic conditions. All the pictures were shared with our group CORONA HELPING TEAM. Many of them have assured their small contribution. At Madnathyar in Belthangady Taluk, we started the work with the incomplete house of, one Mr. Leo D Cunha. We are happy that we could complete the work on time, before the rains and handover the house to Mr. Leo's family. Our donors supported this project and we are grateful to them.

We had informed all our visitors well in time not to visit Snehalaya, during the Lock-down period and we had taken all mandatory precautions. By the grace of God all our inmates are safe and there was no incident of any kind. At present we have 54 women, 148 men with mental illness and 40 senior citizens living in Snehalaya.

I am also extremely happy to have completed successfully an initiative during the lockdown, i.e. The Bible quiz. I am grateful to Mr. Geo D'Silva who undertook the whole responsibility of organizing the quiz without any flaws. The total participants who logged in were 3875, an amazing participation. Rev. Fr. Gregory D'Souza Agrar, framed the questions. We received very good feedback and excellent appreciation. I am grateful to all those who sponsored the prizes, all those who participated and the prize winners. I am indebted to Fr. Gregory & Shri Geo Agrar for their support.

As we had mentioned earlier, the Community Kitchen at Snehalaya, is coming up with basic modern infrastructure.

We intend to complete the work as scheduled on time. We earnestly request all our readers and well-wishers to help us to complete the project.



"It is not about how much you do, But how much love you put into what you do that counts"

- Mother Theresa



"Talk to yourself once in a day, otherwise, you may miss meeting an excellent person in this world."

- Swami Vivekananda



"To succeed in your mission, you must have a single-minded devotion to your goal."

- Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

**Bro. Joseph Crasta
Managing Trustee & Executive Director**



Editor's Desk

I am pleased to place this issue of Sneha Sparsh in your hands. When the Trustees of Snehalaya requested me to take up the responsibility of compiling Sneha Sparsh, I had my own reservations. But when Joseph a man with magnanimous personality just said, "You will do, that's all". I hope to do justice to the given task.

During the Past 3 months we all became more friendly & confined to our gadgets as there was no running around. There were many options to pass time during the lockdown. It was not a problem to many of us. Being with family members, few had more time for prayers, many online competitions on one hand while there were many who went out to reach out to the needy. Snehalaya had various initiatives and several kind hearted men joined Snehalaya.


Due to lockdown the usual MANNAH program, providing mid day meals at Wenlock hospital had a break after 4 years 7 months. But huge labour troupes stationed at Kasargod-Mangalore Border were provided with same extended Mannaha program. God works in different ways. Many of them were from North Karnataka, who mentioned that they had heard of Snehalaya. Now experiencing their service is a joy.

A social out reach program initiated by Snehalaya reached out to more than 100 families directly while around 7-8 thousands were indirect beneficiaries. Providing them basic food kits through volunteers was a joy to connect. The outcome of the visits to needy families, the volunteers identified few houses at the verge of collapsing, still people lived helplessly. No NGOs, local leaders peeped into these families. Snehalaya took up the mission and today 5 deserving families are going to have their housing dreams turned into reality.

Amidst the ongoing activities at the center, catering to 250 inmates, Snehalaya has gone all out to reach the least of our brethren during the pandemic. As an outcome of such initiatives Snehalaya has established its units in different centers, volunteers have identified several issues and that's how an institution grows.

The readers may kindly mail your feedback and suggestions to help Snehalaya to grow. Your kind support towards humane works, encouraging children to save & contribute for social cause and spreading the good works done by noble people around us inculcates great values in our Gen-next.

The Lord is our refuge & strength; He will protect all of us under His wings from plagues, floods, storms, enemies and unseen evil.

 Geo D'Silva, Agrar.

MESSAGE



"Rome was not built in a day"

The multi-storied building is built by brick by brick. So also saints are declared as one, by a long process by the Holy Church, but the saint had lived his life day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute, denying himself and working for Jesus and serving the poor and needy. Saints are ordinary men, but who love the other in an extra ordinary way. Situation and background is more or less same, but with which angle we look at is that what matters.

At the beginning of Covid-19, an extract came in the Rakno, letter to the editor saying your big, big churches and halls are standing empty now what are we doing for the needy one? There is some truth in what he wrote. There are now itself so many families the lone bread winner is without work, and the family is living on hand to mouth. Not sure of the tomorrow's morsel

But every tunnel has a sweet lighted opening. It is ours to light a candle in the dark. Opportunity knocks at our door only once in our life. But what you aspire? To be a selfish person or a hero in the eyes of the world or you want be a seed sown in the ground, so as to bring forth fruit abundantly, fruit that lasts for eternity. "What you did for the least of my brethren, you did it to me", Jesus said. Joseph and family, his team of trustees and management and staff are like great iron pillars. They are to be applauded; Smile and miles will smile with you". Do you want be a beacon of hope to the poor? Join your hands with such men. Words and deeds should go hand in hand in a Christian's life Kudos and best wishes to all who read this and practice it and be a living witness to Jesus.

Kudos to Snehalaya. It has already completed 10 years of yeomen service to humanity on 26th August 2019.

Rev. Fr. Felix J Noronha
Chaplain of Snehalaya

New comers at Snehalaya during Jan-May 2020

Snehalaya is a home for the disadvantaged mentally ill, and uncared lost persons. Each of this individual, has a story, an unexpected chapter in life. No one chooses to be at Snehalaya as an inmate, but by destiny. The divine providence draws them here to get tender care, medical treatment, nutritious food and hygienic accommodation. Snehalaya also strives to get them treated, and rehabilitate them back to their homes. So far, 65% of the persons admitted at Snehalaya, have been rehabilitated. The death ratio is below 7%.

Snehalaya also seeks the help from general public and other sources to identify the individual's family, so that the re-union becomes easier.

Abbas:



A middle aged man around 50 years clad in dirty clothes, in back & blue jacket having long beard, was moving swiftly on the NH at Uppala.

On 14/02/2020, some passer by calls up Snehalaya, informing about the man and requests to rescue him. The team Snehalaya immediately rescues him and provides the basic preliminary help. He was aggressive in nature, so urgent medical assessment was needed. He was taken to Yenepoya Medical Hospital.

After a week he was brought back to Snehalaya. Our team intervened and gathered information about him. He mentioned his name as Abbas and resident of the Zaura district of Madhya Pradesh. He is slowly recovering.

Abrar:



On 18th March 2020, Snehalaya team picked up a destitute named Abrar aged approximately 35 years, who was wandering on Hosangady highway. He was

unable to recall anything of his past. He didn't remember his name or whereabouts. He was physically weak, mentally and emotionally shattered. Now he is with Snehalaya, gradually responding to the treatment. We hope he recalls his memory soon.

Hyder:



On 12/01/2020, Hyder aged almost 35yrs, was found roaming on the highway of Tuminaadu, Manjeshwar, by the public, who in turn informed Snehalaya to

rescue him. Joseph Crasta rushed to the spot & brought the young man who was found wearing three shirts and also had a couple of shawls on his shoulders. He was having a plastic bag in his hand filled with rags. He spoke in clear Hindi. He mentioned that his name is Hyder but unable to recall more details about his family and home town. He was treated at Yenepoya Hospital, Mangalore and he is now at Snehalaya.

Maanusha:



On 7th January 2020, a lady aged around 30 years was roaming in the surroundings of Thuminadu, Kunjathur. She was restlessly speaking with everyone whom she met. On information the

Snehalaya team picked her and brought her to Snehalaya. At Snehalaya we named her Bharati, as she was not aware of her name but few days later she could remember her name, Maanusha but unable to recall her home address. She is undergoing treatment and very active in all the activities of Snehalaya.

Mithun:



Kukke Subramanya is a pilgrim place where the temple is situated on the lap of river Kumaradhara. The Bridge over the river was not only a cross over, to the traveler but it proved a shelter for a middle aged man for almost 3 years.

A press reporter telephoned Brother Joseph Crasta and briefed him about a man living on the bridge during summer, winter and rainy season. The Snehalaya team went to Subramanya and rescued the man, aged around 40yrs.

He was wearing a jacket over several shirts. He used to beg and eat from Hotels. His looks were terrifying. Next day he was admitted to the Hospital for his psychiatric treatment at Mangalore. On discharge he is sheltered at Snehalaya.

We named him Mithun at Snehalaya, but sometimes he said his name is Raja. He said that he is a resident of Assam. His language, features and food habits point out, that he could be a native of North India.

He is slowly recovering. We hope to find his family address and he will be back with his family soon.

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MOTHER AND SON saved by Snehalaya



Destiny strikes too hard sometimes and for multiple people of the same family at very rare occasions. The story of Lakshmi, 68 years and her son Chandrashekhar is a unique case study. The duos were rescued in time and are recovering.

The family basically hails from Bellary. Chandrashekhar was married having wife and children, who resided in a small house near Bellary bus station. Chandrashekhar was a mason by profession, he came to Manjeshwar in search of better prospects, two and a half years ago. Within 6 months he fell sick. He got treatment at Hospital and was diagnosed with hyper Anemia. He was also a victim of epilepsy. Medical help did not do much good to him. His condition became worse.

On hearing the health condition of her son Lakshmi rushed to Manjeshwar from her home town and then started to live here taking care of her son in a ruined house near Hosangady Check Post on the boarder of Karnataka and Kerala. During the past two years their life worsened.

Both of them became acute addicts of alcohol and they were begging for food & drinks. People were fed up of their nuisance. Out of desperation they were disturbing the public at mid night. They were on roads to stop vehicles. Many vehicles knocked them down multiple times. They got into many accidents and into very awkward situations.

Mr Harshad Varkady, Chairman of District Panchayath Standing committee Kasaragod, took the initiative to do something to help them. He telephoned and requested Joseph Crasta for providing some help to solve this problem; as two lives were at risk.

Joseph Crasta visited the spot with his team taking the help of Manjeshwar police authorities. The mother and son were brought to Snehalaya on 02/01/2020. They were taken to the hospital for preliminary check up and necessary treatment.

Joseph Crasta felt that this is a classic & challenging case of rescuing, treating, caring and rehabilitation. Snehalaya is absolutely confident to cure & re-unite them into the main stream. Both of them are responding well to the treatment at Snehalaya.

Nirmala:



A woman aged around 45 years was rescued by one of our well wishers on 19/04/2020 from Mangalapady roads. She was taken to the nearby hospital for the check-up and later was brought to Snehalaya. She was very poor in her personal hygiene, verbally abusive, restless and talkative. She sometimes murmured that her name is Nirmala and hails from Andhra Pradesh. Now, as she is on medication, more details are awaited.

Ubaidulla Rehaman:



Ubaidulla aged 43 was brought from Jyothi circle, Mangalore by our well wisher Mr.Prakash Pinto on 04/03/2020. He was wandering in the heart of Mangalore city for almost one month.

He was not speaking to anyone. He had an injury on his leg. Now he is under the treatment at Snehalaya. He has slowly started talking & has revealed his name as Ubaidulla. He is responding to the treatment given. He showed the desire to go back home, but unable to connect his memory to recall his address.

Janardhana (Named by Snehalaya):



Each person comes into Snehalaya's fold through different channel. Some are picked by volunteers, a few are referred, some are brought by the officials and a few are found on the streets. Destiny brings them.

On 7th March Joseph Crasta saw a destitute. He was deaf and dumb silently stationed at Manjeshwar bus stand. He was aged nearly 70. He was unable to walk due to heavy swelling on his leg. And after the preliminary care he was named Janardhan at Snehalaya.

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Arun:



A young man wandering restlessly on NH near Fr.Muller's Hospital, Thumbe, Mangalore, was observed by our well-wisher Mr. Prakash Pinto, who

along with his team rescued him and brought to Snehalaya for further treatment. He was wounded on his right leg and he was over talkative. After the preliminary care and treatment, now he is under observation. He is recovering from his physical ailment and responding to the psychological treatment. He is named Arun as per his statements.

Re-Union

The objective of Snehalaya's Psycho Social Rehabilitation Centre, is to reunite the inmates back to their family. The team Snehalaya has been successful in reuniting 22 inmates back into their families during the last 6 months.



Manish finds his home after 8 years:



Manish started his life at Snehalaya on 2-11-2019. He was rescued from the National highway No. 66, at Kumbala junction. From the appearance of his dirty clothes, long hair, shabby looks, we could presume that he might have lived for 6-7 years on the streets. Snehalaya named him Manish, as he was not able to speak. Closely monitored medical treatment made Manish, to take active part in all the activities of Snehalaya, and one day he began to speak.

He revealed that he hailed from Maharaj Ganj District of Uttar Pradesh. Snehalaya then contacted Shraddha Rehabilitation Centre, Mumbai and sent Manish for further process of rehabilitation. His home was identified, survey was conducted and it was a great joy for the

family members to find their Manish after a span of 8 years.

"We are seeing him after 8 years. There was no hope that we could ever meet him", was the comment made by the family members of Manish, when they met him. They expressed their gratitude, after getting him back home. They were surprised to see the changes in him and his mental health. They expressed their gratitude to Snehalaya, where Manish transformed his life. They said that though they have not seen Snehalaya, they could see the divine work of Snehalaya, through the transformation in Manish.

Manish met his parents, 2 sisters and 2 brothers. He is the eldest son of his parents. His father and brothers are coolie workers. It is surprising to know that Manish had done graduation in Arts (B.A). We were informed by his family members that they had their hope on Manish. But unfortunately, some 8 years ago, he became mentally ill and no medicines worked on him. One fine day he disappeared, without informing anyone he ran away from home. His whereabouts were not known. All efforts to find him failed.

God works wonders through different people and help them in their dire needs.

Rakesh Chauhan returns home within 6 months:



Rakesh Chauhan, aged 23 years, a resident of Prem Nagar in Patalgaon Taluk in Jaspur district of North India was found on 24th August 2019 at the Kankanady Railway station, by the Railway Police. The Police were observing his movements for a few days and came to know that he was mentally ill. They contacted Snehalaya for help.

Snehalaya team reached Mangalore railway station and brought the young man to the campus. He was calm, sober and responsive. He was admitted in the hospital for further medical assistance. Rakesh responded quickly to the treatment.

At Snehalaya he started to work, help others and involve in all activities. Living here in the company of others, he was able to come out from his illness and got completely cured. He recalled his memory and shared the details.

As mentioned by Rakesh, he had gone to his relatives house and was returning home by train. He was absolutely normal. Something suddenly happened and he lost his memory. Somehow he landed at Kankanady Railway station.

When the message reached his home, the family members were extremely happy. He was shifted to Shradha Rehabilitation Center Mumbai, and the volunteers reached Rakesh to his home. The coming back home of Rakesh, was an emotional event, with joyful tears and hugs. His mother had no words but tears when her son unexpectedly arrived after five months.

The Touching Life Story of Lakshmi Narayan



The public of Tuminadu, in Manjeshwar, informed Br. Joseph Crasta, who reached the spot and found an elderly person aged 70 years. He only murmured that he is Lakshmi Narayan from Indore. We brought him to Snehalaya.

After giving him bath & clean clothes, he was taken to Yenepoya Hospital for treatment. After the treatment he recovered fully in a very short span of time.

After sometime, he expressed his desire to go back to his house. Snehalaya contacted Shradha Rehabilitation Centre, Mumbai, who identified his family in a small village in Indore in Madhya Pradesh. His family members narrated the story about him. He worked in a cloth shop, for almost 50 years. He was suffering from mental illness.

Gradually he got into begging out on the streets. On account of his mental condition, one day he disappeared from his home.

Lakshmi Narayan expressed his gratitude to Snehalaya. He said that, had it not been, for the tender loving care of Snehalaya, he would not have existed today.

The story of Somanath:



On 29th May 2018, Somanath was rescued through one of our well wishers from the streets of Padavinangadi, in Mangalore. His physical condition was pathetic, mentally ill and needed immediate medical aid.

Somanatha recalled his past memories one day, and revealed his name and address. Snehalaya in collaboration with Shradha Rehabilitation Centre, reached him to his home in Maheswatha Taluk, of Baleswar district, in the State of Odissa.

Somanath was the eldest child, only earning member of his family. He was looking after his aged father and other family members. Suddenly he had disappeared. Later they saw him only after 2 years. They had thought that he was dead. The family members felt very happy and expressed their heart-felt gratitude to Snehalaya.

In fact Snehalaya had provided preliminary treatment and had admitted him to Yenepoya Hospital for further psychiatric treatment. He responded well to psychiatric treatment and adjusted to the new place soon. He was participating in all the activities of Snehalaya. He was interested in gardening work.

Konnas: New Lease of Life through Snehalaya.



On 21st November 2019, the public from a remote village of Vittla, Bantwal Taluk Mangalore called up Snehalaya about a mentally ill person.

Br. Joseph Crasta, with his team drove to the spot. They found a person aged about 55, wearing dirty torn clothes at a bus shelter. He looked very horrifying. Snehalaya team rescued him and brought him to the centre. After the preliminary care, he was shifted to Yenepoya Hospital for the psychiatric treatment. He responded well to the treatment & was brought back to Snehalaya upon his discharge.

The loving care of Snehalaya helped him to recall his past. He said his name is Konnas and that he is from Agustha village of Surat, in Gujrat State. He said that he had come here, looking for a job. After that he could not recall what had happened to him.

Snehalaya requested the help of Shradha Rehabilitation Centre and obtained his proper address and reached him back to his house.

Transformation of an alcoholic:



We have a live example, here to show case, how love, understanding and care brings in psychological behavioural changes in a person's life. On 24th November 2019 a person, in his 30s, was walking on the highway near Hidayath Nagar, absolutely unaware of any danger, creating chaos to the traffic. He was highly unhygienic, clad in dirty clothes and was stinking badly. He might have not bathed for months. He was murmuring within himself and suddenly screaming.

The public informed the Manjeshwar police and they rescued him from the highway. Knowing that he was mentally ill, he was referred to Snehalaya Rehabilitation Centre. They immediately called Br. Joseph Crasta and admitted him to Snehalaya. After preliminary care, he was taken to Yenepoya hospital for the psychiatric treatment for 2 weeks, then he was brought back to Snehalaya.

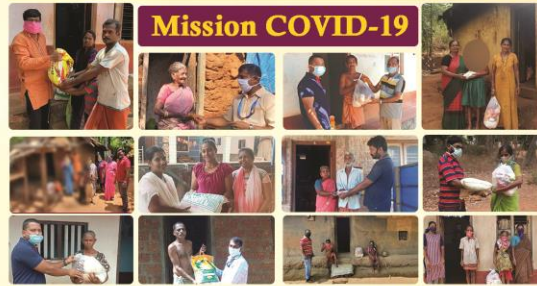
The friendly environment at Snehalaya helped him to get back to normal life very soon. His involvement in day today activities showed progress. Upon counselling he said, that his name is Naresh from Bansara village, Bhadvaran district, West Bengal. He was married and having two children.

He hails from a poor family. He was a daily wage construction worker. He got information from someone that, Kerala is the best place to earn more money in construction work. But after coming to Kerala he became a victim of alcohol.

The alcoholism, consumed all his earnings; he found it difficult to send money to his family. Gradually he lost his mental balance. Though he knew the consequences of drinking alcohol, he could not give up the habit. Gradually he lost his memory. He couldn't remember anything. He took to the streets.

Snehalaya became his home to get a new lease of fresh life. Having realized the value of self, family and healthy life, he promised that he would never again drink alcohol. With the collaboration of Shraddha Rehabilitation Centre, NARESH was sent back to his native village safely.

Social outreach Activities of Snehalaya



The sudden announcement of the lockdown, by the Government, on account of the Corona Pandemic, was most unexpected. However, Snehalaya took up this challenge, as an opportunity to reach out to the needy.

Snehalaya had an earlier experience of reaching out to the needy in difficult situations, when the Kodagu crisis on land slides and Kerala disaster of Floods hit the common man. Thus the team had earlier rushed to their aid, during different challenges.

With this backdrop, Snehalaya saw this lockdown as an opportunity with challenges and hence a plan was chalked out, with a core team of Mr. Geo D Silva, Mr. Prakash Pinto and Mr. Joseph Crasta.

Several selfless volunteers joined hands and Snehalaya was the pioneer to plunge into action on March 27th itself.

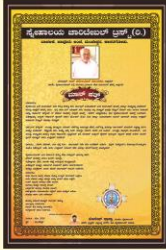
Our donor fraternity contributed their mite in this mission in response to our appeal. 17 volunteers reached out to more than 65 villages, covering around seven thousand to eight thousand people.

The team started the mission by providing awareness, by helping them to take precautions against COVID-19. Snehalaya arranged food kits and provided them basic food kits worth Rs.1000/- to Rs.1250/- each, to the needy after due verification. Snehalaya reached out to these needy families during this mission.

In the due course, several houses were identified by our volunteers, which were not safe for human habitat. Some of them were thatched huts, plastic covered roofs with pathetic living conditions.

A few of these families had school going children, adolescent girls, with no toilets, no electricity, no water supply, and sickly elders with no financial support to sustain.

Gratitude to Rev. Fr. Cornelius Monteiro



Snehalaya sincerely express their gratitude to Rev. Fr. Cornelius Monteiro for rendering his excellent pastoral service as a Chaplain. He is a kind, loving and understanding Priest. He is a caring person and ever-ready to reach out, at any time. We shall miss his presence. We assure to keep him, in our prayers.

The extended Mannah program



Snehalaya was pioneer in serving free mid-day meals at Government Wenlock Hospital Mangalore. Due to the Lockdown and the government's decision to convert the said hospital, as COVID hospital, all the patients were cleared from the hospital. Therefore, the Mannah Program, is discontinued temporarily.

But God provides Mannah for the hungry, in one way or the other. At Talapady, Uppala and other pockets in the border of Kasaragod-Mangalore, several labourers were provided shelter in schools. But no food was provided by the authorities. Local social workers, religious nuns and well-wishers contacted Snehalaya seeking help.



We provided around 300 daily meals (Mannah), for a month, for the migrant labourers at Uppala, Manimunda and Talapady Mariashram. With the generous support of our kind donors, we also supplied an average of 150 meals and breakfast, to another group of migrants each day for almost 15 days, when the lockdown was relaxed.

Snehalaya Bible Quiz

Our founder, Br. Joseph Crasta & Mr. Geo D Silva thought of providing something special to all our well wishers during the lockdown. An idea of conducting Bible quiz was considered. When this idea was mentioned to the Bishop of Mangalore Diocese, he was happy and blessed us to begin the quiz. Rev. Fr. Gregory D'Souza, Parish Priest of Agrar Parish, was very kind enough to frame the questions and Geo D'Silva conducted the quiz efficiently without any flaws.



The Bible quiz was participated by almost 3800 members from all over the globe. Each day 5 prizes were sponsored by our well wishers. After the 10th episode a mind blowing feedback and evaluation was received, which encouraged us to continue with the quiz for another 10 days. Many of the prize winners have returned the prize money for the humanitarian work. We highly appreciate them for their generosity. By the Grace of God, the programme was a great success.

We congratulate all the prize winners and participants. We render our heartfelt thanks, to all those, who participated in the quiz and those who sponsored the prizes.

Free Ambulance service, medical supply transportation across the border

During the COVID-19 lockdown period, a special facility for the people was provided, as part of our mission. It was free ambulance service. Several patients were moved to hospital and back home and the dead bodies were reached to the families of the deceased. For several needy patients medical supply and providing basic requirements through ambulance was also really a praise-worthy mission.



It is worth mentioning here that one of our Volunteers, Mr. Maurice D Souza of Salethur, took up the risk of rescuing a pregnant woman, going through the labour pain. He single handedly, in his personal car, reached the lady to the hospital, in spite of the lockdown restrictions. He reached her to hospital in time, breaking all the traffic & lockdown challenges and just upon reaching the hospital, she had safe delivery.

Mr. Santhosh D Souza, another brave volunteer, drove all the way a patient from Belthangady to Mangalore, when no vehicles were permitted.

Thus the coordination of our volunteers with the Police officials and the timely intervention, saved 2 lives on the same day.

Events conducted by Snehalaya

Social integration day:

Social integration day was celebrated by Snehalaya Charitable Trust, on 15th December 2019 at St Ann's High School hall, for the socially neglected and affected by HIV persons, living with families.



More than 150 families gathered together and celebrated Christmas. They danced, and shared the fellowship meal together, as one family.

Rev. Fr. J B Crasta, Parish priest of Rosario church, Mr. Joylus D Souza, Chairman of Karnataka State Christian Development Board and Shri Rafiq Master, renowned social worker were the guests of honor while Sr. Maria Kripa, Superior, St Ann's Convent & Secretary General for Ann's Educational Institutions, presided over the formal function. The audience were moved by listening to the messages given by the speakers. The holy hands are not with Bracelets and Rado watches, but the ones, that Serve, Help and Wipe the Tears.

Bro Joseph Crasta, welcomed the gathering and the Secretary of Snehalaya, Smt Olivia Crasta, proposed the vote of thanks. Several cultural programmes were organized. Robinhood Team, a social group for humanitarian service, by the students of KMC, perusing medical education, gave mind blowing entertainment programs. Solo, Duet, Dances, Songs and group dances were the attraction of the day. An upcoming dance group 'Maria Kripa Dance Troupe' rocked the floor.

Brothers of St. Joseph's seminary gave a wonderful Christmas message through their social skit. The nail biting magic show for 30 minutes by Kala Srasti Magic performers, was fantastic. The show was performed by a 4 year old, physically handicapped child and all members of a single family. Dance, Songs and Music fun was a total entertainment package.



Highlight of the event was, all the participants including the organizers put steps for Byla Dance.

Several spot games were conducted by Geo Sir. He organised the event and coordinated the program, on the eve of World Aids Day.

Residential camp for HIV +ve patients:

On 30th November 2019 and 1st of December 2019, a zonal level sports & cultural event for the HIV positive children, under the tag "Champion in me 2019",



was sponsored by Snehalaya. More than 150 children participated in the residential camp. Several indoor and outdoor games for the children were organized. There was also a camp fire which was a memorable event in the mind of these special group of children.

Free Dental Camp:



A free dental check up & treatment camp was organized on 05.01.2020. Yenepoya Medical College Hospital rendered their professional free service for all inmates, staff of Snehalaya and around 100 patients from the surrounding areas. The camp was beneficial to many, especially providing basic demonstrative knowledge of safeguarding one's teeth, health and hygiene.

Orientation Class



Training our in house staff and rejuvenating their skills, motivating them, to yield productive results was one of our objectives. Assessing the need for such an orientation Prof. Geo D Silva, a Master Trainer and the Founder Director of the Centralized Placement Cell of Visvesvaraya Technological University, was invited to conduct one day training Programme for the staff on 14th January 2020.

The basic etiquettes, professional presentation, greeting guests, reporting skills, the various gestures & body language while talking to others, qualitative work, how to get the job satisfaction, work ethics, team work and time management were some of the important topics covered in two sessions. Overall it was an excellent training, effective and helpful.

A day out with our residents:

On 3rd February 2020, Snehalaya conducted an entertainment day for the inmates by taking all the inmates to Manasa Amusement Water Park, Pilikula, Mangalore. There were 170 residents with staff who made the day enjoyable & a memorable one. The whole day was spent with full of enjoyment, games, songs,

dances and fun filled activities. Many of our well wishers and friends extended their support. A few of them showed their valuable presence and joined the party games. The day was worth keeping in mind, as each minute was very well planned and all participants made it successful.



We like to make a Special mention to acknowledge the help provided by:

Mr. Mohammad Ashim, P.T.C, who provided us luxury buses to take all the inmates to "Manasa", Mr. Jerald Lobo, the proprietor of Lobo Caterers, for providing a delicious lunch to all the inmates. Mr. Joel Godfrey Mendonsa, Chairman and MD, Manasa Amusement Water Park provided the concessional passes and personally attended on everything.

Mr. Rajesh of Sun Shine Electricals, our staff, volunteers and all the donors for their support, help and guidance in making the day worth remembering. This is an ever memorable experience for our Residents.

" Women's Day " celebration at Snehalaya:

The World Women's Day was celebrated very meaningfully on 8th March 2020 at Snehalaya by its inmates. Social worker Bifathumma inaugurated the day's function at Snehalaya and spoke about the women's rights.

The Chief Guest of the function Madam Lakshmi K, a lecturer at Manjeshwar Govinda Pai Memorial Government College, spoke on the importance of Empowerment of women, her comforts, safety and security in the workplace. The celebration was presided over by Mrs. Olivia K.L, Trustee- cum -Secretary, Snehalaya Charitable Trust. She wished all women a very Happy Women's Day.



Mrs. Pushpawathi, Headmistress of St Joseph's higher Primary School, Kaliyoor participated as a resource person and spoke on Individual Safety and Health. Various entertainment programs were conducted by the residents and the staff of Snehalaya.

On this occasion, they planted four saplings, at the farmland of the Snehalaya Centre to commemorate the Women's Day. The program was concluded by singing the National anthem.

Projects under construction

Community Kitchen :



Snehalaya had started the center with a humble beginning, a decade ago, with a plan to accommodate around 50 inmates. God has blessed the institution with mighty blessings, and today the Women's Block, Shanthi Dham for Aged People, and the Men's Block, are having more than 250 inmates in one campus, makes us feel proud of the path that we travelled.

To feed each of them, thrice a day, the staff, and the Mannah for around 700 people requires a hygienic, modern and well equipped kitchen set up. Many visitors, officers also have suggested the need for it.

The infrastructure planned for a new kitchen set is planned and the construction has started. M/s Roy Constructions, Mangalore has shouldered the responsibility to complete the project of 4951 Sq. Ft at Snehalaya premises.

The lockdown, the restricted movements on state boarders and the migrant labourers moving back to their native places, have given a bigger challenge now. However God's mighty blessings are needed to complete the project in time. A humble request to all kind hearted donors to support the upcoming kitchen, is our prayer too. We thank our donors in millions for the kind gesture and the help provided so far.

New STP system



The strength at Snehalaya is increasing day by day. The consumption of water for washing, bathing, kitchen and other general uses have increased. This produce a lot of wasted water. The Trust felt the need for STP (Sewage Treatment Plant) system, with a minimum capacity of 60KLD. So that the waste water can be recycled and used for gardening etc.

The present water resources at Snehalaya is very low and insufficient for our day-to-day needs. Such as for drinking, cooking, bathing of inmates and so on.

The work is in progress and we hope that it will commence operation soon.

Housing projects of Snehalaya:

COVID 19 pandemic has opened a new avenue to carry on another challenging mission to Snehalaya. Our volunteers identified, a few houses in different places in its worst conditions. Snehalaya thought to provide HOMES for them with the motto of joyful love, care & service. Construction of houses for the needy with the help of our kind hearted donors has begun from the month of May 2020.



The first Project is of Mr. Leo D'Cunha of Madanthyar, whose house was in a skeleton form. He is a gangrene patient. He has a teen age daughter, excellent in her studies. They had to live in the house during rains, as the former house had broken roof. The house is completed in the first week of June and the family has moved into their new home.



The second Project is of Mr. Nonayya Poojary aged above 70 at Kuvettu Gram Panchyath area near Maddadka, Belthangady. He has a daughter who is deaf & dumb, deserted by her husband. She is having two children studying in 5th & 3rd standards. The roof of the house is completely covered with plastic & sacks. This rainy season would be a great challenge and living there is impossible. The project is expected to be completed by June end. And the family is extremely happy to see their renovated house.



The third housing project taken up by Snehalaya is at Agrar, in Bantwal. Eliza Menezes, a widow who had lost her two young children, who were in their 20s and the third child is heavily addicted to alcohol. She is suffering from fourth stage cancer. She has a cousin sister, who is mentally ill and depending on her.

The 60 year old house is on the verge of collapsing. It is covered with plastic. The immediate rescue operation was made placing Eliza Menezes at Ave Maria Palletive care center. Her son and cousin are rehabilitated temporarily at Snehalaya and the construction of their house has begun.



The fourth project is the house of Mr. Joachim D Souza of Bela in Kasargod Dist. He lives with his wife and a teen age daughter.

Wife is deaf and he is sick. The roof of the house is

eaten by white ants. The tiles may come down anytime. The house with just a single room without any facilities motivated the local youth to build a toilet and provide some relief. The cooking, sleeping, study room store room all in the 10 x 15 ft room, has made the family handicapped. Snehalaya has assessed the cost and has taken up the project in June 2020.

CSR of our Staff:



The Community Social Responsibility of keeping our surroundings clean, was first practiced by the staff, on 8th May 2020, by cleaning the whole campus, picking the plastic, clearing path for water flow, and placing dustbins in strategical places.

Staff get together:



Snehalaya organized a monthly activity for staff on 12th April 2020. All the members were given an opportunity to perform different cultural activities like dance, song, skits and also conducted lucky spot games. All the staff actively involved and enjoyed a lot. The get together helped the staff improve their relationship with each other and have the spirit of oneness.

Homage

Mr. Stany J Mathew, who was the Project Director of Snehalaya, for the past 6 years, left for his Heavenly Abode, on 16th May 2020.

He was instrumental in drafting the dream project of Snehalaya Women's Psycho Social Rehabilitation Home. He was an able administrator and committed worker. His steadfast service at Snehalaya had set several milestones and he was a blessing to Snehalaya at its most crucial times.



Snehalaya prays for the departed soul. "May his soul rest in peace".

His last rites were performed at Snehalaya and was buried at Manjeswara Church cemetery, in the presence of his beloved family members.

"The Dead are not dead until we forget them"

Maiden housing project completed successfully

During the covid crises, God lead our team to Leo D Cunha's house, at Madanthyar. The roof was standing on two walls and the roof was covered with plastics. Mr. Leo was suffering from gangerene. He has a helpless teenaged daughter.

Snehalaya completed the mission in just 30 days under the leadership of unit head Mr. Santhosh D Souza. Mrs. Sowmya J, the Sub Inspector of Police at Poonjalkatte station inaugurated the house and handed over the newly built house on 10-6-2020.



Contribution towards food Mannah & inmates	Dear Brothers and sisters, Share generously with those in need, and good things will come to us in return.			
	Food	Daily expence for inmates	Mannah Expenses	All contributions/donations made to Snehalaya Charitable Trust are exempt U/s 80 G of the Income Tax Act 1961.
	Breakfast	5000	700x10=7000/-	
	Lunch	10000	Rs. 10/- per person	
	Dinner	10000	Special Meal	
	Total	25000	Rs. 25000/-	

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

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