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Introduction:

Annai Theresa Social Work Association – ATSWA, a journey that began 33 years ago in 1989, continues to stand strong and proud. Through the highs and lows, our commitment remains unshaken, and our principles unwavering. The road we set upon all those years ago still guides us today, as we relentlessly serve our mission despite the challenges and setbacks that have come our way.

Our focus areas – Child Care, Disability Support, Women's Empowerment, Agriculture, and Aid for those affected by HIV/AIDS – continue to be the heart of our efforts. Over the years, we've gained invaluable experience and achieved remarkable milestones in these fields.

In the realm of education, we're overjoyed to share that our children's homes have once again celebrated success. The young minds under our care have showcased their brilliance in the 10th standard annual public exams. Not only their academic growth but also their health and overall well-being remain our topmost concern. It's with immense pride that we share the District Child Welfare Committee's recognition of our homes' exemplary management.

The women who form the backbone of our programs have shown incredible resilience. Their pursuit of progress and independence is a testament to their spirit. As we reflect on the year gone by, it's with a heart full of contentment that we present the Annual Report, covering the period from April 2021 to March 2022.

A special note of gratitude goes to the compassionate philanthropists, patrons, and supporters. Your unwavering generosity in funding and sharing your expertise has fueled the realization of our projects' goals during this time. We're confident that your support will continue to be the driving force in the years ahead.

We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the community leaders, beneficiaries, and all those who've walked this journey with us. Your active involvement has been instrumental in every step of our projects.

With a deep sense of appreciation and warm regards,

Mr. S.Arputharaj
President
Annai Theresa Social Work Association

RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE:

Creating a Safe Haven for Vulnerable Children



In our continuous efforts to provide a haven for the children of commercial sex workers, we initiated "The Happy Children's Home". Our aim was simple yet profound - to break the cycle of their parents' hardships and offer a better path for these innocent souls. This home became a nurturing space where their needs are met and they're raised in an environment that radiates care. Over time, we opened our doors

to other underprivileged children, fostering a community where they can grow together.

As we progressed, we realized the importance of tailored care. In 2001, we separated the girls and boys into different homes, each designed to cater to their specific needs. With 75 children in each home, we focus on their well-being, education, and overall development.



Education Beyond Boundaries



Education is our beacon of hope. Our children receive a balanced diet and individual attention, ensuring their healthy growth. We've enrolled them in reputable nearby schools, providing them with after-school tutors to strengthen their weak subjects. Our motivation is unwavering - we encourage them to

dream big and excel in their studies. Their academic progress is closely tracked, and we're proud to share that all of them have advanced to the next grade. For those who finish higher secondary, we're here to support their pursuit of higher education.

A Commendation from the Child Welfare Committee

The Chittoor District Child Welfare Committee holds our efforts in high regard. Their officials visit our homes regularly and commend us for maintaining meticulous records and providing exceptional care. Our dedication to each child's development has garnered appreciation, validating our commitment to their well-being.

Moments of Joy and Celebration



In the tapestry of our journey, celebrations weave moments of joy. Festivals like Pongal, Deepavali, and Christmas are celebrated with fervor. Philanthropists sometimes grace these occasions, sharing not just food but also their time and love. Christmas holds a special place, bringing gifts, laughter, and cultural performances that showcase the children's talents. Our

nation's pride, Independence Day, and Republic Day are marked with flag hoisting and special programs, nurturing a sense of patriotism and participation.

A Home Filled with Love and Dreams



Beyond academics, we encourage extracurricular activities and sports, fostering healthy minds and bodies. We understand the importance of family ties, allowing children to visit their parents once a month. Visitors from various walks of life grace our homes, drawn by our reputation and central location.

In the heart of the year 2021-2022, our journey continues, guided by love, compassion, and the unwavering belief that every child deserves a

chance to thrive.



Back-to-school kits

A Tale of Giving: Illuminating Lives Through 150 Children's Kits: In the heartwarming chapters of our journey, there exists a story of compassion, unity, and generosity that we are honored to share. This story revolves around 150 children's kits, each containing more than just tangible supplies; they hold the essence of empowerment, the spirit of hope, and the boundless potential of education.



With sincere gratitude, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the remarkable donors who illuminated the lives of these young learners. These 103 kits, carefully crafted with essentials like notebooks, pencils, and more, are symbolic of the belief in education's transformative power. As we prepared these kits, we understood that their significance extended far beyond the classroom. They represented a collective effort, a shared conviction that every child deserves a chance to learn, grow, and succeed. Through their contributions, our donors demonstrated a profound understanding of the impact a small act of kindness can have on a child's life.

As we turn the pages of this chapter, we recognize the lasting impact of these kits. Beyond the immediate aid, they've sown seeds of aspiration, resilience, and belief. The beneficiaries of these kits will carry their influence through their academic journey and into their futures.



Support for Children's Food Expenses: Ensuring Nutritional Foundation

At Annai Theresa Social Work Association, we recognize that proper nourishment is a cornerstone of a child's holistic development. Our initiative to support children's food expenses is rooted in the belief that a well-nourished child is better equipped to excel academically, emotionally, and physically.



Through the dedicated contributions of our valued donors, we are able to provide balanced and nourishing meals to the children under our care. These meals not only satisfy hunger but also lay the foundation for healthy growth and cognitive development. By addressing the nutritional needs of these children, we are fostering an environment where they can fully engage in their educational pursuits and aspirations.

School Uniform & School Bag: Equipping Students for Success



In the pursuit of education, the right tools play a crucial role. At Annai Theresa Social Work Association, we understand that school uniforms and bags are more than just garments and accessories - they are instrumental in fostering a conducive learning environment.

Through our initiative of providing school uniforms and bags to our children at home, we aim to ensure that every student has the opportunity to attend school with pride, regardless of their economic circumstances. A uniform promotes a sense of equality and belonging, creating an atmosphere where students can focus on their studies without any hindrance.

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Furthermore, a school bag is more than a receptacle for books; it's a symbol of preparedness and enthusiasm for learning. Equipped with the necessary materials, students can confidently embrace their education and the potential it holds.

Eye Camp: Vision for a Brighter Tomorrow

Our Eye Camps extend sight to those in need, ensuring a world of clearer horizons. By partnering with medical experts and institutions, we provide free eye check-ups, treatments, and surgeries, enabling individuals to regain their vision and renew their hope. 5,000 beneficiaries were screened from the 7 villages of Sathyavedu Mandal, Tirupathi District, Andhra Pradesh.



General Medical Camp: Nurturing Wellness, One Community at a Time

In the pursuit of well-being, healthcare is an unwavering cornerstone. Annai Theresa Social Work Association (ATSWA) understands this essential truth, and our commitment to nurturing wellness finds embodiment in our General Medical Camps. These endeavors symbolize our dedication to enriching lives and fostering stronger, healthier communities.

Our efforts have touched the lives of over 2,000 beneficiaries. These camps are not mere medical check-ups; they represent pathways to holistic health. Within their confines, we offer comprehensive consultations, diagnoses, and treatments, reinforcing our belief in the integral connection between health and quality of life.

We go beyond boundaries to make care accessible, our camps arm individuals with awareness about preventive practices and early detection. Interactive workshops and informative sessions equip communities with the knowledge to safeguard their health actively, promoting a culture of proactive well-being.

Healthy individuals are the pillars of thriving communities. Our General Medical Camps, by addressing health concerns at the grassroots level, contribute to the creation of vibrant societies. Through improved health, beneficiaries find themselves better prepared to engage in education, work, and daily life.



Agriculture/Organic Farming Training: Sowing Seeds of Sustainable Growth



Annai Theresa Social Work Association (ATSWA) recognizes the transformative power of the land and its potential to shape futures. Through our Agriculture/Organic Farming Training, we empower individuals with the skills to cultivate not just crops, but also prosperity and sustainability.

Our training initiatives are more than just a lesson in farming 1,000 small farmers were targeted especially women farmers. They're a gateway to self-sufficiency and prosperity. We go beyond the plowing and planting, guiding participants through the intricacies of nurturing the land and reaping the benefits of sustainable farming practices.

Securing Livelihoods:

Empowerment goes hand in hand with economic security. Through our training, individuals not only cultivate crops but also secure their livelihoods. Armed with knowledge about sustainable practices, they're better prepared to navigate the challenges of modern agriculture and ensure the longevity of their endeavors.



Awareness and Sensitization: Cultivating Traditions and More:

Our training extends beyond technical skills. It's about fostering an awareness of traditional farming practices that have sustained generations. Through seed banks, crop rotation, and water management techniques, we're bridging the gap between heritage and modernity.



A Green Legacy:

Our efforts in agriculture are an investment in a greener, healthier future. By teaching individuals to work harmoniously with the land, we're sowing the seeds of a resilient ecosystem. This legacy extends beyond the training, impacting families, communities, and the environment.



Herb Gardening Training: Cultivating Nature's Remedies

Nature's bounty holds healing secrets. Through our Herb Gardening Training, we're teaching communities to grow medicinal herbs, tapping into ancient wisdom for holistic health. By nurturing these gardens, we're fostering wellness from the ground up.



Kitchen Gardening Training: Harvesting Health at Home

The journey to well-being begins in our own kitchens. Annai Theresa Social Work Association (ATSWA) recognizes that healthy eating is not just a choice, but a way of life. Through our Kitchen Gardening Training, we're empowering families to become architects of their own nutrition. By harnessing the potential of even the smallest spaces, we're sowing the seeds of well-being, from the first sprout to the final bite.



Transforming Spaces, Transforming Lives:



Our Kitchen Gardening Training has touched the lives of over 200 families, spreading the message of self-sufficiency and health. By teaching families to cultivate their own produce, we're creating a sustainable source of fresh, organic nourishment right at their doorstep. The act of tending to these gardens transcends mere cultivation; it's an investment in well-being that resonates in every harvest and every meal.

Beyond Nutrition: Economic Empowerment:



The impact of Kitchen Gardening Training extends beyond the kitchen table. As families reap the rewards of their labor, there's an undercurrent of economic empowerment. By reducing grocery bills and providing surplus for sale or trade, these gardens not only nourish bodies but also wallets. Through this dual benefit of health and economic well-being, we're

fostering
resilience in

communities, one garden bed at a time.

As we reflect on the journey of our Kitchen Gardening Training, we extend heartfelt appreciation to our participants, supporters, and those who understand the profound impact of cultivating one's own sustenance. Each garden nurtured is a step towards promoting well-being from seed to plate, fostering healthier lives and empowered communities.



Solid Waste Management Training: Shaping Cleaner Communities

Our Solid Waste Management Training equips communities and our homes to tackle waste responsibly. By educating about segregation, recycling, and sustainable waste practices, we're fostering cleaner, greener neighborhoods and promoting a healthier environment.



Rural Women Development: Empowering Minds, Transforming Lives

In the fabric of our society, gender inequality and discrimination continue to cast shadows, especially in rural areas. Annai Theresa Social Work Association (ATSWA) recognizes the dire need for change and has been steadfastly working towards empowering rural women. Despite progress, women often face unequal treatment, violence, and a lack of voice.

The overarching objective of our Rural Women Development initiative is to empower Dalit and Tribal women holistically. We aim to achieve this through awareness, education, and sustainable economic programs, granting them the dignity and opportunities that society has long denied them.

Planned Activities:

- **Awareness Education and Activity Programs:** Through seminars, workshops, and meetings, we empowered 1,000 women with knowledge about their rights, human rights, legal safeguards, and avenues for addressing abuse. Street theatre, door-to-door visits, and self-help group meetings amplify awareness.
- **Training in Income Generation Skills and entrepreneurial Training:** ATSWA imparts skills that empower women economically, enabling them to start ventures and be self-reliant. 25 Entrepreneurs and 5 leaders emerged from training in garment selling, embroidery, livestock rearing, and more.
- **Leadership Training:** Through regular training programs, women are equipped with leadership skills to challenge social norms and engage actively in local governance. Their participation in local body elections further uplifts their voices.



Activities for the Disabled and For the Prevention of Disability



Annai Theresa Social Work Association (ATSWA) embraces this diversity by championing Activities for the Disabled and For the Prevention of Disability. Our initiatives stand as beacons of inclusivity and empowerment, creating pathways for individuals to lead lives of dignity, opportunity, and fulfillment.

Nurturing Inclusion:

Our commitment to inclusivity is exemplified by the engagement of over 300 individuals with disabilities. Through meticulously designed Activities for the Disabled, we provide tailored platforms for growth. These initiatives encompass skill-building workshops, artistic expression, and recreational events that transcend physical limitations, celebrating the boundless capabilities of the human spirit.



Preventing Disability: A Proactive Approach:



Prevention lies at the heart of well-being. ATSWA's endeavors extend beyond rehabilitation; we're dedicated to preventing disabilities through proactive measures. Our awareness and advocacy efforts have reached more than 5,000 individuals, disseminating crucial knowledge about healthy practices, prenatal care, and early interventions. This proactive approach lays the foundation for a world where every individual can unlock their potential unhindered.

Empowerment Through Collaboration:

Activities for the Disabled and For the Prevention of Disability are collaborative endeavors. With the involvement of families, communities, and professionals, we're building a network of support. Collaborations with medical experts, educators, and social workers empower individuals to overcome challenges, break barriers, and seize opportunities.



ATSWA in Social Transformation: Uplifting Communities, Changing Lives

ATSWA is a catalyst for social change, challenging harmful practices through collaboration and awareness. Our trained women, armed with knowledge and determination, are effecting transformation by combating gender-based violence, child abuse, and other societal ills. We join hands with NGOs, government bodies, and local communities to drive positive change.

Associated Networks of ATSWA: Collaborating for Impact

Children & Women:

- International Network against Child Trafficking, Andhra Pradesh State Women & Children Welfare Committee,
- Ankuram Network for Single Women for Andhra Pradesh.

HIV/AIDS:

- Saathi-International Network for Crusade Against HIV/AIDS, Local Area Network for HIV/AIDS Awareness and Advocacy.

Disability:

- National Trust for Disabled,
- National Disabled Rights Movement,
- Rehabilitation Council of India,
- South Zone CBR Network,
- CBM Network Partner - Work Among Disabled,
- Disabled Peoples Rights Movement of Andhra Pradesh.

Future Plans & Fund Raising

ATSWA envisions self-sufficiency to tailor its programs and expand its reach. With a focus on HIV/AIDS-affected children and families, we're gearing up to launch projects that will have a lasting impact on their lives. ATSWA's dedicated fundraising team works tirelessly to secure support through personal contacts, corporate CSR partnerships, and innovative fundraising strategies. These efforts enable us to sustain our initiatives and extend help where it's needed the most.

Conclusion: A Grateful Heart

As we conclude this annual chapter spanning from 2021 to 2022, ATSWA extends heartfelt gratitude to our donors, supporters, and well-wishers. Your unwavering belief in our mission has enabled us to effect change, enrich lives, and stand for social justice. Together, we've rewritten stories, transformed communities, and ignited hope.



THANK YOU