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## Foreword from the president

Dear Supporters, Well-Wishers, and Partners,

As I reflect upon the past year, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude and satisfaction for the unwavering support and collective effort that has driven the Annai Therasa Social Works Association forward. The pages of this Annual Report bear testimony to our shared commitment and the remarkable strides we have made together.

Annai Therasa Social Works Association's journey, spanning three decades, has been marked by unyielding dedication to our core principles. Since our inception in 1989, we have weathered challenges and celebrated successes, never wavering from our mission to serve and uplift the marginalized and underserved segments of our society. Through the years, we have grown, expanded, and honed our programs to make a meaningful impact in the lives of those we touch.

The projects outlined in this report reflect our holistic approach to community development. From our tireless work in providing rehabilitation and essential education to individuals with disabilities, to the nurturing homes we have established for vulnerable children, we have sought to create an ecosystem of care, empowerment, and opportunity. Our commitment to the welfare of women, combating climate change, and driving social transformation further underscores our unwavering dedication to a more just and sustainable world.

None of this would have been possible without the collective efforts of our team, the generosity of our philanthropic partners, and the trust of the communities we serve. As we embrace the future, we do so with a clear vision. We are determined to build upon our achievements and explore new avenues for positive change. With the changing times, we look forward to becoming more self-sustaining, while ensuring that the spirit of service and collaboration remains at the heart of everything we do.

In conclusion, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who has been a part of our journey. Your contributions, whether financial, moral or through active engagement, are invaluable. Together, let us continue to empower lives, transform communities, and contribute to a more equitable and compassionate world.

With deepest appreciation,

**S. Arputharaj**  
**President- Annai Therasa Social Works Association**



## EMPOWERING THE DISABLED AND PREVENTING DISABILITY



The Activities for the Disabled and Prevention of Disability program by Annai Therasa Social Works Association is a comprehensive initiative aimed at addressing the needs of disabled individuals while also focusing on preventing disabilities within marginalized communities. This program, which began its journey in 1999 with a single mandal in the Chittoor district, has grown exponentially, now encompassing ten mandals: Sathyavedu, Vardhayapalayam,

Pitchatur, B. N. Kandriga, Nagalapuram, Nindra, Narayanavanam, Vijayapuram, Nagari, and KVB Puram.

### Program Overview:

- Initiated in 1999, expanded to ten mandals
- Comprehensive approach: immediate intervention and community education
- Utilizes Comprehensive Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) services
- Supports diverse disabilities: visual, speech, hearing, mental challenges, locomotive impairments, multiple disabilities, leprosy-affected, Elephantiasis

### Impactful Initiatives:

**Monthly Eye Care Camp:** In collaboration with Sankara Nethralaya Pammal, thousands of individuals, particularly the elderly, have benefited from vision-related services, addressing concerns such as cataracts and other vision issues.

### Empowering Through Education:

- **Community Awareness:** Annai Therasa Social Works Association recognizes the importance of community education. The program works towards nurturing an environment of awareness and understanding, not just for the individuals with disabilities but for the entire community.
- **Preventing Future Disabilities:** By fostering this understanding, Annai Therasa Social Works Association aims to create the groundwork for a society free from disabilities in the future.

### Providing Aids and Appliances:

**Enhancing Quality of Life:** Annai Therasa Social Works Association plays a pivotal role in providing aids and appliances to disabled individuals. These resources enhance their quality of life and empower them to overcome challenges and actively participate in their communities.



### Data Highlights:

- Over the years, the program has reached more than 5,000 disabled individuals.

- The monthly eye care camp, in collaboration with Sankara Nethralaya Pammal, has treated over 12,000 elderly individuals for eye problems, including cataracts, since 1999.

### Sustaining the Future:



Annai Therasa Social Works Association's commitment extends beyond immediate aid. The program's vision is to build a foundation for long-term positive change, ensuring that disabled individuals receive the necessary support to lead fulfilling lives and contribute to their communities. Through a combination of direct assistance, community awareness,

and prevention strategies, the **"Activities for the Disabled and Prevention of Disability"** program by Annai Therasa Social Works Association continues to make a profound impact on the lives of those it serves.

### NURTURING CHILDREN THROUGH RESIDENTIAL CARE - HAPPY CHILDREN'S HOMES



**"Residential Child Care"** is a cornerstone program of Annai Therasa Social Works Association that exemplifies its dedication to providing a secure and nurturing haven for children coming from vulnerable backgrounds, including those of commercial sex workers. This initiative encompasses the Happy Children's Homes, a project that commenced with the noble intention of deterring parents from

involving their children in similar activities. Over the years, this program has evolved into a sanctuary that provides shelter, care, and holistic development for 150 children.

### Program Features:

- **Happy Children's Homes:** These homes serve as safe havens, offering a nurturing environment to children facing vulnerable circumstances.
- **Gender-Specific Homes:**



Recognizing unique needs, the children's homes are segregated by gender, providing tailored care for both girls and boys.



### Empowering Through Education

Education is at the forefront of this program. Children are enrolled in nearby schools, fostering a love for learning and personal growth. To ensure academic excellence, the children receive after-school tutoring. This extra support helps them overcome challenges and excel in their studies. Children are encouraged to pursue their studies diligently, with individual attention given to their specific academic needs.

### Enriching Lives

- **Festive Celebrations:** Special celebrations during religious festivals and events imbue the children with a sense of belonging and happiness, fostering a positive atmosphere.
- **Balanced Nutrition:** The children's health and well-being are paramount. A balanced diet is provided to ensure their physical growth and development.
- **Child Welfare Committee Appreciation:** The program's commitment to comprehensive care and maintaining meticulous records has garnered appreciation from the Child Welfare Committee.



### Extended Support Programs:

1. **Food Distribution:** The initiative extends beyond the homes, reaching out to provide nutritional support to children's families, thereby contributing to overall community well-being.
2. **Educational Supplies:** Annai Therasa Social Works Association recognizes the importance of educational resources. School books and bags are provided to children, equipping them for successful learning journeys.
3. **Life Skills Workshops:** To prepare children for a well-rounded future, life skills workshops are conducted. These sessions empower them with essential skills to navigate various life challenges.



"Residential Child Care" is more than just a roof over the heads of vulnerable children; it's a nurturing space that embodies Annai Therasa Social Works Association's commitment to their overall growth. Through education, care, nutrition, and holistic development, the program strives to lay the foundation for a brighter future, ensuring that every child under its care has the opportunity to thrive and contribute positively to society.





## FOSTERING DEVELOPMENT AMONG RURAL WOMEN



The "Empowerment of Dalit and Tribal Women" initiative stands as a beacon of change, focusing on uplifting women from marginalized backgrounds through a multi-faceted approach. The program is a steadfast commitment to fostering awareness, skill-building, and leadership development to enable women to rise above societal limitations and lead dignified, empowered lives.

### Program Components: Awareness Education

The program begins by enlightening 2,500 women about their rights, entitlements, and the legal framework that exists for their protection. Seminars, workshops, and regular awareness programs aim to empower women with knowledge and insights to challenge the status quo.



- **Knowledge Dissemination:** Through meticulously planned awareness campaigns – women are educated about their rights, human rights, and legal provisions that safeguard their interests.
- **Access to Information:** The program equips women with knowledge about government concessions and resources available to them, empowering them to claim what rightfully belongs to them.

### Skill Building and Entrepreneurship

- **Income Generation Training:** Recognizing the importance of financial independence, the initiative provides training in income generation skills. 250 Women are trained in various vocational skills such as garment selling, embroidery, and livestock rearing.
- **Creating Ventures:** Armed with newfound skills, 150 women embark on entrepreneurial journeys. This includes establishing businesses like garment trade, embroidery ventures, and livestock raising, contributing to both personal growth and economic stability.





### Leadership Development:

- **Leadership Workshops:** A core aspect of the program is developing leadership skills among women. Through workshops, training sessions, and exposure to successful women leaders, participants are equipped to take on leadership roles in their communities.
- **Political Participation:** The program encourages and supports women's involvement in local body elections, empowering them to assume decision-making roles and contribute positively to community development.



The "**Empowerment of Dalit and Tribal Women**" program envisions a society where women from marginalized backgrounds can break free from traditional shackles. By providing them with knowledge, skills, and opportunities, Annai Therasa Social Works Association aims to create a ripple effect, where empowered women become agents of change in their families and communities. Through these collective efforts, the program strives to rewrite the

narrative of women's lives, fostering empowerment, dignity, and progress.

### **CHAMPIONING INITIATIVES AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE**



Annai Therasa Social Works Association's commitment to environmental sustainability is manifested through a comprehensive program that addresses the pressing issue of climate change. The program encompasses a range of initiatives aimed at fostering responsible environmental practices and raising awareness about the urgent need for conservation.

### **Program Components:**

- **Campaigns Against Open Burning:** Annai Therasa Social Works Association actively campaigns against the harmful practice of open burning of garbage, advocating for proper waste disposal methods to reduce pollution and health hazards.
- **Promotion of Energy-Efficient Lighting:** Recognizing the role of energy consumption in climate change, the program promotes the use of energy-efficient lighting to reduce carbon emissions.
- **Rainwater Harvesting:** To combat water scarcity and replenish groundwater resources, the initiative encourages rainwater harvesting techniques within communities.
- **Water Conservation:** Annai Therasa Social Works Association emphasizes the importance of water conservation





to preserve this vital resource and promote sustainable water usage practices.

- **Organic Farming:** The program supports the transition to organic farming methods, reducing reliance on chemical fertilizers and promoting environmentally friendly agricultural practices.
- **Tree Plantation:** Understanding the critical role of trees in absorbing carbon dioxide and maintaining ecological balance, the initiative actively engages in tree plantation campaigns.

Through its holistic environmental program, Annai Therasa Social Works Association envisions a community that actively engages in sustainable practices, mitigating the adverse effects of climate change. By raising awareness, advocating for responsible actions, and setting an example, the program empowers individuals and communities to be stewards of the environment and collectively work towards a greener, more sustainable future.

## **ANNAI THERASA SOCIAL WORKS ASSOCIATION'S ROLE IN SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION**

### **Program Highlights:**

1. **Workshops and Campaigns:** Annai Therasa Social Works Association's program involves the strategic organization of workshops and campaigns that target sensitive issues within marginalized communities. These initiatives are designed to raise awareness, sensitize individuals to pressing concerns, and foster a collective commitment to transformative action.
2. **Community Engagement:** Engaging with communities in Sathyavedu, Vardhayapalayam, Pitchatur, and beyond, Annai Therasa Social Works Association's program extends its reach to thousands. Through village-level campaigns, the program seeks to inspire a sense of shared responsibility and activism among residents.
3. **Empowering Women's Voices:** A cornerstone of the program is its emphasis on empowering women to break free from the confines of societal norms. By equipping women with knowledge, resources, and platforms, Annai Therasa Social Works Association empowers them to raise their voices against prevalent societal ills and advocate for transformative change.
4. **Collaborative Efforts:** The program's success is attributed to effective collaboration with other stakeholders, including NGOs, local bodies, and government agencies. These partnerships amplify the program's impact and foster a holistic approach to addressing complex challenges.

### **Data-Driven Progress:**

- **Beneficiary Reach:** The program's workshops, campaigns, and engagements have sensitized over 1,000 beneficiaries across villages and mandals.
- **Advocacy Outcomes:** As a result of the program's interventions, increased awareness has led to a rise in reported cases of societal issues, indicating a growing trust in the system's ability to effect change.

Annai Therasa Social Works Association's transformative program represents a pivotal step towards crafting a more inclusive and just society. By engaging communities, empowering women, and advocating for change, the initiative strives to erode the foundations of harmful practices and engender a society that celebrates equality, dignity, and human rights.

## Collaborative Networks with Partners

### CHILDREN & WOMEN

1. International Net Work against Child Trafficking,
2. Andhra Pradesh State Women & Children Welfare Committee
3. Ankuram Network for Single Women in Andhra Pradesh

### HIV/AIDS

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

### DISABILITY

- 1) National Trust for Disabled.
- 2) National Disabled Rights Movement.
- 3) Rehabilitation Council of India.
- 4) South Zone CBR Network.
- 5) CBM Network Partner –Work Among Disabled.
- 6) Disabled Peoples Rights Movement of Andhra Pradesh (State Level Network).

## ENVISIONING THE FUTURE: PLANS AHEAD

As Annai Therasa Social Works Association looks to the future, our commitment to sustainability shapes our vision for impactful change. Our roadmap is guided by the principles of lasting progress, focusing on strategies that will fortify our accomplishments and drive positive transformation.

- **Self-Sustainability:** Achieving financial independence is a significant goal for us. By establishing a strong financial base, we will secure the continuity of our programs and reduce dependence on external funding.
- **Environmental Care:** Our commitment to eco-consciousness remains unwavering. We will amplify efforts in promoting sustainable practices and combatting climate change through community-driven initiatives.
- **Collaborative Partnerships:** Strengthening alliances with like-minded organizations will magnify our collective influence, contributing to sustainable change on a larger scale.
- **Amplifying Voices:** Enabling our beneficiaries to be their own advocates is central to our approach. By empowering their voices, we create a cycle of self-driven progress.

Annai Therasa Social Works Association's journey ahead is one of determination, innovation, and long-term effectiveness. By combining our legacy of service with forward-looking strategies, we are poised to usher in an era of sustained transformation.

## Sustaining through Fundraising and Financial Insights:

Annai Therasa Social Works Association is actively engaged in diversifying its funding sources to ensure sustainability. We are leveraging personal connections and engaging with corporations for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) support. Additionally, we are exploring innovative avenues for fundraising to gradually achieve self-sufficiency. Our dedicated fundraising team is tirelessly working to secure both monetary and in-kind support, not only for the children's homes but also for other vital project expenses.



## Culmination

As we reflect upon the journey covered in this Annual Report, we find ourselves both humbled and inspired. The path we have walked has been one of commitment, collaboration, and transformation. Annai Therasa Social Works Association's unwavering dedication to serving marginalized communities has yielded remarkable results and instilled hope in the lives we touch. Through each program, initiative, and endeavor, we have striven to bring about positive change at the grassroots level.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our benefactors, supporters, and partners who have stood by us in our pursuit of meaningful impact. Your generosity and belief in our mission have propelled us forward and enabled us to achieve milestones that make a real difference in the lives of the vulnerable.

Looking ahead, we remain steadfast in our determination to empower individuals, families, and communities. Our vision for the future is one of sustainability, where our initiatives continue to flourish and expand, driven by the collective efforts of all stakeholders. Together, we can create a world that is more inclusive, just, and compassionate.

We invite you to join us on this journey as we embark on another year of purposeful action and positive change. With your continued support, we are confident that Annai Therasa Social Works Association will continue to be a beacon of hope and a force for transformation in the lives of those we serve.

