

# FREEDOM TRUST

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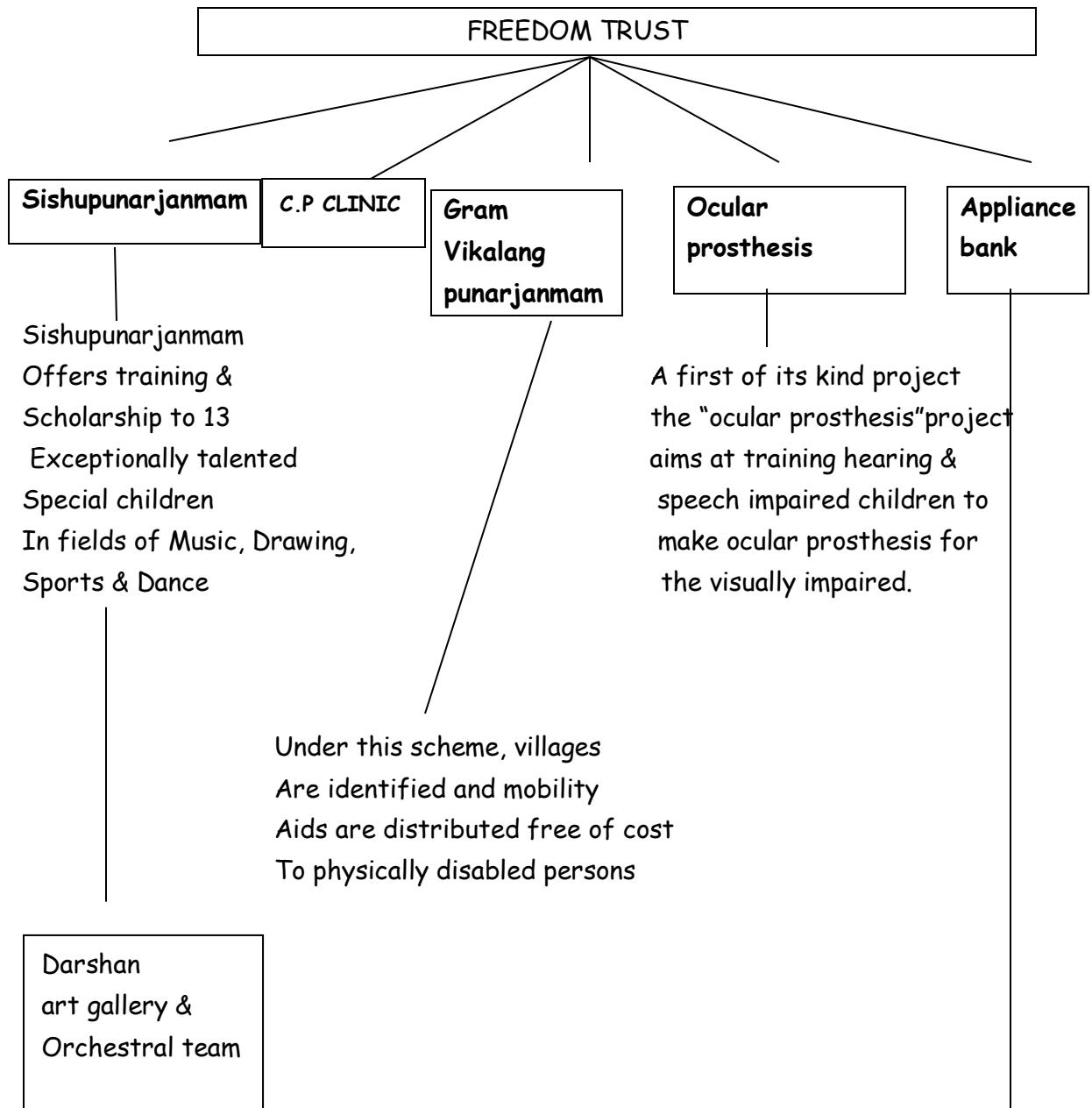
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FLOWCHART OF PROGRAMS



Unused appliances are collected from the public and are given to those who are in need.

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**History:** Freedom Trust was founded in the year 1997 to cater to the needs of the physically challenged by Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Specialist Dr. Sunder. Over the years, the trust has provided mobility aids like wheel chairs, tricycles and orthoses to over 8500 disabled persons. Under its talent promotion “Sishupunarjanmam” scheme over 25 exceptionally talented special children (visually impaired, hearing & speech impaired) have been given scholarship and training. During this period our trust bagged the prestigious Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettira Award which carried a citation & a purse of rupees one lakh. Further to drawing of portraits of the presiding guest of honour Sri.M.A.M. Ramaswamy by our pearls Suvedha & Lokesh there was also an on the spot additional donation of rupees fifty thousand to our trust.

Our projects & performance for the year 2011 – 2012

## GRAM VIKALANG PUNARJANMAM

Mobility is very important; to make a child go to school, to enable a student travel to college, and to make a worker go to office. Orthoses, or in layman’s terms, calipers are appliances given to paralyzed or weak limbs fit to the children on a custom made basis, enabling them to walk erect. Handicapped persons in rural areas cannot afford to come to the city or towns where qualified rehabilitation teams are situated; they neglect their handicap and later develop deformities which are difficult to correct, except by surgical means.

In this background, Freedom Trust has been relentlessly working for the cause of such physically challenged persons living in rural areas and has helped them mobility aids. This year, Freedom trust extended it s support to outreach programs In Porur, Bodinayakanur, Vadugapatti near Periyakulam, Ayikudi, Nadupazhani, Acharapakkam , several NGO’s in around Chennai and Tiruttani.

| S.No | Date       | Place                     | Number of beneficiaries | Nature of camp |
|------|------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1    | 3.4.2011   | Rotary Club, Porur        | 59                      | Assessment     |
| 2    | 27.5.2011  | Rotary Club, Porur        | 37                      | Distribution   |
| 3    | 19.6.2011  | Bodinayakanur             | 87                      | Assessment     |
| 4    | 31.7.2011  | Bodinayakanur             | 54                      | Distribution   |
| 5    | 20.6.2011  | Periyakulam               | 85                      | Assessment     |
| 6    | 31.7.2011  | Periyakulam               | 45                      | Distribution   |
| 7    | 30.7.2011  | Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudi | 20                      | Assessment     |
| 8    | 11.9.2011  | Ayikudi                   | 10                      | Distribution   |
| 9    | 20.11.11   | Nadupazani,Chengelpet     | 35                      | Assessment     |
| 10   | 5.1.2012   | Nadupazani,Chengelpet     | 23                      | Distribution   |
| 11   | 18.12.2011 | Acharapakkam              | 40                      | Assessment     |
| 12   | 29.1.2012  | Acharapakkam              | 24                      | Distribution   |
| 13   | 24.2.2012  | Global Hospitals, Chennai | 90                      | Assessment     |
| 14   | 25.2.2012  | Global Hospitals, Chennai | 95                      | Assessment     |
| 15   | 23.3.2012  | Adyar, Chennai            | 92                      | Distribution   |
| 16   | 25.3.2012  | Tirutani                  | 72                      | Distribution   |

**Photos of our assessment camps**



**Photos of our distribution camps**



## SISHUPUNARJANMAM

To identify exceptionally talented special children and nurture them with training, scholarship & medical assistance and enable them to support themselves through a talent that they are naturally endowed with. The project involves transportation of the children to the trainer or the trainer to them, the amounts paid for their training to them and to their trainers, rehabilitation assistance including physiotherapy and appliances and assistance in obtaining any items for their training like musical instruments or painting materials.

Track record: Apart from Vidharte, Mehtab Allam & Suvedha, two more of our pearls – Lokesh & Aiswarya bagged National Awards for their exceptional talents in drawing taking the awards tally to 5. Akshaya, a visually impaired student, who is being trained in music secured the state first rank by scoring 496 in her tenth standard board exams and Vishnupriya & Srileka, two other visually impaired students who are being trained in music won State honours for their talent in music and academics.

**DARSHAN Orchestra** – The year 2011 – 2012 turned out to be an exceptional year for the DARSHAN Orchestra team. A performance at Chennai's Book Fair turned out to be a great success further to which the team has started getting opportunities to perform both in Chennai as well as out station concerts. A feature about the team in Dinamalar, a local Newspaper brought them to limelight and has won the hearts of many.

### Current list of pearls for the year 2011-2012:

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Manoj – Music         | Visual handicap         |
| 2. Nagaraj – Music       | Visual handicap         |
| 3. Akshaya- Music        | Visual handicap         |
| 4. Kartikeyan – Drawing  | Hearing/speech impaired |
| 5. Samaya Aiswarya-Music | Visual handicap         |
| 6. Swarnalakshmi – Music | Visual handicap         |
| 7. Indumathi – Music     | Visual handicap         |
| 8. Dinesh Drawing        | Hearing/speech impaired |
| 9. Sowbhagya – Music     | Visual handicap         |
| 10. Lokesh – Drawing     | Hearing/speech impaired |
| 11. Vishnupriya - Music  | Visual handicap         |
| 12. Srileka – Music      | Visual handicap         |

### Our pearls performing



### OCULAR PROSTHESIS PROJECT



**OCULAR PROSTHESIS PROJECT:**

Conceptualized by Dr. Sunder, this project which aims at imparting training to the hearing and speech impaired to make artificial eyes of cosmetic value to the visually impaired. Training has been completed and a sheltered workshop is in progress wherein under the guidance of Ocularists, the hearing & speech impaired students will contribute their skills in making the ocular prosthesis. On an average around four patients are being given ocular prosthesis since March 2012 from out of ten who consult the Centre. Volunteers Hema, Jayasree, Diwakar and Meenakshi have been visiting the center for the last one and half years imparting training to these children.

**CEREBRAL PALSY CLINIC**

Cerebral Palsy is a disorder of the brain occurring at the time of pregnancy or during child birth, due to which the child is unable attain its milestones like coming to sit, stand or walk. There are associated sensory problems such as hearing or vision loss coupled with day to day problems like difficulty in eating or toileting. Appropriate sensory inputs and movement training can help such special children to become more functional and mobile. In this background, Freedom Trust extends treatment to such children at highly subsidized rates. On an average around twelve children are being treated on a daily basis by well trained physiotherapists Sanjib and Jayaraj under the able guidance of Dr.Sunder.

We are so thankful to our patrons who have been giving us solid support to all our projects . It is due their philanthropy and kindness that we have been able to work towards fulfilling our mission – that of giving a better life to the differently abled. Our patrons for 2011-2012.

Polaris

Smt.Visalam

Mr.Ram

Lodge Ramaprasad

Rotary club, Chennai Mambalam

UN Women's Guild

Mrs.Aruna Hariharan

Mrs.Gomathy Viswanthan

Dr.Sanjeevi

Data Telesis

Mrs.Premalatha

Mrs.Nagalakshmi

Dr.Peter John

Mr.Hariharan – A donation of Rs.10,000/- being donated to Dean Foundation

Lions Club Acharapakkam

Mr.Linguswamy Film Director

JG Foundation

### **OUR PLANS FOR 2012- 2013**

The current batch of children have shown consistent progress in their learning process and have also bagged a number of prizes in inter school, inter institutional and other competitions. The trust plans to extend training and scholarship to the existing “pearls” and focus on arranging shows (exhibitions of paintings drawn by our pearls and cultural shows in classical & light music by our orchestral team). The trust is also planning to organize a benefit performance to mobilize funds and also focus in promoting the DARSHAN ART GALLERY.

We also propose to include another ten children under the Sishu Punarjanmam scheme, and conduct a TALENT HUNT in the month of July 2012.

#### **Proposed camps:**

A total of 4 assessment camps and 4 distribution camps have been proposed in the following places for the year 2012 – 2013 reaching out to about 400 physically challenged persons. The first camp for this year was on at Chidambaram and the distribution is scheduled on the 17<sup>th</sup> June at Chidambaram. This camp is being sponsored by Ms.PPN Power systems.

| S.No | Month | Place                     |
|------|-------|---------------------------|
| 1    | April | Chidambaram               |
| 2    | May   | Chidambaram               |
| 3    | July  | Rajapalayam, Assessment   |
| 4    | Aug   | Rajapalayam, Distribution |
| 5    | Oct   | Kodaikanal                |
| 6    | Nov   | Kodaikanal                |
| 7    | Jan   | Tuticorin                 |
| 8    | Feb   | Tuticorin                 |

#### **Appliance Bank:**

**The trust is also on the lookout for a place to store appliances and expand its activities in this project.**