

FREEDOM TRUST

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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 16500 disabled persons. Under its talent promotion “Sishupunarjanmam” scheme over 40 exceptionally talented special children (visually impaired, hearing & speech impaired) have been given scholarship and training.

Our projects & performance for the year 2016 – 2017

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 with mobility aids. This year, Freedom trust extended it’s support to outreach programs in Tiruvallur, Ranipet, Tuticorin, Trichi & Tirunelveli.

List of camps general camp held

14.5.16	Freedom Trust Office Limb Assessment camp	13	Assessment
4.8.16	Spastic Society of Taramani	83	Assessment
18.9.16	Tiruvotriyur	56	Assessment
22.10.16	Spastic Society of Trichirapalli	100	Assessment
8.1.17	Tirunelveli Sankara School	70	Assessment
9.1.17	Lucia Society	137	Assessment
6.3.17	Ranipet	70	Assessment
17.9.16	(Lodge Ramprasad) Spastn, MNC	75	Distributiom

23.10.16	Tiruvotriyur	56	Distribution
21.11.16	Spastn Trichirapalli	85	Distribution
6.1.17	Cavinkare, Mylambadi	100 limbs	Distribution
14.2.17	Villupuram	175 limbs	Distribution
11.3.17	Tirunelveli & Tuticorin	165	Distribution
12.3.17	Tuticorin	75 limbs	Distribution
29.3.17	Ranipet	76	Distribution

A total of 1104 physically challenged persons were assessed and 957 have received mobility aids in the year ending March 2017

A new concept – Freedom Trust had a great opportunity to join hands with Dream Runners who organized a Marathon on the 25th of July for the cause of disabled with specific focus on making amputees walk. The organization has decided to partner with Freedom Trust during the forthcoming year too.

LAUNCH OF WALK INDIA MEGA PROJECT – JAN 2017.

Freedom Trust launched Walk India – a dream project of Dr. Sunder in the month of Jan 2017 with an aim to empower amputees with artificial limbs and enable them to have a better quality of life altogether.

Part funded by the Rotary Club with a Van fitted with necessary raw materials and machinery needed to manufacture and repair limbs, the project aimed at completing 500 limbs within a period of one year. But interestingly, the target was met within a period of four months. Such is the demand for support from the community.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Number of beneficiaries</u>
<u>31.10.16</u>	<u>Bhavani</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>31.10.16</u>	<u>Magudanchavadi</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>1.11.16</u>	<u>Kolathur(Mettur)</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>1.1.16</u>	<u>Avinasi</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>14.11.16</u>	<u>Thalaivasal</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>14.11.16</u>	<u>Sillarahalli</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>14.11.16</u>	<u>Periampatti</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>14.11.06</u>	<u>Dharmapuri</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>15.11.16</u>	<u>Erode</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>15.11.16</u>	<u>Arichalur</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>15.11.16</u>	<u>Palani</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>10.12.16</u>	<u>Arichalur</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>22.11.16</u>	<u>Ulundurpet</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>22.11.16</u>	<u>Kallakuruchi</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>23.11.16</u>	<u>Sankarapuram</u>	<u>24</u>

<u>23.11.16</u>	<u>Thirukovilur</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>24.11.16</u>	<u>Gingee</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>24.11.16</u>	<u>Dindivanam</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>25.11.16</u>	<u>Marakkanam</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>25.11.16</u>	<u>Vaanur</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>26.11.16</u>	<u>Villupuram</u>	<u>36</u>
<u>3.1.17</u>	<u>Chennai</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>7.1.17</u>	<u>Tuticorin</u>	<u>49</u>
<u>8.1.17</u>	<u>Tirunelveli</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>9.1.17</u>	<u>Tuticorin</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>10.3.17</u>	<u>Tuticorin</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>14.3.17</u>	<u>Tiruvannamalai</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>15.3.17</u>	<u>Seiyyar</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>26.2.17</u>	<u>Ranipet</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>5.3.17</u>	<u>Poonamallee</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>6.3.17</u>	<u>Chennai</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>25.3.17</u>	<u>Royapuram MV Diabetic Center</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>6.4.17</u>	<u>Tiruvallur</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>8.4.17</u>	<u>Porur</u>	<u>17</u>
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>500</u>

Photos of our assessment camps



Assessment camp in progress at Spastic Society of Taramani



Assessment camp in Tirunelveli



An amputee being examined in Tirunelveli and a girl examined in Tuticorin

Photos of our distribution camps



Beneficiaries with their newly fitted limbs sponsored by Dream Runners Trust



Distribution camp at Lodge Ramprasad, Egmore, Chennai



Distribution camp in Tirunelveli

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: 5 of our scholars - Vidharte, Mehtab Allam & Suvedha, Lokesh & Aiswarya bagged National Awards for their exceptional talents in drawing over the years and Vishnupriya & Srileka, two other visually impaired students who are being trained in music won State honours for their talent in music and academics. All the scholars who were identified for training in various fields (music, dance, drawing, sports) have chosen the same as their career and are earning a living for themselves. Vidarte one of our first batch of scholars bagged the prestigious Vijay TV Award for her outstanding talent in the field of art on International Women's day on the 8th of March 2013. On the 8th of March 2016, Suvedha, Akshaya & Srileka were awarded for their exceptional performance in their chosen field of art.

Akshaya & Manoj are currently pursuing higher studies and are excelling in their classes.

Induction of 18 new pearls

Freedom Trust inducted 18 new scholars into its Sishupunarjanmam scholarship project on the 8th of July in Chennai. Dr. Nataraj MLA graced the occasion as the guest of honour along with donors Smt. Anuradha Sriram & Sri. Jawahar. Sri. V. Suresh a differently abled popular Ghatam artist graced the occasion and appreciated the efforts of the trust in bringing out the talents in differently abled children and also help them with scholarships and training. The performance of the already existing pearls and the new scholars touched the hearts of one and all present. An auction of paintings drawn by special artists also marked the occasion.

Current list of pearls for the year 2016-2017:

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| 1. Manoj – Music | Visual handicap |
| 2. Nagaraj – Music | Visual handicap |
| 3. Akshaya- Music | Visual handicap |
| 4. Samaya- Music | Visual handicap |
| 5. Srileka – Music | Visual handicap |

6. Parameswari	Visual handicap
7. Durga	Visual handicap
8. Divya Sree	Visual handicap
9. Indrakumar - Drawing	Hearing & speech impaired
10. Lokesh – Drawing	Hearing/speech impaired
11. Ranjith – Drawing	Hearing/speech impaired
12. SeemaRani – Drawing	Hearing/speech impaired
13. Bharathkumar – Drawing	Hearing/speech impaired
14. Surendran – Drawing	Hearing/speech impaired
15. Raghavi – Dance	Hearing/speech impaired
16. Abhirami – Dance	Hearing/speech impaired
17. Divya – Dance	Hearing/speech impaired
18. Madhav Raj – Keyboard	Hearing/speech impaired
19. Raja – Tabla	Hearing/speech impaired
20. Balaji – Mridangam	Hearing/speech impaired
21. Jayakanth – Drums	Hearing/speech impaired
22. Robindas – Guitar	Hearing/speech impaired
23. LakshmiPriya – Music	Visual handicap

Photos of our talent hunt and induction function held in Chennai in July 2016



OUR PLANS FOR 2017- 2018

The newly inducted pearls will be subject to periodic reviews and based on their performances the scholarship and training will be continued. In the event of drop outs from the current list a few more fresh scholars may be inducted after a talent hunt.

Our patrons for 2016-2017.

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Sri.Lakshminarayanan

Proposed camps:

A total of 10 assessment camps and 10 distribution camps have been proposed in the following places for the year 2017 – 2018 reaching out to about 800 physically challenged persons.

S.No	Month	Place	Beneficiaries
1	April	Poonamallee	60
2	May	Dhalavaipuram	100
3	June	Minjur	100
4	August	Trichi	60
5	Sept	Tirunelveli	80
6	Oct	Tuticorin	100
7	Nov	Salem & Erode	60
8	Dec	Nellore, Ongole	100
9	Jan	Coimbatore	80
10	Feb	Thiruvallur	60

Camps under Walk India

Freedom Trust plans to target 1000 amputees and fit them with artificial limbs under its Walk India Project.

Proposed places for identification of beneficiaries

Madurai, Coimbatore, Ramanathapuram District, Tuticorin, Chengelpet & Tiruvannamalai District, Ongole, Nellore & Trivandrum.