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**DIFFERENT ARTS CENTRE**

**A UNIQUE MODEL TO EMPOWER CHALLENGED KIDS**

One of the primary goals that motivated the founders of Care & Share was the necessity to have a better life for differently abled kids. This cause continues to be one of the major focus areas for us even today. Different Arts Centre (DAC), founded by Prof. Gopinath Muthukad, is our latest partner in this space.



*Prof Muthukad with students in one of the classes*

The center, established in 2019 in Thiruvananthapuram, educates and empowers differently abled children in various art forms like magic, dance, and music. The center also arranges the opportunity to showcase the kids’ learned skills before a wide audience on a regular basis. The huge appreciation from the public audience facilitates the kids’ emotional and mental development. Constant encouragement definitely makes huge changes in the attitude and behavior of these children.

Along with artistic development, DAC has formulated educational programs for these children, thereby ensuring their smooth passage into mainstream society. We are proud to say that the DAC is one and only of its own kind in the world that is built and developed for needs special children. The center enabled these children to stand on their own feet and support their families.

Scientific studies by experts from Institute for Communicative and Cognitive Neuro Sciences (ICCONS) and Child Development Centre (CDC) underline improvement in these children’s social and communicative skills and reduction in behavioral problems.



*Vishnu performing in front of the crowd at DAC*

The DAC was supported by well-wishers around the world. However, the COVID-19 pandemic turned everything upside down, and most of the supporters found it difficult to continue the support. Since a majority of the children come from poor financial conditions, the monthly stipend and food arrangement for family members were really a huge relief for most of them. We are trying to reinstate all the support DAC offered to these children and their families. Would you consider DAC in your annual pledges? You can donate online at <https://www.careandshare.com/dac>. More info at <https://www.differentartcentre.com>.

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## ALA – SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE TRIBAL STUDENTS



**Scholarship is one of ALA's  
flagship projects in 2021**

Art Lovers of America (ALA – <https://artloversofamerica.org>) is a group of people united to promote the distinct and diverse cultural background of Kerala. Uplifting underprivileged and deprived communities is part of ALA's overall mission to curb the inequalities in the society. Care & Share joined ALA in its initiative to support 100 students primarily from Wayanad and Palakkad districts in Kerala with a monthly stipend scholarship of Rs 1,500.

Education is key in providing the confidence and network necessary to succeed in life. Students from tribal communities in India must overcome many barriers and challenges to complete their graduate level programs. We help to build a promising future for them, so that they can complete their education and empower their communities to come out of poverty. Students' application details are carefully screened by the team, and students are chosen based upon academic merit, economic need and recommendation from the Tribal Development Office (TDO). Students who belong to particularly vulnerable tribes (PVTG) are given more consideration, as they need more assistance. The program also intends to extend mentorship to better guide the students to achieve their goals. The details of mentorship are being worked out and will be available soon. The current program duration is for a year, which may be extended, depending upon the responses. Thanks to Shreyas Bathery (<http://www.shreyas.org>) and Wayanad Tribal Development Office for taking care of all the boots-on-the-ground logistics. We are honored to be part of this great initiative.

## EMPOWERING 500 HOUSEHOLDS IN ZAMBIA WITH “WATTS OF LOVE”

We provided solar power to Minga Mission Hospital's maternity ward last year to save the lives of moms and newborns. While working in this project, we realized that electricity is a huge luxury for the people in the Minga region of Zambia. With a population of approximately 140,000, the region mainly uses paraffin, firewood, and torches (made of sticks and grass) for lighting. Apart from emissions and deforestation, these lighting methods can take up a majority of a family's budget in these parts of the world. Trying to solve this problem led us to “Watts of Love”, a non-profit with the unique mission to bring light to these kinds of households. Using their patented solar powered lights, a household can still function in dark hours up to 5 days



**Solar lights help small businesses to function beyond day light hours**



**“Watts of Love” trains the community on how to convert savings from their lights into wealth**

in a

single charge, with zero emissions. Each family can save almost 15% of their budget using these lights.

Watts of Love's measured, sustainable, and continuously monitored process helps these families convert their savings from lighting costs into wealth-building assets like chickens, goats, pigs, and cows. Watts of Love's lighthouse model is a three-year scaling initiative to distribute lights within a specific region, focusing on large-scale distribution. The cost of light, shipping, distribution and training per household is \$50. Care & Share is contributing \$25,000 to light up 500 households in Minga in 2021-22. It costs just \$50 to bring light into a household – are you ready to support one such household?

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## “STAND WITH KERALA” BRINGS COMFORT FOR AN OLD WIDOW

Care & Share has been closely working with an informal group of friends identifying themselves as “Stand With Kerala” since the 2018 Kerala flood. Over the last three years, the group has done an amazing job reaching much-needed help for the most deserving families in Kerala. Their support helped to build a classroom in special education school Chaithanya in Palakkad, two lifesaving ventilators for Pathanamthitta general hospital, the day-to-day needs of the inmates of psychological rehab institute Mariasadan in Pala, 1,000 dialysis treatments in Palakkad, treatment for cancer patients – the list goes on and on. The group just finished their second home in Chellanam, Kochi for a 78-year-old widow. Construction of a third house for a diseased cancer patient’s family is about to begin in the next few weeks.



*Kunjamma’s old house (above) and new house (below)*



Kunjamma was living with her 48-year-old heart patient son in a dilapidated home in Chellanam. With a broken roof and walls, they slept in fear of collapse, in addition to the uncomfortable cold and rain. Fr. Sijo Kannampuzha from the group brought the case to the attention of members, and in less than two days, around \$4,500 was raised. The family received another \$3,000 from Pastoral Orientation Center, and Kunjamma’s son took a loan for the rest of the amount. Today, they sleep in peace, without the fear of a roof falling over them. Thank you “Stand With Kerala” for all your goodwill! We are proud to work with such a dedicated team.

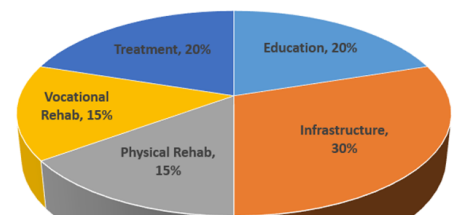
## JOINT FUNDRAISER “NILAAMAZHA” FUNDS 1,000 DIALYSES

In conjunction with the Kerala Association of Washington (KAW Charity) and the Dallas based “Stand With Kerala” group, we organized a Stephen Devassy show to primarily support dialysis patients in Palakkad district. The project “Ashraya” by the Paalana Institute of Medical Sciences addresses the inadequate resources for dialysis in and around Palakkad district. The project drives awareness programs, provides discount for free dialysis support for below poverty level patients, and offers commute options for the regular dialysis visits to hospital. “Nilaamazha” raised a total of \$33,000, out of which \$10,000 will be used towards “Ashraya” project.



## “GANOLSAVAM” RAISES \$45,000 FOR CRITICAL PATIENTS AND FAMILIES

Since 2009, Ganoslavam by Seattle Saptaswara is the biggest annual fundraiser to support our projects. Because of the pandemic, the event could not be done in 2020, but this year, the troupe managed to pull off a great online show, raising more than \$45,000. The funds will be used to support various pillars of palliative care in India. We really appreciate Seattle Saptaswara and production partner Rhythms Studio for making this event happen. The raised funds will be a huge help for many families with chronic conditions struggling to get back on their feet.



*Proposed fund usage of G2021*

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# FINANCIAL REPORT

In 2020, a total of \$499,601 was spent for charitable projects, with an administrative cost of just 0.7%. This means that for every \$100 donated to Care & Share, \$99.30 went straight to the project beneficiaries. For more details, please visit <https://www.careandshare.com/financial-operations>.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Revenue for the Year	105,861	120,208	3,375,685	770,944	572,220
Fund Balance from Prior Year	93,799	61,701	45,433	160,108	326,854
Allocation and Disbursement for Charitable Projects	128,500	130,600	3,234,184	577,452	499,601
Administrative Expenses	2,199	849	4,337	3,963	6,572
Administrative Expenses %	1.1	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.7
<b>Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>61,701</b>	<b>45,433</b>	<b>160,108</b>	<b>326,854</b>	<b>378,980</b>

## FRESHMAN RAISES \$45,000 FOR THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROJECTS

The drive to bring the very best to special schools in India is in Akhi’s DNA. He conducted two major fundraisers in 2016 and 2017, raising more than \$40,000. Before leaving Seattle to pursue his dreams in the world of dance at prestigious Columbia College in Chicago, this teenager decided to perform once again to support three schools – Different Arts Centre in Trivandrum, Chaithanya Special School in Palakkad, and Adarsh Special School in Ernakulam. He designed and choreographed a brilliant show called “Ekadanta” and presented it on stage to the public on June 27th at the Carco Theater in Renton, Washington. The show was widely well-received, raising around \$45,000. Thank you Akhi, for the whole-hearted support for our special education projects.



Akhi with his “Ekadanta” team

## HIKERS’ INITIATIVE RAISES \$50,000 FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER CARE



Team starting St. Helen hike at 3:30AM

Upon learning about the financial struggle of the pediatric care provider “Solace” ([www.solaceglobal.org](http://www.solaceglobal.org)), a team of seasoned hikers in Seattle decided to dedicate their St. Helen hike to support Solace kids. The initiative was soon supported by other groups such as Seattle Saptaswara, MaChaNi and Art Lovers of America (ALA) WA chapter. In addition, a poker tournament and badminton tournament were conducted as part Microsoft Giving Campaign. Overall, the initiative has raised close to \$50,000 so far. The drive will help the accommodation of 100 kids for 5 months registered at the Solace Trivandrum Chapter undergoing treatment in Regional Cancer Center.

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