



CARE & SHARE

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SNEHAKOODU – HOME FOR ABANDONED SENIOR CITIZENS

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Founder Nisha with 'Snehakoodu' inmates

Snehakoodu (<https://snehakoodu.org>) is a secular non-profit organization with the goal of protecting elderly people who are left alone in the streets for various reasons. Snehakoodu tries to reunite the individuals with their families by providing all possible legal protection, but in many cases, they have nowhere else to go other than Snehakoodu. Seventy-nine elderly people (24 males and 55 females) are currently living

there and are provided with food, shelter, love, treatment, and other basic needs.



Snehakoodu has been operating from 3 rented places to accommodate all their residents for the past 9 years. The high rental expense demanded Snehakoodu to build an 8,000 sq ft facility at a projected cost of around INR 1,500 per square foot (Appx \$20/foot) in a 15 cents plot donated by a well-wisher. In collaboration with the Kerala Association of WA Charity, the MaChaNi group of friends, and Seattle Saptaswara, Care & Share is contributing to Snehakoodu to cover costs for 1,350 sq ft. This initiative will enable Snehakoodu to consolidate its operations in a single place, leading to significant savings in both time and money. Would you consider being a part of this effort by sponsoring just 1 square foot? The cost is a mere \$20 — yes, you read that correctly, only \$20!

◆ \$510,541 spent for charitable projects

◆ For \$20 you can sponsor a sq ft at Snehakoodu

◆ Administrative expense of just 0.6%

◆ Support for Pallium India "Home" project

HOLY CROSS SPECIAL SCHOOL

Holy Cross Special School in Mannackanad, Kottayam is one of the special schools that Care & Share supports. Started in 2001 with 10 students, the school today serves 126 special needs kids with the help of 26 staff members. The school provides a wide range of services such as Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR), Home Based Rehabilitation, noon meals, vocational training, periodic medical checkups, and multiple therapies. Vocational training activities include candle making, book binding, envelope making, fabric painting and screen printing. Children are introduced to vegetable cultivation, sports, yoga, cultural activities, and day trips.



School has limited financial support from the government. With many students coming from very poor economic backgrounds, the income from fees is very limited. To meet the major expenses of running a school bus, staff salaries, maintenance, and food, the institute must find about \$4,000 in donations. Just \$250 will cover the monthly need to serve lunch and breakfast. Would you sponsor a month?

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HOUSING PROJECT – 90 FAMILIES HELPED OVER 5 YEARS



Including the 10 families supported in 2023, Care & Share has helped 90 families to have a safe place to live in the last five years. We work with a range of partners to accommodate the needs that come to us through various channels. We also have certain donors who exclusively want to support housing needs. Leena, a resident of

5 Years housing projects at a glance	
Total families supported	90
Completed	81
In Progress	9
Total funds utilized	\$550,315

Changanasseri and a single mother of three, works as a sweeper at a private school, earning Rs 7,000 monthly. Her family resides in a dilapidated house that suffers from severe leaks and flooding during the rainy season. With her limited income, reconstructing her home was beyond her financial reach. Joji, a daily laborer from Palai, makes approximately Rs 17,000 (~\$210) per month. He is the father of two school-aged daughters of 11 and 9, with the younger one suffering from heart complications. They lived in a hut covered by tarpaulin sheets. The local community managed to raise about Rs 4 lakhs for constructing a 530 sq ft house, but this was significantly short of the Rs 8.5 lakhs required to complete it. The required \$15,000 for these two projects were found through our partner MaChaNi in Seattle, and the Microsoft Give Campaign poker tournament fundraiser. Every family we support has a unique story of their own. Would you like to be part of our mission to offer struggling families a secure and safe home?

2023 FUNDRAISING EVENTS



Seattle Saptaswara Ganolsavam 2023



STP 2023 Team at Riverside Park, Lexington, WA. Official stop at Mile 144.

Along with our partners, we had 6 major fundraisers and co-sponsored another event in 2023, raising more than \$160K, with the majority coming from Seattle Saptaswara's Ganolsavam music program and MaChaNi Christmas carol events.

This year, we had the honor of welcoming Mr. Gopinath Muthukad, the founder of Different Arts Center, to the Seattle Saptaswara Ganolsavam. We also welcomed Vanitha Rathnam Ms. Sheeba Ameer to the MaChaNi Christmas caroling event. Our efforts remain steadfast in enhancing infrastructure for special needs children and palliative care in India. Funds raised from Ganolsavam have been allocated to support Different Arts Center in Trivandrum, Holy Cross Special School in Kottayam, and Chaithanya in Palakkad. Furthermore, a home care vehicle financed by Ganolsavam funds is scheduled for deployment in the first quarter of 2024 to bolster the operations of Solace Home Care in Kottayam district. Solace is dedicated to the comprehensive care of children battling serious illnesses in Kerala. Additionally, the MaChaNi Christmas Carol is funding another home care vehicle to aid Solace's efforts in the Kollam district.

While we plan to maintain all of the events from 2023 in 2024, we are excited to introduce a few additional ones. One such event is the screening of the Malayalam drama "Kozhutha Kalakutty" in Chicago in October, and another is a Hindi drama in Seattle in November. The Chicago event will be dedicated to supporting Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) patients in Kerala, while the Seattle event will contribute to the pediatric care provided by Access Life across India.

Month	Event	Primary Cause	Amount Raised
April	Seattle Saptaswara Ganolsavam	Special Education,	\$112,000
May	Walkathon, "Walk for Pallium"	Palliative Care	Co-sponsored
July	Seattle to Portland "STP" bike ride	Palliative Care	\$8,500
October	Two Microsoft Give Poker Tournaments	Palliative Care	\$6,500
November	Badminton Tournament	Palliative Care	\$4,500
December	MaChaNi Christmas carol	Housing and Health Care	\$33,000

2023 Major Fundraisers

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THANKSGIVING MEALS SUPPORT IN SEATTLE

We continue our tradition of feeding the homeless during Thanksgiving in Seattle. Like previous years, we partnered with St. Thomas Orthodox Church (STOC) in Seattle, WA to feed homeless seeking the shelter of Union Gospel Mission. St. Thomas Orthodox Church is part of the Malankara Orthodox Church from Kerala and has been serving Thanksgiving meals for the local community for over a decade. Last year, the church prepared food for more than 650 and we are glad that we could work with the church to sponsor 150 meals. We sincerely thank St. Thomas Orthodox Church for opening their doors for this opportunity!



St. Thomas Orthodox Church Team with Union Gospel Mission's meals pickup volunteers.

Let us know if you would you like to volunteer and serve meals in your hometown!

ACCESS LIFE – PEDIATRIC CANCER CARE PROVIDER

Access Life provides holistic pediatric care for the children undergoing cancer treatment in various parts of India. They have served over 1,800 kids through their 9 centers in 6 cities – Mumbai, Pune, Manipal, Chandigarh, Bengaluru and Ahmedabad. Sixty percent of the families supported by Access Life come from a poor background, with many being farmers. Each center takes care of food, utilities, hospital transportation, counseling, and targeted nutrition needs. During the treatment phase, the kids are unable to attend school. To help the kids maintain their education and learning, each center employs teachers as well. On average, children reside in the center for approximately six months, where they are provided a dedicated room to stay, accompanied by their caretaker. Typically, hospitals refer families to Access Life following an assessment of their social and financial backgrounds.



Although Care & Share has supported Access Life previously, 2024 marks the first year we will host a dedicated fundraiser to aid its cause. Two performances of a Hindi drama are scheduled for November at the Cornish Playhouse in downtown Seattle. It costs about \$375 a month per family for the care Access Life provides. Check out www.accesslife.org for the detailed financial and annual reports.

SUPPORT FOR PALLIUM INDIA “HOME” PROJECT

Pallium India is a pioneer in providing Palliative Care in the Trivandrum area for around 20 years. They have been operating through rented facilities, which forced them to move almost every 2 to 3 years in addition to paying lakhs in rents. Every move came with its own burden of structural modification at the new place, to facilitate the mobility of their disabled patients. Their long-held aspiration to own a facility is now becoming a reality. They have acquired land not far from the city, with construction slated to begin in the first quarter of 2024. Care & Share is contributing \$50,000 to sponsor one of the doctors' or nurses' rooms. In collaboration with our Seattle partner, MaChaNi, we are also sponsoring the "Staff Dining Area" with a commitment of \$20,000, to be disbursed over four years. The construction is anticipated to be completed sometime in 2026.



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FINANCIAL REPORT

In 2023, a total of \$510,541 was spent for charitable projects, with an administrative cost of just 0.6%. This means that for every \$100 donated to Care & Share, \$99.40 went straight to the project beneficiaries. For more details, please visit <https://www.careandshare.com/financial-operations>.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Revenue for the Year	3,375,685	770,944	572,220	1,002,395	593,087
Fund Balance from Prior Year	45,433	160,108	326,854	378,980	605,676
Allocation and Disbursement for Charitable Projects	3,234,184	577,452	499,601	745,674	510,541
Administrative Expenses	4,337	3,963	6,572	6,138	7,521
Administrative Expenses %	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.6
Revenue over Expenses	\$160,108	\$326,854	\$378,980	\$605,676	650,728

A NOTE ABOUT THE DELAY IN PROVIDING FUNDS FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS

Over the past few months, we have faced significant challenges in transferring funds to our partner organizations in India. In the interest of transparency, we wanted to provide detailed information on these challenges.

In March 2023, in order to comply with the Ministry of Home Affairs' (MHA) regulations, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced modifications to the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) accounts. Consequently, the State Bank of India (SBI) is required to obtain MHA approval for the transfer of funds to charitable organizations in India from overseas sources like Care & Share. Since the end of March 2023, SBI began holding all wire donations Care & Share attempted to send. Care & Share made multiple inquiries to its bank, the Delhi FCRA office, SBI and MHA. In October 2023, Care & Share sent a bunch of documents about the organization to the MHA authorities, in the hopes of proving to the MHA that Care & Share is a long-standing, reputable organization. MHA conducted inspections of our partner organizations, to verify their activities. Our efforts finally paid off on December 22, 2023, when all of our wire services to India were restored. We appreciate your patience and understanding while working through the governmental challenges. For the timeline of related events, please see our [Facebook post https://qrco.de/fcramha](https://qrco.de/fcramha)

WELCOME SHIBU PETER

We have expanded the board for 2024 by welcoming Shibu Peter from Mount Prospect, a suburb of Chicago, IL. Acknowledging the urgent need for support for individuals battling kidney-related complications, we have introduced Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) as one of our primary focus areas. Shibu Peter will spearhead this initiative. His years of dedicated work in this field have earned him recognition and awards from several non-profit organizations in Kerala. We are thrilled to have Shibu, an expert in the CKD field, on our board.



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 City.....State.....Zip.....



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