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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Pudhumai Store**
- **Women's welfare**
- **Education**
- **Special Children**
- **Rural Development**
- **Photo gallery**

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AASAI Opens a Store In Support of Rehoboth Home for Women in Distress



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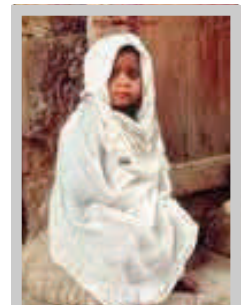
President's Corner



This year has been the best since we founded AASAI. Thanks to the generosity of patrons and well wishers, we built a store to sell use goods in

support of Rehoboth Home, a shelter for abused and mentally ill women. We can literally and figuratively see concrete right in front of our eyes. Many of you have donated funds to build the store, goods to fill the store and now it is open for business. We are also very proud of our several eco-friendly projects at shantivanam, Trichy. From AASAI Goshala, AASAI Garden to AASAI Bio Fertilizer pro-

jects. The land is getting greener. We do see improved financial and economic conditions for some of us, and I am sure if you will it, the other less fortunate amongst us will also see brighter future at least for their basic needs food, cloth and shelter. So please continue your generosity and wish AASAI to do its best. Please donate generously.
L. Raghavan



Let me enlighten

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence therefore, is not an act but a habit.

Along with success comes a reputation for wisdom

Happiness depends more on the inward disposition of mind than an outward circumstance

If we do not plant knowledge when young, it will give us no shade when we are old

Reputation is what men and women think of us; Character is what God and angels know of us

What we see mainly depends on what we look for

When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on

It is not important to find oneself. It is more to create one self.

AASAI open Pudhumai-- store for used home goods to support



Rehoboth Home helps the mentally ill and other abused women to gain economic and social independence, while cared for in a secure environment. The Home has over 120 women many with severe injuries and infections requiring immediate medical intervention were rescued from streets. Most of these women were vulnerable to abuse and exploitation when found wandering in the streets. Please visit <http://www.rehobothhome.org/> or call 91-44-2476-2022 for details. Your generosity towards this cause is deeply appreciated.

On Jan28, 12, Sri. B.S. Raghavan formally inaugurated the opening of Pudhumai, Store for used home goods. These goods were donated AASAI and Rehoboth home patrons. The store will also sell handicrafts and other articles crafted by the women in the shelter. This provides a forum to display their craft skills but also helps them to gain self dignity. The store is expected to raise at least Rs. 50000 a moth. See photo gallery on page



Avvai Home Girls Students perform well in their Board Examinations

AASAI continues its support to our most favorite students, the young girls at Avvai Home in Chennai. Their extraordinarily poor circumstances have not diminished their zeal to learn and do well. Doing their home work under the shade outside, out of the first



set of 28 girls appeared for the Board Examination, 27 passed with more than 10 girls scoring above 80%. The one who failed only in one subject. This is remarkable. We applaud the students and the teachers for their diligence. Next time you are in Chennai, please stop by. The smiling young girls and the teachers are sure to give you a very warm welcome.



Since the school started 5 years ago, as the students graduate to higher grades additional sections were added. Thus we need more funds to support this school. We would be grateful if you come forward to contribute generously to this worthwhile projects. We thank you in advance.

AASAI initiates Support to School for Autistic Children

You are aware that AASAI has been supporting TRUST an organization that runs Shantivanam at Trichy, to provide totally free professional care to destitute mentally ill. See our photo gallery for the eco friendly projects at Shantivanam. Now TRUST has started ATMA School for differently-abled children. What is unique about is that normally these special children receive therapy for an hour or two weekly basis. At ATMA school

these children are provided care throughout the day and 5 days a week to develop skills and communication abilities for independent living. Most of these children receive one on one physical, speech and other therapies provided by professionals. AASAI plans to help the school for its infrastructure needs and buy a school van for transportation.



Mind is a terrible thing to waste

AASAI Initiates Support to Kalanjiyam - Develop Model Village

AASAI initiates support to Kalanjiyam a registered organization under India Government Trust Act (Registration No.1414/IV) and under 80G section of the Trust Act to develop educated, healthy and high quality communities by fostering self involvement and ownership. By forming village committees, consisting of local members, Kalanjiyam helps them to act as self change agents identifying their own priorities, planning and implementing development programs. Kalanjiyam acts as a catalyst and empowers communities with information, skill building and strengthens existing programs to improve the quality of education, increase the proportion of students who successfully graduate from higher secondary school, and child development activities to reduce disabilities arising due to preventable causes such as poor nutrition, lack of education and lack of knowledge and family attitudes. Kalanjiyam also promotes youth development, and improves livelihood options through information exchange and resources.



Kalanjiyam brings the entire community together for bet-



ter quality of life.

Encouraged by our successful Goshala and Eco-friendly projects at Shantivanam, Trichy, AASAI prepares to clone these activities at Kalanjiyam. Besides providing nutritious milk to the children, these projects will provide cooking gas for preparing meals to children, and develop organic forms. Please support us in this project.

Kalanjiyam's administrative office address is No-11 Avataar Apartments, 27 BalaKrishnan Road, Valmininagar, Thiruvanmiyur. Chennai 600 041.

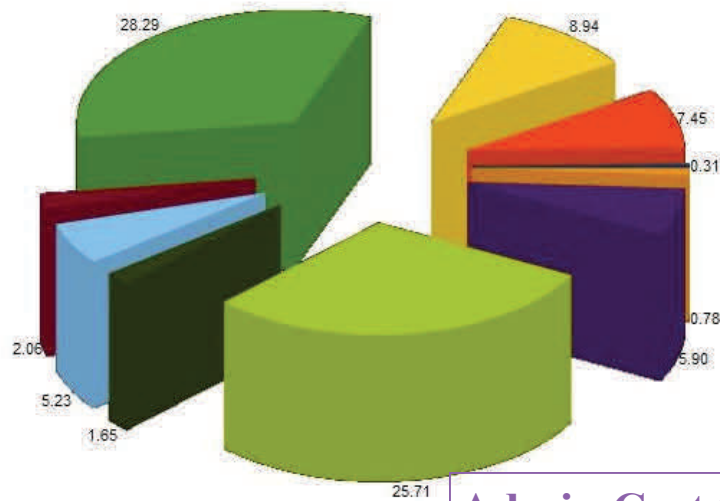
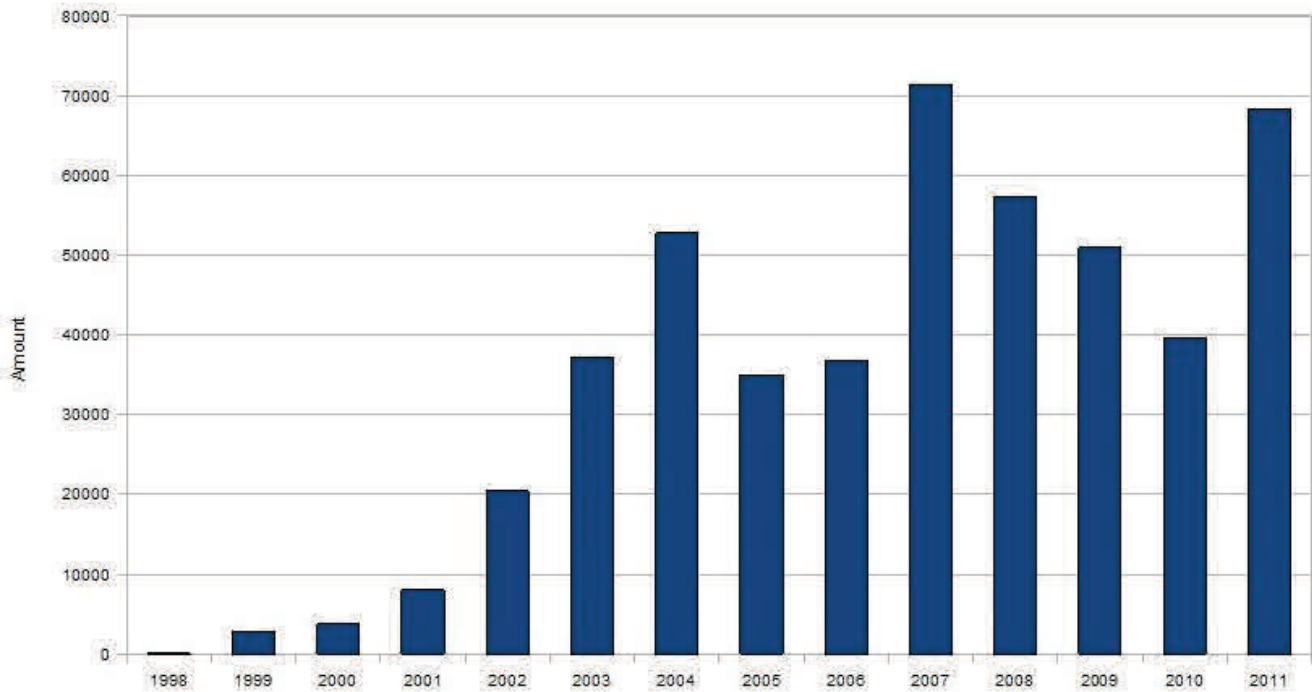


AASAI's Support to Shantivanam for Mentally Disabled Eco Friendly projects - Goshala, Biogas, Organic fertilizer



THANKS—WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

Donations by Year



Admin Cost 0.31 %

■ Administrative costs ■ Children ■ Deena Seva ■ Education ■ Fund Raising
 ■ Health Services ■ Miscellaneous ■ Rehabilitation Services ■ Senior Welfare ■ Women's issues

Total Distribution as of December 2011

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AASAI is a non-profit charity incorporated in **USA** to help the poor and under privileged society in India. Its interest areas, to name a few, range from children to senior citizens, education to social causes, health issues. **AASAI** is unique in that it does not manage projects by itself; but rather by its due diligence process identifies deserving charities and support them to sustain themselves and do what they do best. **AASAI** sends 100 % of your donations to the projects. Our admin costs are less than 0.39%. Donations are fully tax deductible.

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....help others so they can help themselves....



- ❖ Let none lack opportunities to excel
- ❖ Let all have equal access to health care to prosperity
- ❖ Let elders lead a secure and dignified life
- ❖ Let all minds realize its full potential
- ❖ Let women be empowered to lead a life without fear, discrimination and abuse
- ❖ Let us wipe out tears from every eye
- ❖yes, together we can achieve....

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Yes I would like to contribute \$ _____

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Our Projects:

Education

Srividyasram– Aduthurai Rural School for poor children
Sri Ahobila Math High School - Educational excellence
Shree Parashara Gurukulam - Modern education through traditional values
Avvai Home - Girl's English medium school

Children Welfare

Little Angels, School for special needs children
Balavidyalaya - School for hearing speech impaired children
Atma School for Autistic Children

Elder Welfare

Sri Poorna Mameru Trust - Home for destitute elders
India 60 –Elder care

Health

Voluntary Health Services—medical needs of the poor and middle-income groups
Shantivanam, Trichy - Home for destitute mentally ill
Paradise Home, Chennai - Home for mentally ill teens
Rehoboth Home -Home for mentally challenged and battered women
Innova Little Heart Foundation - Cardiac care for the poor children

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