# ANNUAL REPORT



## MARYAM FOUNDATION

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#### Managing Trustee's Message

A secular, non-political non-profit organization with its headquarters in Tamil Nadu, MARYAM FOUNDATION began operations in October 2021. We carried out a variety of tasks for the benefit of the elderly and underprivileged kids in the village of Vadakattupatti in this, our second year of service. Our mission is to provide necessities for education and growth to the needy and vulnerable, especially the underprivileged female population.

Our mission statement is, "To assist the small village of Vadakattupatti, Dindigul District, Tamilnadu, South India by supporting senior citizens without a source of income by providing cooking necessities and meeting the educational needs of underprivileged children by providing necessities."

We appreciate the donors' support in assisting us in meeting our goal this year. I'm happy to let you know that the Maryam Foundation intends to make the new programs available to school-age children and youths in the upcoming year.



**S. RAJAKUMAR** Founder and Managing Trustee

#### Our Programs

#### Free Rice and Dhal scheme:

We offer 5 kg of premium rice and 1 kg of dal each month to older citizens and young widows to help lessen their food insecurity. We now help 50 beneficiaries overall after adding 15 new ones this year. Of the 50, the majorities are widows and many live alone with no assistance from their kids. We discovered that they do not eat three meals a day. Because they had no income, they frequently skipped one or two meals. They are unable to work due to their age and ill health. To feed these elderly people three times a day, Maryam Foundation decided to provide them with rice and dal once a month.



#### **Diwali Celebration:**

At the Vadakattupatti church, the Diwali celebration was celebrated on October 22, 2022. 25 kids and more than 50 seniors took part in the event. The firecrackers were fun to light. Each attendee received a presentation from Sweet and Karam. For male youth, a volleyball match was held. The members of the winning team received their rewards. Senior citizen sports competitions are held, such as 50-meter runs speed The participants enthusiastically, and walks. elderly took part and the neighborhood counselor gave prizes to the winners.











#### Free dress distribution:

To make our recipients happy and help them celebrate the New Year as other residents of the same village do, we gave them all new clothes this year over the holiday season. We spent Rs. 14490 on that.



#### **Pongal Celebration:**





On January 15, 2023, a traditional Pongal celebration took place on the grounds of the Vadakattupatti church. The elderly person cheerfully helped prepare the Pongal. Pongal was a favorite meal for them to share with their kids and friends. As soon as they received sugarcane from the Maryam Foundation, their joy multiplied. They also performed a customary gummy dance to show off their joy.



#### **Educational Support to Children:**

We helped 10 college-bound students and 1 high school student this year to continue their education. They were unable to pay their college tuition due to their dire financial circumstances. When they approach Maryam's organization in this situation, the organization approves their request and offers to help them complete their studies. For this reason, a total of Rs. 1,51,150 was made available.





#### Free Water Bottle distribution:

The Maryam Foundation gave 15 pupils stainless steel water bottles so they may drink safe drinking water and avoid the negative effects of using plastic water bottles.

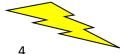






#### Upcoming Plans of the Trust

- 1. To create a senior citizens' Centre with income-generating and leisure activities.
- 2. To organize a medical camp every three months and offer the required medical assistance for their healthy lifestyle.
- 3. To increase the number of low-income students for their support during their education.
- 4. To establish English coaching to improve the standard of English knowledge of the rural poor school-going children.
- 5. To teach 50 rural youngsters in Vadakattupatti and adjacent areas how to use computers.
- 6. To construct a Centre for training in tailoring so that rural women may support their livelihoods.
- 7. Assist the differently abled people for their livelihood and getaid and appliances.
- 8. To organize eye camps for senior citizens.
- 9. To organize a hearing aid camp for senior folks.
- 10. To conduct a general medical camp and provide free medicines for the benefit of all the village people.



I, Ruban Christy, am a third-year engineering student at a private college in Oddanchatram, Dindigul District. In a modest thatched house, my parents, older brother, and I are currently residing. My brother has a bachelor's degree and is seeking employment. My father is a skilled welder who is also a drunken alcoholic who is unable to work because of his addiction. He doesn't support his kids' schooling or care about his family. In a neighborhood Anganwadi center, my mother is employed as an assistant caretaker. My mother is making a lot of sacrifices to support the family on her meager income which is the main source of money for our family. My father occasionally steals my mother's money and spends it on alcohol. There was no peace in my family because my father frequently hit my mother due to this nasty habit. I am unable to even study quietly at home. I occasionally wanted to stop studying. Because I have a tough time paying for my exams and tuition. I did my homework and always got good grades. I want to work as a software engineer. I don't want to stop taking classes. I learned about Maryam Foundation's support for children's education, women's empowerment, and senior citizen care in this situation. I, therefore, asked Mr. Rajakumar, the founder of the Maryam Foundation, for financial assistance to continue my study. He pledged to help with my studies after learning about my family's condition. After that, the foundation has been covering my exam and semester fees up until this point. In May 2023, with the Maryam Foundation's assistance, I'll earn my bachelor's degree. After that, I'll work and look after my family. I appreciate the Maryam Foundation's founder for assisting me in obtaining my degree.



Ruban Christy Vadakattupatti

My name is **Sanguvathi**, and my sister and I share a modest thatched home in Vadakattupatti. My parents passed away a long time ago. I commute to work every day and receive a meager salary. I'm not sure if I will be able to find full-time employment. I must take care of my sister, who is physically handicapped (dumb), married but lost her husband, and without children. She doesn't want to go to work because of this issue, therefore she always stays home. She always depends on me. I haven't been married yet because of my sister, and I look after her in every situation. We can manage our lives with the meager cash from the cooli work. However, the meager revenue is insufficient to pay for our daily three meals as well as our medical bills. During festival seasons, we cannot purchase new clothing. We were quite ashamed of how we were living. We requested assistance from the Maryam Foundation in this case. Additionally, we receive sacks of rice and dal each month, which solves our food problems. The Maryam Foundation twice a year gives us new clothing so we can dress nicely for special occasions. Our health has improved since we started eating three times a day. I am grateful to the Maryam Foundation for its support.



Sanguvathi Vadakattupatti



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