



NEWS LETTER

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From the Editorial Team:

October 27th 2009 will mark four years since Sugun's passing. As the number of children benefiting from the Foundation adds up year on year, we are thankful that it combines the joy it brings to these children and the purpose it gives to our lives. As the number of children increase, the responsibilities go up, and the thank you notes go specially to those who have continued to donate, even through these troubled economic times. The 'Joy of Giving' week that just got over in Chennai resonates well with what we do.

The students that have been selected this year

Periaswamy

Periaswamy is an English medium Science student of class 12 at the Corporation Boys Higher Secondary School, Nungambakkam. He scored 91 % in the 10th standard exam, scoring centum in Mathematics. He also stood 2nd in the school.



His father is a vegetable vendor and his mother a flower seller. He has 2 younger sisters. He has won prizes in inter-school essay competitions and wants to become an IAS officer. We hope to see great results from him.

R. Santhosh Kumar

R. Santhosh Kumar is a class 11 student of Tamil medium at the Corporation Boys School Nungambakkam. He stood 1st in his school in the 10th standard. He has taken the Science group.



His father works as a night watchman at a hospital. His mother is not employed and he has 3 siblings. He has won prizes for elocution and has a gift of the gab! The child selection committee was very impressed by him.

We are taking students for the vocational streams too...

A. Santhana Suriya



Santhana Surya is a class 12 student of Nursing at the Presidency Girls School. Her father is a coolie at a medical shop and her mother works as a house maid. She has a younger sister. She wants to do her BSc. in Nursing after her 12th.

Her favorite subject is Chemistry and she has also won prizes in dance and drawing.

S. Shyamini



S. Shyamini is a class 12 student of Nursing at the Presidency Girls School. Her mother left the family to marry again and her father has also remarried. She stays with her younger sister at a government run hostel. Her father visits her once a month.

Despite her circumstances she is very focused. The foundation plans to support her ambition to become a nurse.



M. Yamuna

M. Yamuna is a class 12 student of Accounts and Auditing at the Presidency Girls School. Her father has abandoned them and she stays with her mother and sister. Her mother works in a cardboard manufacturing unit. Her sister works in a printing press. She was going to do her BCom. by correspondence while working simultaneously but now that we are sponsoring her, she can concentrate on studies.

Into colleges they go, full of dreams and aspirations..**Manikandan chooses IT Engineering**

Manikandan, who was selected by the Foundation this year, has secured admission to SRR Engineering College, Padur for BTech. Manikandan was an English medium Science student of the Corporation Boys Higher Secondary School, Nungambakkam.

He scored 83% in the 12th standard exam. The foundation has sponsored him from the 12th standard. His father is a lorry driver and his mother is a housewife. He has 2 older sisters. He has participated in elocution and essay writing competitions and his favourite game is football.

B. Nirmala - The Engineering dream come true

Our student, B. Nirmala has secured admission to Valiammai Engineering College for the Electrical and Electronics course. Nirmala was an English medium Science student of the Presidency Girls School. She scored 91.5% in her 12th standard exam. She continues to go to Sugun's mother for special classes in spoken English and etiquette every Saturday.

Lakshmipriya gets a scholarship at GNIIT

Lakshmipriya, our student doing her BSc. Computer Science at St. Thomas College has received a double scholarship based on merit and means for the GNIIT course. She has started this course in parallel to her regular college course. This will definitely help while applying for jobs on completion of her course. She also goes for spoken English and etiquette classes to Sugun's mother's house.

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C.Hariprasad to become a Civil Engineer

Our student, Hariprasad has obtained admission to G.K.M College of Engineering for the Civil Engineering course. He was an English medium student of the PCKG Higher Secondary School. He obtained 82.5% in the 12th standard exam.

The night before the Engineering Counseling

Picture this..10 of us huddled in Vergis's study, discussing options for a student attending the Engineering counseling the next day. A projector shows multiple open windows of the latest seats left in various colleges, rating of the colleges, profiles of colleges and lots of discussions. Finally a shortlist and an order of preference is drawn up. This is a culmination of a long period of support through the past year and through the board exams, with encouragement, discussions of options based on their aptitude, personality and inputs from their families.

The next day we get the news on the college and course obtained. SMS's are circulated to everyone. A sense of satisfaction that we did the best we could. It's what we would have done for our children if they were going for counseling too..

Our students doing well in colleges

The students that were sponsored by the foundation and who are already in colleges, are doing well in their studies. S. Reena who is in the 3rd year, Manufacturing Engineering at College of Engineering, Guindy is among the top 10 in her class. B.Sangeetha is in the 3rd year in Ethiraj College and will finish her B.Com this year. J Divya who is in the 2nd year, Anna University, Kumbakonam is also doing her B.E Computer Science course very well.

Our first Annual Day

We are planning to call all our students and donors from Chennai on November 1st for a get together . The purpose is to let the students we have newly selected, to interact with and be inspired by those who have already made it to good colleges.