

St. Joseph's Development Trust

Amazing Miracles...

From Little Girl to educated
& Married women

Thank You Sponsors who make it Possible



1. Divya

Introduction:

When success doesn't happen, people get frustrated. But there are very few who were able to withstand the extreme hardship of being helpless and were able to achieve success in life. Here, we present to you a story of a girl who defied the odds and brought success to her life.

The situation of the Child and her family before coming into SJDT:

The parents of a girl Divya are extremely poor and they have three children. Life became very cruel when Divya's father was diagnosed with a disease and further his accident in which he broke his right hand. Thus he became unfit to engage in any work



12 Years Old Divya

further. On the other hand, her mother too had a miserable story. She had sugar, high blood pressure, bowel syndrome, and indigestion. Her father's inability to work any longer posed a huge threat to her family. Divya's sickly mother started working as a



Grown-up Divya

labourer in order to feed her traumatized young children. Her wages were meager and life was very harsh, but the family is thankful that they at least have a roof over their heads. After being reduced to a wretched situation, school, and basic education were a far-off dream for her and her siblings. But her mother thought of providing her children with an education so that they might be able to break the cycle of poverty in their future life.

Divya's Development Under the care of SJDT:

Divya was chosen for a sponsorship programme when she was 12 years of age. As someone who grew up in a remote village, Divya was lonely in the early days of her encounter with her SJDT staff. Our abled staff always made sure that she got to feel loved, valued, and supported. As a result, she has never felt as though she was lacking in

anything or inferior to others in the school. She was able to learn to value and appreciate resilience, hard work, and determination have been a constant source of inspiration to her. During her evening tuition classes, Divya was a good girl who showed a lot of interest in learning. She was fortunate to have many supportive staff of SJDT and other teachers who worked with her in opening her eyes to the world of knowledge. Bro. Sebastian stood by her through thick and thin in her struggles to overcome depression. She received unwavering support and encouragement which helped her to navigate all the challenges in a constructive and practical way, making her experience of sponsorship support all the more meaningful. SJDT introduced her to a vibrant array of activities to enable her to grow in many areas. Her enthusiastic involvement in activities created a warm and inclusive atmosphere that made her feel like SJDT was her second mother.

Divya's Status at Present:

Divya got married some months ago. Her marriage was the happiest moment for her. She is married to a textile designer. She is also working as a nurse in a private hospital. She is quite happy about her present life. She keeps remembering her beautiful encounter and lively interaction with SJDT and her loving sponsor in bringing about a successful career.



Conclusion:

Driven, determined, and persistent are just a few of the amazing qualities that she possesses. She is pretty determined to take her life to heights that none of us could imagine. It was all about the love and nurturing she received at the right time from the loving hands of SJDT Divya. She is ever grateful and indebted to SJDT and her sponsor for their constant love and support.

Divya's Progress over the years under the care of SJDT



2. Anusiya

Introduction:

Success is the result of key determination and concentration while moving ahead in the path of hard work and determination. The following is the story about the poor girl and her unfolding her potential towards reaching the goal of success.

The situation of the child and family before coming into SJDT:

Anusiya's parents are marginal farmers. The family has three daughters. With a five-member family to support, her father has a small parched land to cultivate certain kinds of grains. The family has a hut and a well with a dried



12 Years Old Anusiya

bottom in the summers, dug under a government scheme. For a family of five, it was difficult for her family to survive on such a small patch of less productive land, which led her father to migrate for construction work in the nearby towns.



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The rest of the family wouldn't be involved in any other income-generating activities. However, they were in need of additional income for their children's education. As they were in dire need of money the parents of Anusiya stopped their other daughters from going to school. Anusiya showed grit and enthusiasm in school. She wished to study and help her family. At this crucial juncture, SJDT came to her rescue and accepted her into the Pudhu Punal Orphanage.

Anusiya's Development Under the care of SJDT:

Anusiya has a beautiful story at Pudhu Punal that began to unfold when she arrived at 12 years of age. She was enrolled in the 7th standard immediately. She was very happy to find many opportunities and started utilizing them with a grateful heart. She actively

participated in all the community activities. She enjoyed all the learning experiences and flourished in a friendly and interactive environment at Pudhu Punal. Together with her inmates, she is proud to have achieved several notable accomplishments both in her studies as well sports. , including 2nd place running race in 200m women's singles, and 3rd place in 400m as a team event.

Anusiya's Status at Present:

As of now, right after the completion of her 12th standard, her family has arranged a marriage for her. She is happily married to a person who works as a Supervisor at Textile Mile in the city of Tirupur. As she is a competent person, she also joined as a Supervisor for the women's section in the same Textile Mill as well.



Anusiya with her Husband in Tirupur City

Conclusion:

"I was twelve years old and was studying seventh standard when I was enrolled in the sponsorship program. I have been sponsored till the completion of my education. Now I have completed my schooling. In the meantime, as my parents found a suitable person for me, I got married recently and settled in life. From the depth of my heart, I express my gratitude to SJDT, and my sponsor parents. Without them, I wouldn't come this far in my life".

Anusiya's Progress over the Years in Pudhu Punal Orphanage



3. Pandi Selvi

Introduction:

There is not a single person who doesn't dream either stops dreaming or doesn't want to be successful in their life. But most of these people fail because the journey to success is not easy. In this brief, we are going to read about an underprivileged girl, Pandiselvi, and her hope, resilience, and finally success in her life.

The situation of the Child and her family before coming into SJDT:

Pandiselvi comes from the city of Madurai. The family has two children. Her father was an Auto (taxi for poor) driver. Her mother was a housewife. Pandiselvi enjoyed the love and affection of her parents and relatives. Nevertheless, her father abandoned the family and eloped with another woman leaving behind his loving wife and his affectionate



11 Years Old Pandi Selvi

children. Pandiselvi's mother had no other choice than to seek any job in their neighborhood despite her previous lack of work experience. They began to experience utter poverty and helplessness in their life. Indeed, the family separation affected Pandiselvi very much.

However, her mother took care of her children by doing house-cleaning jobs.

Nevertheless, her income was sufficient to take care of both children. As Pandiselvi was already in primary schooling, her mother wished to provide higher education to her daughter.

As she was a very bright and enthusiastic girl, her mother wished to provide a hostel facility for her daughter. She succeeded in finding Pudhu Punal Children's Orphanage for her daughter's new residence and education.



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Pandiselvi's Development Under the care of SJDT:

Pandiselvi was doing the fifth standard, when she joined our programme at Pudhu Punal Children's Orphanage. From the beginning of her life here at Pudhu Punal, she felt at home and was a confident girl. Though she was part of a big family, she was able to find

her space to start her school life. She found the Children's Home very safe and found new friends day by day. She experienced that everybody looks out for each other. She felt that she was related to each other. According to her, "Pudhu Punal is the best place in the world". She realized that her large family at Pudhu Punal is not based on blood relations but that love makes a family. She was accepted and very well received by the wardens in the Pudhu Punal Orphanage. As a result, she learned to accept and treat equally other children in the orphanage. She was delighted to participate and develop herself in many extra-curricular activities on the weekends. She excelled in dance and drawing. Besides, she was able to get through her schooling successfully. She was all going to shoot for the moon because she had been given the love and support to believe in herself and her future.

Pandiselvi's Status at Present:

After the completion of the 12th standard, Pandiselvi worked in a travel agency for some time. Her mother arranged a marriage for her. Now, she is a married person and indeed happy about her present life. Her husband is a driver in the travel agency where Pandiselvi was also working in the billing section. Pandiselvi leads a decent married life in the city of Madurai.

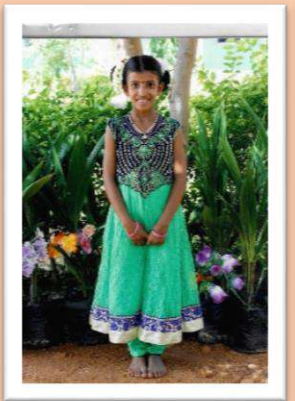
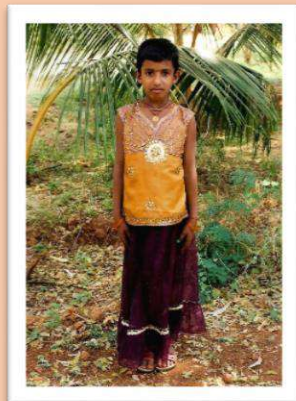
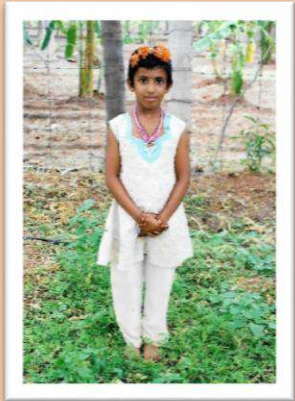


Pandi Selvi with her Husband

Conclusion:

We are happy about Pandiselvi who has succeeded in climbing the ladder of achievement. She has persevered throughout her learning experience and met what appeared insurmountable obstacles in her life yet she was able to overcome these challenges and attained her dream. She extends her gratitude and love towards her sponsor and SJDT for nurturing her during the difficult phase of her life.

Pandi Selvi's Progress over the Years in Pudhu Punal Orphanage



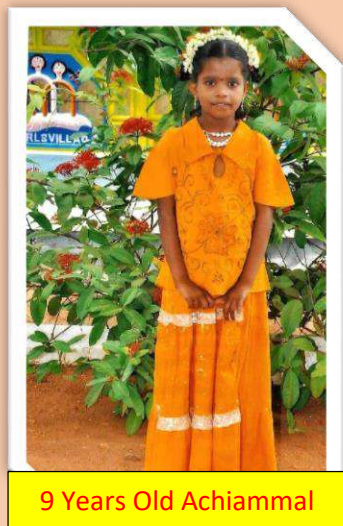
4. Achiammal

Introduction:

Time and again, there are few who have risen, tackled all odds, and worked with determination to come out of the cycle of poverty. Achiammal has joined that rare category. We present here her beautiful story.

The situation of the Child and her family before coming into SJDT:

Achiammal comes from an impoverished family. Her father was a daily wager on the agricultural farm. His income was insufficient to manage the family. He didn't get a regular job and he did only get seasonal work. Oftentimes, he remained at home



9 Years Old Achiammal

unemployed. In addition to this, he also indulged in drinking and gambling. Most of his earnings were being wasted on his bad habits. In the course of time, he became a drunkard. Her mother had to manage all the needs of the family with a limited income. They went to bed with empty stomachs on many nights. But in reality, the parents could not afford their three children's education. The parents decided to stop Achiammal

from going to school as she is a girl. This is the mentality still alive and kicking in that region. They allowed their sons to school regularly. Achiammal was on the verge of being stopped from attending school. Fortunately, her situation was referred to St. Joseph's Development Trust and was accepted into Pudhu Vasantham Children's Orphanage.



Post-graduate Achiammal

Achiammal's Development Under the care of SJDT:

Achiammal was brought to Pudhu Vasantham when she was nine years old. She found wardens' support during her stay at Pudhu Vasantham Children's Orphanage inexplicable and amazing. She developed a wonderful relationship and friendship with other children which enabled her to forget her past life and move ahead in life. The diverse

community experience at Pudhu Vasantham was valuable to her academic success in the school. She formed study groups with other students and often sought advice from senior girls and wardens. Some wardens had a positive impact on her educational experience. She says, “Each one of them showed me extra care and time through the years and I really enjoyed the way I was able to grow in a way that allowed me to study and learn on a deeper level”. She placed herself to the point where she could accept all the hurdles that she was going to take. She has an understanding that it is okay to fail but is willing to get up again. She knew there were people there to support her. She was indeed happy that she was accepted in love even when she failed. This experience motivated her to become a strong person. She did well in her studies both at school and college.

Achiammal’s Status at Present:

With her successful completion of an M.A. degree in Tamil literature, she became a competent person to teach in the school. But her parents arranged a marriage for her and she is a married person now. Her husband owns a grocery job on the main road leading to Dindigul. Achiammal is a teacher now, working in the Matriculation School. She is delightful and very happy about her present life.



Achiammal with her Husband

Conclusion:

Achiammal was indeed resilient and took the courage to bounce back by taking risks despite adversity and initial setbacks coming from a poor family background. It was an outstanding example in the case of Achiammal in reaching heights in her life. She was elated to utter her words of thankfulness to SJDT and her sponsor for a wonderful opportunity to live and shine at Pudhu Punal.

Achiammal's Progress over the Years in Pudhu Vasantham Orphanage



5. Nanthini

Introduction:

Education can often be the difference between success and failure. Nanthini's story is one of great success under the care of SJDT. Her story is an inspiring one and let us sharpen our ears to her heroism and success despite her adversities and limitations.

The situation of the Child and her family before coming into SJDT:

Nanthini hails from a poverty-stricken family. Both of her parents were manual labourers and they earned low income. Though they have only one child, their utter



5 Years Old Nanthini

poverty places them in a precarious situation in society. As money was always tight, it was a struggle to sometimes meet even the most basic of needs. Poverty made Nanthini's parents fight always for small matters. Frequent quarrels led to the point of divorce. Nanthini experienced an abusive family situation, her mother was often physically assaulted at home by her father. Shortly after the divorce, life was tough for

Nanthini's mother. As a consequence, Nanthini became mentally ill. The mother did not have enough money for her only daughter's medication. For Nanthini's mother, education was far from the top of the list of priorities. Having experienced bitterness after such a prolonged amount of abuse, Nanthini's mother was also really

struggling with her mental health. So much so, that she was admitted to a medical facility, leaving little Nanthini to be handed over to Pudhu Punal Orphanage.



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Nanthini's Development Under the care of SJDT:

Nanthini was brought to Pudhu Punal when she was five years of age. A Sponsorship project implemented by St. Joseph's Development Trust stepped into her life and offered her medical treatment until her complete curing. Though Nanthini was very young, she was offered a sponsorship program and things started to change for the better. Her attendance became more regular as the financial burden had been lifted. Her grades

began to improve, and her potential began to be realized. As she continued to grow in her academic ability, Nanthini began mentoring younger children within the program by coaching and tutoring the little ones. As he came alongside other children, recognizing herself within them, she has now become like a big sister to many within the Pudhu Punal Children's Home. SJDT has been an instrumental part of Nanthini's journey in education. Through many people's supportive hands, she is a transformed girl. The future for Nanthini looked so different before she came to the Children's Home, but now she has been equipped and enabled to forge a future full of prospects and promise.

Nanthini's Status at Present:

As soon as Nanthini graduated from her schooling, he went home and took care of her ailing mother and also learnt tailoring. Her relatives arranged her marriage and she got married recently. Her husband works in a private company as a foreman. Nanthini works in a supermarket near her house. She is happy about her new life. She is helping others to see beyond their current circumstances and into a brighter future in her neighborhood with her optimism.

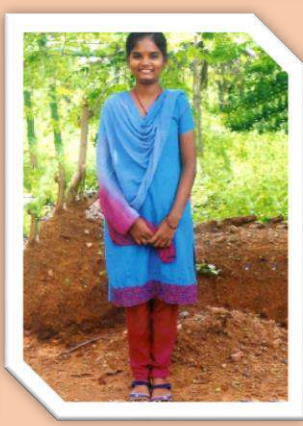
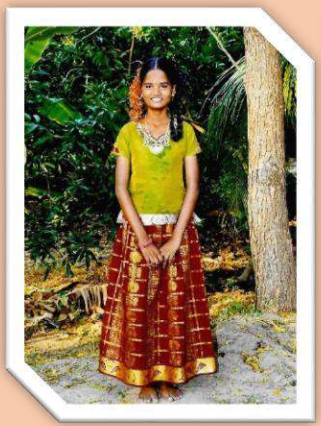
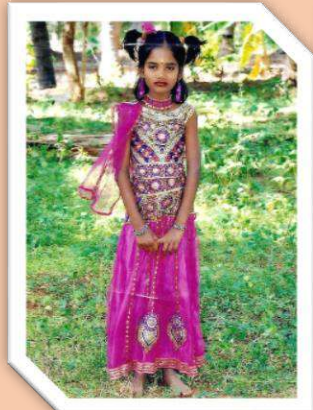
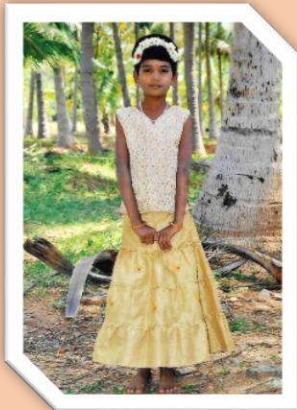
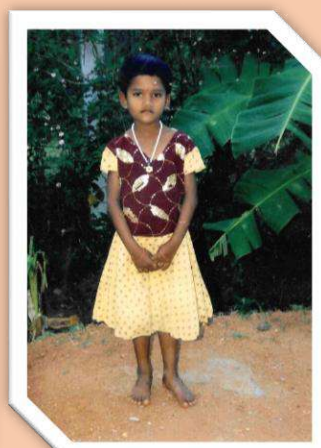


Nanthini's Marriage Photo

Conclusion:

Nanthini has the chance for a bright and successful future thanks to the initiative and care of STDT. Nanthini was provided education and other opportunities under the guidance of a nurturing environment at Pudhu Punal. None of this would have been possible without the sponsorship and the opportunity to change the trajectory of her life from at-risk to thriving in life.

Nanthini's Progress over the Years in Pudhu Punal Orphanage



6. Lavanya

Introduction:

Lavanya's life has been a series of challenges and triumphs, each one shaping her into the person she is today. Growing up in an abusive home was not easy, but it taught her to be resilient and independent from a young age. SJDT took care of herself at the right time. Despite these obstacles, she persevered and found success at a young age.

The situation of the Child and her family before coming into SJDT:

She comes from an impoverished family. The family is from the fishing community. Some years back her parents passed away. People say they were victims of some chronic illness. She has two brothers and three sisters. Her maternal grandmother took them to her home. She used to sell fish on the street and earn very little. They spent their life in great difficulty. Her life went upside down and his struggle for survival became more



11 Years Old Lavanya

complex. But as days progressed her siblings, and grandmother were having difficulty in fulfilling their basic needs. Her grandmother's health was affected and she couldn't work as before. They were surviving on the meager amount that she earned. Since Lavanya was very



College Student Lavanya

young, the neighbours suggested that she could be placed in the hostel so that her education could begin as and when she would be ready. As she was ready for schooling, someone referred St. Joseph's Development Trust for Lavanya and that was how she came to Pudhu Irudhayam Children's Orphanage.

Lavanya's Development Under the care of SJDT:

Her success at Pudhu Irudhayam Children's Home was not without its challenges. When she arrived at the Children's Home at the age of eleven, she found herself lonely and homesick. As she was aware of her family situation, she was determined to overcome them. She immersed herself in her studies and began asking for help from the senior girls

whenever she needed it. She was pleasantly surprised to find that her hard work started yielding fruits. She was excelling academically. It was a feeling of accomplishment that she had never experienced before. At Pudhu Irudhayam, she began to inspire many little ones and students alike at school. And she was able to pursue my passion for reading and dancing. She also took on the role of teaching the small kids with dedication. Her superior performance was just the icing on the cake. It was validation that her hard work and perseverance had paid off. More importantly, it was proof that she could achieve anything she set her mind to, despite her fears and doubts.

Lavanya's Status at Present:

Lavanya is doing her third-year college degree. But as her relatives found a good bridegroom, her marriage was arranged recently. She is happy that she settled into her life. Her husband is a data programmer in a private company. Her husband is so supportive that he allows her to finish her degree programme. She is still pursuing her degree programme and will finish by the end of this academic year.



Lavanya with her Husband

Conclusion:

Lavanya's experience at Pudhu Irudhayam taught her that she was responsible for her life. It also taught her to overcome her fears and achieve greatness as she courageously faced the challenges. She is proud of herself for having achieved many things at Pudhu Irudhayam Orphanage. She is delighted with the love and care from SJDT and her sponsor assisted her in growing as a mature person.

Lavanya's Progress over the Years in Pudhu Irudhayam Orphanage



7. Thamizh Selvi

Introduction:

The most powerful inspiration is often found in our surroundings, in the small things we grow up with, and in incidents in our daily lives that leave an impression on us. It was the same for Thamizh Selvi while growing up at Pudhu Punal Children's Home in Genguvarpatti, who took all the programmes and events as stepping stones for her success.

The situation of the Child and her family before coming into SJDT:

This girl comes from a very poor family and lives in a small village closer to Periyakulam in Theni District. There are 6 members in his family including him, his parents, two brothers, and a sister. Her family lived in conditions of extreme poverty. Their house was built of mud and so the house would collapse every time the monsoon would arrive. They don't have electricity, running water, or basic sanitation. In addition, unemployment



12 Years Old Thamizh Selvi

affects all family units. Her father is a manual worker. He wouldn't be employed regularly. He would try very hard to get a job every day. His attempts would go in vain oftentimes. Thamizh Selvi's mother was a housewife. Understanding the



20 Years Old Thamizh Selvi

family situation well, she also went to work near a construction site. As she began to fall sick often, she stopped going to work anymore. As their financial situation was not encouraging their children to go to school, they decided to keep their youngest child Thamizh Selvi to keep studying and others would be stopped from going to school. In this context, Thamizh Selvi was brought lovingly to Pudhu Punal Children's Orphanage to continue to get education and accommodation.

Thamizh Selvi's Development Under the care of SJDT:

Some years back, Thamizh Selvi came to Pudhu Punal when she was studying in class 6th standard. She was selected to be one of the beneficiaries of the sponsorship program. This programme has made it possible for her to stay in the Pudhu Punal

Children's Orphanage and continue her schooling. The fund has provided her with basic school necessities i.e. school uniforms, stationery, and new dresses. Within a short period, she showed great interest in studying but later he developed a fondness for sports and games. Thamizh Selvi handled her feelings and her family problems with great patience and maturity. His parents were happy to see her transformed into a responsible daughter. We see that games and sports helped her to develop qualities like leadership, responsibility, patience, and a better decision-maker. She can work as a team. She was able to collaborate for the sake of the common good. Not surprisingly, she has continued his studies with great zeal and enthusiasm. She learned to relate well with others. She was able to complete her schooling successfully.

Thamizh Selvi's Status at Present:

When she finished her second year college studies, her parents made sure that her daughter had a married life. Yes, she got married a couple of months ago. Her husband is a plumber in a private company. Thamizh Selvi works in a jewelry shop. She is able to see her blessings in her life. She never forgets to credit SJDT and her sponsor for her success and happiness.



Thamizh Selvi with her Husband

Conclusion:

No matter how tough life was for Thamizh Selvi, she was able to find a way to keep going. And her resilience was remarkable. She found herself drawn towards her educational journey. With her renewed ambition, she embarked on the challenging journey of living in the orphanage and completing her education. Her journey was marvelous indeed.

Thamizh Selvi's Progress over the years in Pudhu Punal Orphanage



8. Ganagavalli

Introduction:

Even though Ganagavalli's childhood had not been easy, she was determined to build a better life through education. SJDT entered into her life and provided a sponsorship programme and all other facilities to pursue her dream during her difficult childhood. She is Ganagavalli and here is her story....

The situation of the Child and her family before coming into SJDT:

Ganagavalli comes from a poverty-stricken family. Her parents were agricultural coolies. They have five children, all of whom are girls. Though both of her parents were working, their income was insufficient to manage their family. As they were unlettered, they were never in a position to look for any other jobs. As a result, they would get the job only for six months. For another six months in a year, they had to search for other



6 Years Old Ganagavalli

types of work to survive along with their children. Her father was a good person. Despite their current predicament, her family is still hopeful that their dreams for the future will be fulfilled through the proper education of their children. They believe that only through education, Ganagavalli can one day take control of her life

in the future. He wished to provide proper education to his children, more especially to Ganagavalli. At this juncture, one of his friends introduced him to St. Joseph's Development Trust. In the subsequent week, she was admitted to Pudhu Vasantham Children's Home located at Pallapatti in Dindigul District.

Ganagavalli's Development Under the care of SJDT:

Ganagavalli was six years old when she came to Pudhu Vasantham Orphanage. Her transition time was difficult. Now though, she has become a confident girl. She is even seen as a leader among the children. The wardens who have cared for her had good relations with her. As a young girl, she began to learn many things quickly in the



18 Years Old Ganagavalli

orphanage. She remained positive and therefore she had transitioned from a helpless child who was in desperate need of love and help, to one who could extend that same kind of love and help to someone else. Love and helping others were the beautiful things she began to practice during her stay at Pudhu Vasantham Orphanage. It is "a beautiful place to stay," she says with a reference to Pudhu Vasantham. As she continued to learn well and grow, Ganagavalli began to look to the future. She would love to work with young children in the future, especially the needy and helpless. Hence, she began to look after all the little children at the orphanage. She would help them with their homework and motivate them to perform well in the exams. She did well in her exams and completed 12th standard with good marks. Pudhu Vasantham helped her turn her life around. It educated her, helped her raise her self-esteem, and taught her to relate to other people with love. It helped her be a self-reliant person.

Ganagavalli's Status at Present:

Her schooling made her competent and boosted her self-confidence. "God chose the right person for me. I have got married some months ago. My husband is a mechanic and a good person. He takes care of me well", Ganagavalli says with a grateful heart. She is happily settled in Dindigul now. She remembers her life at Pudhu Vasantham and extends her gratitude to SJDT and her sponsor for educating her to face the world with confidence.

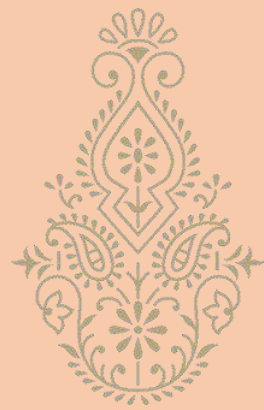
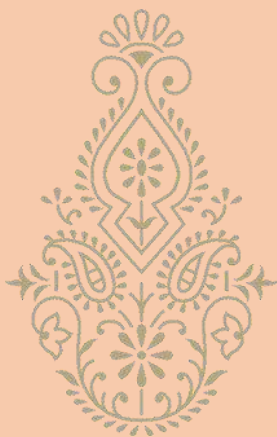
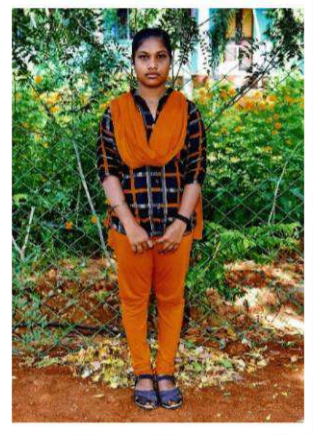


Ganagavalli with her Husband

Conclusion:

Ganagavalli's story is a testament to the transformative power of determination, dedication, and adaptability. Her transition from aspiring to be a primary student to the completion of her schooling is an embodiment of the belief that unwavering resolve can overcome any obstacle. She is grateful to SJDT and her sponsor for their continued love and generous contribution.

Ganagavalli's Progress over the Years in Pudhu Vasantham Orphanage



9. Kalaiselvi

Introduction:

St. Joseph's Development Trust provides a way for this determined student to overcome the many challenges she faces in completing schooling. Not only that, the program also helps her grow her natural gifts, making them forces to be reckoned with after graduation! One stellar example is Kalaiselvi!

The situation of the Child and her family before coming into SJDT:

Kalaiselvi is from an underprivileged family background. The family has two children, one boy, and Kalaiselvi. Their house is made of mud. Although electricity is available, the family cooks on open fire because of the high cost of electricity. The water supply is inadequate and sanitation is poor. Her father is an agricultural coolie. He used to be regular in his work. But misfortune struck the family as her mother fell sick and



12 Years Old Kalaiselvi

breathed her last on the way to the hospital. She lost her mother at an early age. Her father couldn't accept this reality. Unfortunately, instead of focusing his attention on his children, he started drinking just to forget the family situation.



College Student Kalaiselvi

Over time, it became a habit and he became a drunkard. As most of his earnings began to disappear from buying liquor, he had a hard time supporting her children by providing for their needs. He never bothered about his children's food and education. Due to his newly acquired drinking habit, he falls sick very often. This was a terrible situation and the children needed support and love to continue their education. At this juncture, Kalaiselvi was referred to Pudhu Irudhayam Orphanage by one of her neighbors.

Kalaiselvi's Development Under the care of SJDT:

In the year 2011, when Kalaiselvi was doing her 7th standard, with a lot of difficulties, she joined Pudhu Irudhayam Orphanage. Even though she liked to learn many things, she wouldn't like to go to school regularly. She was a good student but somehow

going to school was a boring job for her. She was an average student. Wardens sat with her and listened to her story. What they found out was that she needed a one-to-one person to handle the subjects. Therefore, Bro. Sebastian assigned an abled warden exclusively for her during the evening study hours. Having had repeated assistance during the evening time, enabled Kalaiselvi to out of her own shell. She understood her situation in the orphanage and began to move with other children. She made a lot of friends both in the school as well as in the Pudhu Irudhayam orphanage. She began to have a group study with her friends in the orphanage and things started coming well in the course of time. She got along with others well without her typical shyness as she used to be. She credited the friendly environment at Pudhu Irudhayam as the sole reason for her individual growth as a person.

Kalaiselvi's Status at Present:

As Kalaiselvi has completed my B.com course successfully, she got a job in the Microfinance Company. She is working with a lot of happiness and contentment. She got married some months ago and settled in Mayailaduthurai town. Her husband runs a tea shop. She is living with her in-law's family members happily. She remembers heartily SJDT and her sponsor for their loving support when she needed it the most.



Kalaiselvi with her Husband

Conclusion:

Resilience is something that can be learned, built, and demonstrated, thus it's good to learn what it is as it played an important role in the life of Kalaiselvi. Kalaiselvi is very happy that she learned so many things in the orphanage. Her life at SJDT has completely changed her life. Now she knows she is a person who is capable of handling her life beautifully.

Kalaiselvi's Progress over the Years in Pudhu Irudhayam Orphanage



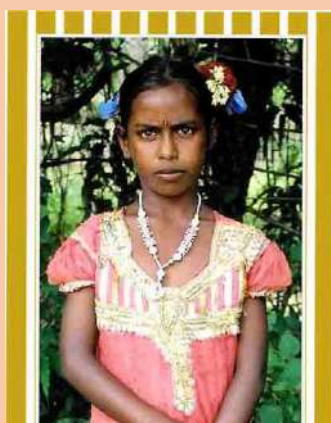
10. Mahalakshmi

Introduction:

While it just seemed like the little ambitious girl whose dreams were put on the back burner, Mahalakshmi was finally turning her dreams into reality. She worked so hard to fulfill her dreams. We present to you here how SJDT's sponsorship intertwined with her ambition and that enabled this little girl to achieve her goal.

The situation of the Child and her family before coming into SJDT:

Mahalakshmi's family has a residence at Thirumenganam in Mayailaduthurai District. The family has four children. Her father would do all kinds of unskilled work in the forest. He fetched only a little money for the family. His low income was not enough to protect his family from economic precarity. Hence her mother started quarrelling with her father now and then. She asked him to find a good job to earn more income for the family.



8 Years Old Mahalakshmi

As he couldn't, one day her mother left the family completely leaving the children unattended. Therefore, she was brought under the care of her paternal grandmother. Her grandmother started selling vegetables in their area. Her business did not bring



17 Years Old Mahalakshmi

any change in the family's economic situation either. In this critical situation, the grandmother wished to provide a proper education to her. Many neighbours sympathized with Mahalakshmi and her family's wretched condition. As the situation became so complicated, one of the neighbours referred Mahalakshmi to St. Joseph's Development Trust. She was accepted and became a beneficiary of St. Joseph's Development Trust at the age of eight.

Mahalakshmi's Development Under the care of SJDT:

Being a first-generation learner from an underprivileged background, Mahalakshmi didn't have strong fundamentals in subjects like science and Maths to help her continue her academic greatness. It was only after the tuition programme arranged

by SJDT for her during the evening, did Mahalakshmi developed a keen interest in studies and the zeal to improve her fundamentals in the subjects that hindered her development the most. With the constant support she received from the staff of SJDT, Mahalakshmi was then one of the most attentive students in school and a fast learner. Though she knew English, she didn't have a good background in English communication skills that were below her age-appropriate level. It was at that crucial time, that a spoken English Class was introduced to her by SJDT. She was able to comprehend effectively and succeeded in that field. Through an interactive platform, Mahalakshmi was able to develop listening, reading, and writing skills. She engaged along with other girls in 2-hour long weekend classes that focused on helping the students speak appropriately through interactive tools. The progress of Mahalakshmi was assessed twice a year with mid-year progressive, and year-end assessments to monitor her progress. She was able to get through with flying colours.

Mahalakshmi's Status at Present:

Mahalakshmi completed her 10th standard successfully. Her relatives arranged a marriage for her. A couple of months ago, Mahalakshmi got married and happily settled in Tranquebar. Her husband engages in online business. He earns a reasonable amount of money monthly. Mahalakshmi is running a tuition centre at home. She is thankful to SJDT and her sponsor for supporting her education through the sponsorship programme.



Mahalakshmi with her Husband

Conclusion:

The successful growth of Mahalakshmi was all about connections, connecting with the right people, at the right place, and at the right time. Yes, Mahalakshmi was indeed happy that SJDT came to her rescue at the right time to materialize her dream. She was delighted that SJDT intervened in her life and provided her with a loving sponsor for many years.

Mahalakshmi's Progress over the Years under the care of SJDT





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