



Pragathi Alliance

Winter 2021 Donor Newsletter

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CEO's Update

Lakshmi Srinivasan - Pragathi Alliance, CEO

Greetings Pragathi Donors and Supporters,

Wishing you a blessed, healthy holiday season as you are emerging out of the tough year with strength and grace.

As the year wraps up, I am happy to share Pragathi's commitment and support to other non-profit organizations including SODEWS and MyGOAL. Through your contributions and unwavering support, Pragathi continues to lead the way in social impact, supporting hundreds of children in receiving education and healthcare.

Between 2020 and 2021, Pragathi raised about \$21000 from donors and sponsors. Pragathi funded \$12000 to SODEWS and \$3000 to MyGoal Autism to continue their efforts in these challenging times.



SODEWS

Pragathi keeps in close touch with one of our grantees, SODEWS. This past year was one of many successes and progress for SODEWS students in spite of the pandemic impacting normal life. 113 children (including 35 girls) resided in the hostel. Students were given intensive training for public examinations. Examinations for the 12th grade are complete, 11th grade is near-complete, but Grade 10 examinations could not begin due to the pandemic.

Though students were sent home in March 2020, construction projects were able to continue with government approval and the school boundary wall is near complete.



If anyone (adult or student volunteer) is interested in teaching or mentoring to SODEWS children (both in person or virtual), please reach out to Giri at sodews@gmail.com

WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

SODEWS has been providing relief to affected local residents by supplying dry rations. Over 4500 families have been provided food. With corporate sponsorship SODEWS has been able to support staff, many of who come from struggling circumstances themselves.

SODEWS notes the support of patrons and donors has made the work supporting the community possible. In addition, SODEWS participated in the construction of 11 homes for people affected by the Gaja Cyclone.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

PRAGATHI RECOGNIZED AS 2021 HALL OF FAME SUPPORTER

MyGOAL exists to support families and individuals affected by autism and other intellectual disabilities throughout their lifespan. Pragathi has been a supporter of MyGOAL for the past few years and continues to contribute to their cause. I'm pleased to inform that Pragathi has been recognized as 2021 MyGOAL Hall of Fame supporter. Thanks to Dr. Genevieve Kumapley, Founder and Executive Director of MyGOAL, for this recognition and award.

PATRON RECOGNITION

Pragathi would like to recognize the below patrons who have continued to provide their unwavering support and made a significant impact in meeting Pragathi's goals.

- Srinivasan Krishnan
- Sneha Jacob Lakshmikanthan
- Vijai and Ravi Lakshmikanthan
- Vijay Kas
- Archana Jayakumar
- Sissy Urista
- Narayan Sundararajan
- Ram Ramaswamy
- Sudha Narayanaswamy

Closing Note: I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the patrons of Pragathi once again without whose support our work cannot continue. I look forward to your continued support and commitment in the years to come.

I'd recognize the efforts from SODEWS team for their phenomenal work being done to bring a change at the grass root level. Thanks to all that you do.

Thanks to Dr. Kumapley for recognizing our efforts to support their cause. Needless to say she and her team have been doing a fantastic work serving Autism community.

Last but not least, I want to thank Pragathi team, Dr. Raghavan Jayakumar and Dr. Ranjini Dowley without whose support and dedication Pragathi cannot continue to grow in serving our community.

My favorite → Please look out for emails on 2022 fundraiser events, which will be a great opportunity to volunteer and be a part of exciting events supporting a great cause.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and a happy healthy New Year 2022!

Best,

Lakshmi Srinivasan