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## Foreword

*Around 26 million people in India are registered as disabled according to the 2011 Census and approximately 70% of them live in rural areas. Unfortunately, education and training provisions for disabled people in India are minimal and majorly concentrated in urban cities. Thus disabled people especially those living in rural India have limited access to appropriate education and training opportunities and often face financial hardship and a lack of suitable work opportunities. This makes them dependent and under- confident. Additionally, social attitudes, superstitions and pre- conceived notions towards specially- abled people that are widely prevalent in India often result in exclusion of the person from their families and local communities.*

*Few projects exist in rural India that aims to empower specially-abled people to gain independence, rather than to become dependent on donors.*

*At Sristi, we aim to create an empowered, self – sustained community that supports the growth of all the specially- abled people to help them gain individuality and independence. We believe that our method of education and community living, alongside our sustainability and farming practices, present an innovative, workable model of advancing and promoting disability rights.*

# About Sristi

## Our Mission

Our mission is to enable disabled individuals and other marginalized groups to live as independently and as fully as possible through economic and social empowerment. This is achieved through providing a safe, secure place to live and providing training and education in skills that are transferable to a prosperous life in rural India.

Our vision is for an inclusive society where children and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are respected, valued and have choices to lead holistic and dignified lives. We believe in an inclusive and sustainable world, where everyone should be given the opportunity to reach their full potential regardless of disability.

## Our Vision

## Our Objective

“To establish “Sristi Village- a self-sustaining, inclusive and eco-friendly village, which provides a family atmosphere where everyone can reach their full potential regardless of disability, race, gender, etc. Further, people with intellectual disabilities and the marginalized will be equally active contributors”.



# What we do at Sristi Village



Sristi Village currently houses around 31 people living in our community: 24 members with intellectual and developmental disabilities, 6 supporting staff and 1 volunteer.

Sristi provides a home and way of living for all those that have various intellectual and developmental disabilities. The village provides food, shelter, farm training and a safe, welcoming and supportive environment for them.

From being excluded from their community to living in the streets, all our members come to Sristi for different reasons. As they fit into the Sristi community, we witness their transformation into valued and happy individuals. The loving, non-judgmental atmosphere in our family-like community helps them become independent and take part in daily life activities on their own. With caretakers and teachers to engage the adults and kids in numerous activities including planting and irrigation, harvesting, milking and so on, we hope to make them socially and economically independent.

## **Beneficiaries**

**Target group:** Individuals with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities

**Age:** 3-16 (school); 16+ (village and farm training)

**Gender:** Male and Female

**Socio-economic status:** preferably below poverty line

**Area:** Rural Tamil Nadu

## Our Team at Sristi

*We have a dedicated and passionate team at Sristi that has helped the community grow to what it is today. They are proactive and hard working. Through their diligent support, projects have become easier to execute and changes have become easier to implement. Their patience with the community has facilitated better training models for all our members. Sristi is a very grateful to all our staff members for being there with us and aiding us in our development. We thank them for bringing their positive attitude to work every day.*





## Our Team Members

*Sri. Karthikeyan Ganesan- Director*

*Smt. Lakshmi Karthikeyan- Joint Director - Operations*

*Sri. G.Muthukrishnan- Principal*

*Smt. R.Sarala- Teacher*

*Smt. J.Saridha- Teacher*

*Smt. A. Ranjitha- Teacher*

*Sri. Ghouse Basha- Physiotherapist*

*Smt. Priya. V- Accountant*

*Sri. Anand Raj.A- Member Associate*

*Sri. Selvam- Village Manager*

*Sri. Sundar Shekar- Farm Manager*

*Sri. Partha Majumdar- Farm Supervisor*

*Sri. Sigavathi- Farm Worker*

*Sri. Viruthamal- Farm Worker*

*Sri. Malaiyanooran- Farm Worker*

*Smt. K.Shakila- Caretaker*

*Sri. Shankar- Dairy Farm worker*

*Smt. Radhika- Cook*

*Smt Kalaivani- Cook*

*Sri. K.Dheenadayalan- Driver*

## *Sristi Special Initiatives*



Our school currently has 27 resident students and 20 daycare students. It gives disadvantaged children the opportunity to attend school and learn in a way that is suited to their individual needs. It caters to adults and children differently. The curriculum is based on the essentials that an individual requires to function independently in society. For the adults, farming is integrated into their curriculum.

There are students in the neighbouring villages who are disabled and can benefit from this school. With the support of the Indian Government we were able to fund the 'Sristi Special School Van'. This helped us broaden our reach, as we were able to pick up the children who lived further away.

At Sristi, agriculture is our primary model of sustenance. All our adult members are involved in various farming activities. The primary aim of such activities is to develop a sense of responsibility, belonging, self-reliance and the spirit of team-work within each of our community members.

When we started our village, the land was dry and infertile. Thanks to our rain-water harvesting and agro forest farming efforts, Sristi Village is now a green and fertile farm. We are now successfully growing numerous plants, crops and trees and running a successful Dairy Farm.

There are various programs researched and implemented to make best use of the resources that we have at our disposal.



# Highlights Of the Year-2018

*We have had an eventful 365 days with promising opportunities and positive development on projects. When we look back from where we started in 201, we can see the growth and transformation within our community.*



# *Projects of 2018*





At Srísti, we are conscious of the environment we live in. Our organic methods of cultivation and our efforts towards environmental conservation help contribute to a larger biodiversity and improved soil health and fertility.

This ensures our produce can be fresh and healthy too. Almost all the members of the community are directly or indirectly occupied in the end-to-end cultivation of a variety of vegetables and fruits. If not directly involved with cultivation, our members are involved in making compost or nurturing the land.

In the recent months, we were blessed with a fresh harvest of Ladies Fingers, Spinach, Drumstick and Turmeric. This was used in a delicious meal cooked by our kitchen staff for our community.

#### **Aiming for a Fruitful Future**

We have recently planted a whole new fruit forest containing 100 long-term, 185 mid-term and 1020 short-term trees. This forest will help us to move towards our aim of being self-sustainable. Within four years, our village members will have the joy of walking through the forest, which they have cultivated, and pick their very own, delicious fruits. We would like to thank 'Eaton India Foundation' for supporting this project.





# Agro Forest

*We have dedicated 2 acres of our land to build an agro-forest, taking inspiration from Subhash Palekar's 5- layer model farming model. We found that this model suits our environmental conditions.*

*We live in a region where the rainfall is minimal throughout the year. This agricultural concept reduces the usage of water by 80% and is suitable for climates like ours. The trees grow in such a manner that they support each other by providing shade, water and all other needs.*



*Through this model, we can also grow a wide range of crops (fruits, vegetables and millets) on the same land, which is suitable for the consumption needs of our community.*

*Currently, we are 20% self-sustained with our own produce of vegetables. However with the agro-forest being developed, we will get regular harvests of onions, banana, papaya, pineapple, drumstick, yam, maize, chilli, turmeric etc.*

*Further, we have dedicated a small area on the farm- land for vermin- compost. We plan to plant a small azola plant as an alternative feed for the cows. This time our farm trainer applied his indigenous technique of using the Palm Fruit juice as microbes.*







## Nursery

We have finally been able to build a small nursery on our farm. A lot of hard work has gone into the nursery by our members, to ensure the seeds of vegetables like turmeric, baby tomatoes, chilly, etc. grow into little saplings. Currently, the nursery does not serve any commercial purpose. It helps provide shade to the saplings and ensure judicious use of the water available.



We are very grateful to Mr. Nandagopal and family for their enormous support to build our own plant nursery at Sristi Village

## Expansion of Vegetable Production



We are looking to expand production of vegetables on our organic garden with cucumbers, various kinds of guords (bottle guords, ridge guords) and herbs (basil, parsley, mint, etc.) The more the greens the merrier!



# Construction of the farm School



*In the nearby villages, there are more disabled children whose parents would like to enroll them in Sristi Special School. But we could not fulfill this demand, as we were not equipped in terms of the manpower and the infrastructure. In order to cater to this demand, we are constructing a new eco- friendly school building that can cater to more students.*

*There has been great progress with the construction of the Farm School building. This multi- purpose structure will not only serve the purpose of a school but also a space for our administration team, our volunteers, a library and a meeting space. This project is expected to complete in April 2019 and operations are expected to begin from June 2019. We will be employing more teachers, specializing in special education as well as a physiotherapist and a speech instructor.*



## When Friends Visited Us.....



We also had an interdisciplinary team of 13 students from the University of Applied Sciences Lucerne Hochschule Luzern in Switzerland join us. They specialised in architecture, civil engineering and interior designing. Together they constructed an eco-friendly, bamboo based residential hut for our community members.

Having been in Sristi previously for another project, they came more prepared and equipped to deal with the environmental challenges. Besides that, the team also made continuous adaptations on the project throughout the process of execution.

We are very grateful for their time and effort put in to build this beautiful house. It wouldn't have been possible without IN:CH Lab who brought HSLU and Sristi together; the workshop was conceptualized by IN:CH and developed further with HSLU.

We always welcome people from all around the world to get to know about our life and get involved in our activities. Last year we received a lot of groups from around the world who took an interest in Sristi and the way the community functions. Some come for a short period while others come for longer periods but everybody who gets involved with the community leaves with new learning and new friends. The community members at Sristi love meeting new people as well as interacting and working with them.

Ginger hotels is a part of Tata group and to celebrate the 150 years' anniversary they were gracious enough to sponsor their tasty food for lunch, which they served themselves with happy smiles. They were also generous enough to donate clothes and twenty country fruit saplings to the community. We are really thankful for all their donations. Special thanks to Mujahid Pasha and Rajesh Kumar Ethiraj.

Students from The American University of Paris visited Sristi Village and got the personal experience of inclusive life at Sristi Village. They planted fruit trees along with our community members.

The SOS Village Students, Pondicherry visited Sristi to help us in our farm. Because of their assistance, we were able to save many plants and trees at Sristi Village. We were extremely thankful to have had an extra set of helping hands just when we needed it the most. Our special thanks to Krishnakumar for organizing this wonderful event.

Lt. Governor of Puducherry, Kiran Bedi joined by the entire team of Block Development officers and commissioners of Puducherry visited Sristi Village. They went around the village and witnessed our activities. They were impressed with our traditional techniques of mud houses, bamboo structures, and natural farming methods and also appreciated our eco-san toilet model. The officers also got to experience how our Sristi Village members learn simple farming techniques and work independently on our farm.

We had two very special people visit us from Vidya Sagar Centre for Special Education in Chennai. Poonam Natarajan, the Founder of Vidya Sagar & former Chairperson of National Trust and Rajiv Rajan, the Head of Disability Legislation Unit Chennai, spent time at our farm and interacted with our community members. We are in conversation with them on how we can potentially collaborate to empower Persons with Disabilities.

Kanthari is a training and educational institute based out of the capital of Kerala. It trains visionaries who are keen to drive ethical social change in the world. We had a huge group of Kanthari peers visit us to review the developments of our on-going projects. Some very productive discussions were carried out.

Bikers at Sristi Village: Chennai Royal Riders is a group of amazing people whose passion lies in biking and commitment to supporting social causes. Recently the Riders came to visit Sristi Village and celebrated one of their member's birthdays in our community. Everybody in the village enjoyed their company with sponsored food, dances and traditional Tamil music of Parai.

Dr. Sunil Kumar, Clinical Psychologist visited Sristi Village along with his family. He is the founder of Mind Zone- a 70 bedded Psychiatric Hospital for Alcohol & Drug De-addiction, Psychiatric Emergencies (suicide and violent behaviour) and other Behavioural issues. His personal approach and helpful manner is admirable.



## Volunteers Who Joined Us...

### Jonathan and Naomi, UK, 4 Months

*Jonathan is a Chartered accountant by profession and helped us with our administration work. He worked closely with our accountant and trained him in managing the accounts efficiently and transparently. He also helped us in gathering, classifying and reporting of financial data and in helping us with the preparation of the annual budget for the following financial year.*

*Naomi is a Teacher by profession. She worked with our special education teachers to make a comprehensive, distributive learning process that builds the knowledge and skills required to effectively train the children with special needs. She conducted regular workshops including class- room management, behavior modification, inclusive education, importance of play for learning, storytelling and more. All sessions were practical, informative and entertaining.*

*It has been a pleasure to have Jonathan and Nomi volunteer with us at Sristi. Their initiative, enthusiasm and dedication have made a real difference. We are very grateful to AfID for sending such amazing volunteers to Sristi.*

### Peer and Bejon, Germany, 11 Months

*This year we have also had two German long- term volunteers: Peer and Bejon, who have joined our farming team and have taken responsibility for the agro- forests.*

## Gallery









# Festivities and Celebrations!

## **Pongalo Pongal!**

Pongal is a four-days-long harvest festival celebrated in Tamil Nadu. Pongal is the time for us to celebrate and show gratitude to the nature and to the cattle for all that we have received. At Sristi Village, every year we celebrate Pongal along with our inclusive community. This year we celebrated Pongal with indigenous dance performed by Ahal Foundation, games, and delicious Pongal cooked in a clay pot. We would like to thank everybody involved in making the event a success.

## **International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD):**

International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) has been annually observed on 3 December around the world. The theme for this year's IDPD is "Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality". At Sristi Village we have celebrated International Day of Persons with Disabilities along with the District Differently Abled Welfare Office, Villupuram District.

## **PARENTS MEETING**

Parent-teacher partnerships can make a significant difference to students with special needs. Every quarter we invite the parents to be involved in creating individualized education plans along with our core team. This time we incorporated some fun games and a series of discussions within our meeting. We highly appreciate all our parents' involvement and our team's commitment in bringing out the best in our students.

## **Diwali Celebration**

Diwali is a very popular Hindu festival in India celebrating Lord Ram's return to Ayodhya after 14 years of exile. But this festival is widely celebrated by every Indian for it is a time of beautiful lights, joy, fun and togetherness.

Diwali in our Sristi community was no different. Special foreign visitors from Auroville, Pondicherry joined us for the celebrations. They were introduced to the festival and the day was filled with joy, laughter and lots of sweets and snacks! Lamps were lit and All the members in the community were gifted new clothes.



## India celebrates two National Days

### Independence Day

The Indian Independence Day on August 15 celebrates India's freedom from the British rule. All the members were given badges of the Indian flag. The traditional march past, followed by the flag hoisting ceremony and the chanting of the National anthem were conducted.

### Republic Day

Republic Day is celebrated on January 26. This year, a march past was conducted for all the students/ community members followed by the hoisting of the Indian Flag and the chanting of the National Anthem.



### Exposure Visit

Exposure visits are a very important training methodology as it enables the Students with special needs allowing them to view practical/real life situations of successful integration. Trust and respect are two important components of the learning environment.

For World Tourism Day, we swapped roles and went for an excursion instead. Our members thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Vandalur Zoo in Chennai, amused at the sight of a few animals. They returned to the village dancing in the brightly lit night bus! Thank you to Rotary Club of Pondicherry Cosmos for organizing the one-day trip and to Mr. Nandagopal, Vijaya Travels for all his help. We truly appreciate your support.



### Trip to Amusement Park

We believe that trips are perfect way to expand one's horizons. We organize regular excursions to our community members and staff to promote learning through outdoor interactions. Also such trips bring loads of happiness to our community members. On 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 we went to the MGM amusement park in Chennai.



# Training and Workshops



We believe that if our members are given an opportunity to learn and work in a commercial environment and given essential skill training, they can make their own life in main stream society.

On 15th of July, as part of our **Farm Academy**, we completed a first of its kind '**30-day Intensive Program**' to train 12 of our community members on organic vegetable production. Our trainer, Sundar Sekar gave an intensive training on farming.

The students also learnt various other topics such as basic mathematics, banking, basic sales and about interactive nature of business. Through this training, we aimed to build confidence, employability and entrepreneurial capability within the students.

Sponsored by '**L.C. Project - Nagapattinam**' that supports socio-economic projects for the disabled, this program was a stepping-stone to self-sustainability. We extend our deepest gratitude to L.Christopher, who has supported us with this initiative.

## Results

The team launched their 1st independent venture that they lovingly named "**Thulir**". Thulir comes from the local language, Tamil and it refers to "the first leaf of a plant". With a Bank Account of their own, our members, Anandraj and Parasuraman will independently manage the economics of their own little farm. Once the produce of these vegetables is ready, Sristi village will be the first clients to the 'Thulir team' by buying their stock.

You can view the complete documentation of the training program here:

<https://goo.gl/i7Y4wN>  
<https://goo.gl/GD3yTR>







## When we were recognised...



### Awards

1. *Sristi Foundation was presented the 'Regional Level' award in the 'Disability' category at the **Spirit of Humanity awards for the year of 2018.***
2. *Rotary Club of Madras West honoured our Founder **Mr. Karthikeyan Ganesan** with **Community Service Excellence Award** for the year of 2018.*
3. **Pole Star Award-** *Polestar Foundation for recognizing Sristi Village with the Polestar social impact award under the empowerment category. We are truly humbled and honored to receive it from Mr. Azim Premji, Chairperson of Wipro.*
4. **Mr. G. Muthukrishnan**, *Principal of Sristi Special School, received a **Child Friendly Teacher Award** from Trust for Youth and Child Leadership, Puducherry.*
5. *Sristi School Principal, **Mr. G. Muthukrishnan** has received a State level **Best Special Educator Award** from the Government of Tamil Nadu.*
6. *Joint Director of Sristi Foundation, **Mrs. K. Lakshmi** has received an **appreciation award** from Villupuram district collector.*
7. *Sristi Special Teacher, **Mrs. R. Sarala** received a **best teacher award** from the District Differently Abled Welfare Officer.*

### Government Partnerships- LLC: Local Level Committee

As per 'Section 13 (1) of the National Trust Act 1999', The Government of India appoints a 'Local Level Committee' in every district that holds the power to provide guardianship to an institution or family that is willing and capable to be the official guardian of a person with developmental disabilities (Autism, CP, ID & MD). Such a scenario often arises in case of abandonment, in absence of parents or the inability to provide care. **Sristi Foundation has been honoured as the official Local Level Committee for Villupuram District authorized to provide guardianship.**



## Lives We Touched...

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This young boy joined one year ago as an introverted boy who kept to himself and his work. He arrived at Sristi with his mother and in less than an hour he had decided to stay back in the village and confidently asked his mother to let him stay.

Although he is a victim of cerebral palsy, he does not let that deter his spirit to work. He has a leader spirit and a kind heart. He is often seen doing chores on the farm tirelessly. Gifted with an eye for perfection, he is often seen motivating his teammates to work together to deliver the most flawless soil bed or brick wall.

A while ago, we saw him storm off the village in anger and leave for Pondicherry reasoning his disappointment in the lack of willingness in his palls to work, as everybody was just enjoying a lazy day. In two days' time, he was back in our village with packets of food for his friends and a few baby chickens to give back to our farm.

This boy has come a long way. A promising donor, very recently, met Kali's family with the possibility of shortlisting his family for a Cow donation. This gives his mother the opportunity to support her family without solely relying on Kali.

## LAKSHMANAN

Lakshamanan, our five-year old student who arrived here crying on the first day of school, like any other child has now transformed into a curious and passionate little boy. He is constantly seeking to learn from the teachers and adults around. A victim of cerebral Palsy, he has issues breathing and swallowing right, and finds it difficult to walk without support. However after his time at Sristi, we have seen a massive improvement in him. He has begun to walk by himself as he has begun to embrace Sristi and its people as his.



## Our sponsors

*"Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light". – Albert Schweitzer*



We receive a lot of support from the community around us and this enables us to grow and develop. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to:

- **Stichting Ziin, The Netherlands** – for generously funding us for completion of the school project. We are very grateful to Mr. Loe Koppejan and Mr. Joris-Jan Visser for their guidance and continued support.
- **Rotary Club of Pondicherry mid town** for donating a set of ten desks and benches for the students of Sristi School.
- **Rotary Club of Pondicherry Galaxy** for their generous contribution of Educational materials such as uniform, stationery, white board, play materials and note books.
- **Star Health Insurance CSR Committee** – for their generous donation of Rs. 5 lakhs
- **Rotary Club Chennai West Trust** – for their donating a water pump and school furniture.
- **Rotary Club of Madras West** - for recognizing Karthikeyan with the 'Community Service Excellence Award 2018'
- **Members of FMLR T20** – for organising a Fundraising event for Sristi Village at the Russian Cultural Chennai Centre and raised Rs. 2,22,000.
- **Mr. Roland Frutig** from Switzerland for his support and guidance for the development of our Sristi Farm.

**Further, we extend our heartfelt appreciation** to all the members of the Sristi Advisory Committee for their continuous support and commitment to help us make a difference in the lives of people.

- Arulmurugan Rajendiran from India
- Brigitte Holzbauer from Germany
- Christoph Ratz from Germany
- Karin Ebert from Germany
- Leon Frühschütz from Germany
- Samantha Vijay Gupta from USA
- Saurin Nanavati from USA
- Siva Mathiazhagan from India
- Vijay Gupta from USA

We would like to particularly mention **Saurin Nanavati**. Besides his continuous support every single year across several projects, he has also actively helped us find potential sponsors in the USA.







# Financial Overview

Sristi Forecast I&E For the Year 01/04/18 - 31/03/19			
	F' cast 18/19	Actuals 17/18	Variance to F' cast
<b>Core</b>			
Income	5,679,647	2,066,019	3,613,628
Expenditure	(3,928,674)	(2,787,069)	(1,141,604)
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>1,750,973</b>	<b>(721,050)</b>	<b>2,472,023</b>
<b>Projects</b>			
Income	10,918,128	950,000	9,968,128
Expenditure	(10,437,822)	(924,912)	(9,512,910)
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>480,306</b>	<b>25,088</b>	<b>455,218</b>
<b>Total Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>2,231,279</b>	<b>(695,962)</b>	<b>2,927,241</b>

Income for the year was 56.79 lacs which was 36.13 lacs above last year owing to large one-off donations.

Expenditure for the year has also been high and stands at 39.28 lacs, 11.41 lacs above last year owing to increased operational costs and projects expenses.

Project income 1.09 crs stands at 99.6 lacs above last year. This high figure is due to the school being funded by donors and hence even Project expenses stand at 95.1 lacs above last year.

## Upcoming Projects

### Community Members Residence

The accommodation will be such that it would each house 6 disabled members, and one member of staff as a 'house mother' or 'house father'. The houses will enable our members to live more independently and have a greater level of privacy than they do now. Rather than being entirely dependent on Sristi, they will be able to choose to cook for themselves if they wish and they will learn basic domestic skills like cleaning, washing up etc. The houses would be made from natural materials and using natural building techniques, to ensure they are eco-friendly and they will be accessible for disabled needs.

### Kitchen and Dining Hall construction

Currently we have a communal area where our members dine and a hut nearby where the kitchen is located. However we have found that is not up to the mark and will not be sufficient for an increase in size of the community. Hence we have decided to improve these facilities.

### Poultry farm

Currently, we have maintained a vegetarian diet within our community. But by popular demand as well as a need for a balanced nutritious meal we have decided to start rearing poultry. We have some hens that provide us with eggs but not sufficient for the entire community. Once the poultry farm is established, we can begin to include chicken and eggs in our diet







## Our Current Struggles Reaching Out for Help **URGENT NEED FOR WATER**



*Tamil Nadu receives monsoons between October and December, during which we usually receive between 40 - 50% of annual rainfall. Unfortunately, the last 2 years saw an absence of sufficient rain that has resulted in an excessive shortage of water.*

*To work towards being self-sustained by primarily growing our own crops, we need to enhance our water management system for the long run. We are already working on optimizing the usage of existing water available.*

*As part of our initiative, the team dug two deep wells on Sristi's land, but unfortunately both have no sign of water. We also put in efforts to construct a side bore well to source water, but to no avail. The need of the hour is to rejuvenate and reconstruct the open wells to channelize the water source. In our knowledge scope, we have two long-term solutions: to deepen the well and to construct a retaining wall. We have utilized our funds in the initial stages of constructing the well and now we are in dire need of water and funds to initiate the reconstruction of the same. Some of the other possibilities are a Drip Irrigation system, Grey water management and a Water Hose to utilize the existing water.*

*For the daily needs and to sustain us during the absolutely dry period of April to September, we need your assistance or help in any form.*

# Acknowledgements

*Sristi Village – our community members, parents, staff, and neighbours - would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our donors and well-wishers for their support. It was through their tremendous kindness and efforts that we have managed to build Sristi village to what it is today.*

*The funding that was provided has been very important for our Sristi Village community. It has helped us build our inclusive, self-sustaining and eco-friendly village for the marginalized people and the people with intellectual disabilities. It has helped us transform the lives of many people. We have run a successful project and this has really improved conditions of living for a lot of people in our community. We have developed successful activities that we hope to continue in future. We have also gained valuable experience, which will help us run new activities in the future.*

## For More Information

*We got featured in the Tamil Magazine, 'Ananda Vikatan'. For those of you who can interpret Tamil, we hope you have a good read- <https://goo.gl/ZuCvXZ>*

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*Meanwhile, we will keep you updated on the Sristi Village activities through our quarterly newsletter and monthly emails.*

*Again, thank you for your ongoing support.*

*Sincerely,*

*Karthikeyan Ganesan, Founder and Director*