



Dear Friend,

Have you ever wondered what a single act of support can do in someone's life?

For the past 12 years, your care, trust and encouragement have given wings to countless lives at Sristi. Because of you, children have learned to find their own strength, young adults have discovered purpose and families have felt hope where there was once uncertainty.

As we step into our 13th year, I am filled with gratitude for every person who has made this journey possible. Your support has created homes, opportunities and moments of joy that will stay with these individuals for a lifetime.

I am excited to share our new project **Sristi Living with Dignity**, which creates inclusive homes and supportive spaces. The project blends skill-building, therapeutic care, awareness programs and the **Sristi Fellowship**, mentoring young leaders to create inclusion and life skills for rural people with disabilities.

After witnessing how the **Sristi Community** has transformed the **lives of Men with Disabilities** by providing independence and dignity, we now recognize an even greater need to **empower women with Disabilities** who face deeper discrimination and neglect. These women are often denied opportunities and left vulnerable, highlights the urgent call for change. The upcoming **Women's Home** will be a safe, empowering space where they can live with confidence, showcase their abilities and lead lives of respect and inclusion.

This **Diwali**, I am reminded of the light you bring into these lives. May the festival inspire us to shine brighter, embrace inclusion and spread hope and dignity to every individual we touch.

I warmly invite you to enjoy our **Quarter III Newsletter, “The Creations”** and thank you from the bottom of my heart for being part of this journey.

With gratitude
Karthikeyan Ganesan
Founder, Sristi Foundation

Q3 HIGHLIGHTS

FROM SUN TO SHOWERS : JULY-SEPT HIGHLIGHTS

DELICIOUS. MEANINGFUL. UNFORGETTABLE!

Our members with intellectual and developmental disabilities are creating delicious cookies, muffins, brownies and cakes learning valuable skills and bringing their creativity to life.



Their treats are currently available at Wabi-Sabi Cafe and started selling products at corporate events, cafeterias. You can also refer or order! ***We warmly invite you to visit, taste and support this meaningful initiative.***

CELEBRATING 12 YEARS OF SRISTI



We mark **12 years of Sristi**, uplifting rural children and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

What began on a barren piece of land in Villupuram district with the trust of just five parents has grown into a movement reaching across Tamil Nadu and inspiring communities worldwide.

Our simple approach, creating spaces where individuals with IDD can learn through experience, make mistakes and grow has helped them build confidence and independence.

By addressing the **gap between childhood and adulthood**, Sristi has guided many through a meaningful transition to adult life with dignity and purpose.

This journey was not easy but your support made it possible. We are filled with gratitude for everyone who has walked with us: our parents, members, staff, donors and well-wishers.

Your continued belief has made Sristi what it is today: **a space of hope, inclusion and transformation.**



INTRODUCING FIRST SRISTI FELLOWSHIP: SHAPING LEADERS FOR INCLUSION



After 12 years in the disability sector, we saw a gap in skilled professionals. **The Sristi Fellowship** supported by **Eaton India Foundation** was initiated to train future leaders who create real change in rural communities. Our fellows live and work with families and children with disabilities, gaining hands-on experience to become visionary changemakers.

Recently, they put this into practice by hosting a workshop on **“The Role of Students in the Disability Sector” at Kasthurba College for Women, Puducherry**. Students explored how inclusion is not just a concept but a shared responsibility.

A big thank you to **Dr. Cheryl Ann Gerardine Shivan, Dr. Anoop**, the faculty and our Living with Dignity team for making it possible.

MTP EXPOSURE VISIT: FIRST TRIP TO MAHABALIPURAM



Through our Mobile Therapy Project, we support **100 children with disabilities across 88 villages. Many of whom are housebound** and have never ventured outside.

This year, for the first time, these children traveled three hours to **Mahabalipuram**, explored, shopped and socialized on their own.

It was a day full of roller-coaster emotions

and happy tears for parents and children alike. We are deeply grateful to our funders for supporting this life-changing project and for walking with us every step of the way.



GLOBAL EXPERTISE ON OUR FARM



Over the past months, Sristi welcomed three farm experts: **Lucky from Uganda, Neeraj from Bihar and Roland Frutig from Switzerland** who spent several weeks conducting **hands-on workshops** for our farm team. The sessions focused on **agroforestry techniques, sustainable farming and the latest trends in agriculture**, giving our team practical knowledge and exposure to global best practices.

These workshops have enhanced skills, strengthened our team's capacity and helped innovate our farm projects, contributing to the growth and development of our vocational agricultural programs.

SRISTI IN THE SPOTLIGHT

SRISTI AT TEDx PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY



Our director, **Mr. Karthikeyan**, shared Sristi's 12-year journey at **TEDx Pondicherry University**, highlighting how nature empowers individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The talk celebrated possibilities over limitations and spread our message that inclusion and opportunity matter. We thank the organizers and partners like **Mr. Sajid Syed (Eaton India)** for supporting our mission.

HIGHLIGHTING INCLUSION AT REFLECTIONS '25, MAHER



Sristi Foundation was represented at the **National Conference on Holistic Rehabilitation – Reflections '25 at MAHER** where our director **Mr. Karthikeyan** spoke on **“Therapy and Beyond: Towards Independent Living.”** The talk highlighted Sristi's work in empowering persons



with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live with dignity and independence while emphasizing that rehabilitation is about building skills, confidence and inclusive spaces.

VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS AND THEIR IMPACT AT SRISTI



We are grateful to our amazing **French volunteers: Jeanne, Romain and David** for their incredible contributions to life at Sristi! **Jeanne** shared her passion for natural farming and supported our inclusive café, while **Romain** a skilled physiotherapist, provided care and therapy for children with disabilities in rural areas.

David brought energy and dedication to our dairy farm and kitchen helping with daily operations and community life. Their enthusiasm and teamwork have infused Sristi with fresh energy, new perspectives and a spirit of inclusion that strengthens our mission every day.

EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS AT SRISTI



REBUILD INDIA REGIONAL GATHERING



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



RUN FOR CHANGE MARATHON



EIC 2ND YEAR ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION

LEARNING,SHARING & GROWING TOGETHER

We are grateful to all who visited, shared their expertise and supported Sristi's mission.



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GRATITUDE TO OUR HEROES



Twelve years of your incredible support have brought us here and now our **13th year begins**. Because of you, children and young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are growing and feeling valued every day.

Thank you for walking this journey with us the next chapter continues and with you, everyone truly belongs.

THE PLAN IS READY



WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS ?

We have purchased a **3.5 acres of land** to construct a **Women's Home**. In this journey your support gives abandoned women with intellectual disabilities a safe home, loving care and a life of dignity. This space will soon transform isolation into belonging and fear into hope.

Your Support Builds More Than a Home — It Builds a Future.

THIS DIWALI **HELP US**



To Build
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WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES



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