

SECRETARIES REPORT

We have immense pleasure in presenting to you the Annual report for the year 2010 – 2011 along with the audited financial statement for the year 2010 – 2011.

- ◆ Total collection for the year 2010-2011 is around R.14 Lakhs
- ◆ Educational Aid collection of around Rs. 8.5 Lakhs and Rs. 3 Lakhs towards Corpus funds collected.
- ◆ Special thanks to our President Mr. T A Sampathkumar & Mr. J Venkatesan for their continuous support in collecting maximum donations to our various projects including Education Aid.
- ◆ Now year after year we are distributing more than 1000 uniforms to school children

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- ◆ Uniform distribution to 1200 students.
- ◆ Financial assistance to around 25 students.
- ◆ This year we served 9459 Patients and 2595 benefitted at our Diagnostic lab.
- ◆ Release of Glossy 2011 calendar.
- ◆ More than 150 students [of 10th and +2] benefitted by learning at our tuition centre – SYMA Growth.

A gist of our Activities during the year 2010 - 2011 : -

At the outset a big thanks to all our members for the total support in initiating and successfully implementing so many projects. SYMA is committed to the cause of serving people and we will continue to strive for the betterment of the society.

Medical Service :

- ◆ From 13th Mar 2009, we are running the medical centre and lab independently, and continue to be guided by Dr Sridhar.

This year we served 9459 Patients and 2595 benefitted at our Diagnostic lab.

We are thankful to the Doctors who have been rendering medical advice to the patients. We want to appreciate the services of Medical Faculty consisting of : Dr K Shivakumar, Dr Seetharaman, Dr V Poongothai, Dr Kalanidhi, Dr N Indumathy Dr Nagaiah Chetty, Dr Arunkumar & Dr Vidhya Venkatesh who have been a great source of strength.

Our cherished dream of a SYMA hospital catering to the poor providing quality medical care would dawn to a reality one day.

Medical Camps :

- ◆ On 23rd May 2010, we conducted a Camp at Bharathiyar Illam on Kidney disease awareness. Kidney malfunctioning is a leading cause of death

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a progressive loss of renal function over a period of time. The costs and complications involved in treatment of kidney disease can be avoided by early detection.

To increase the awareness amongst common public, We organized this awareness camp which was sponsored by Wockhardt Laboratories . Dr S Jayalakshmi & Dr Indhumathi conducted the camp. Over 100 persons were screened and follow up action recommended. Dr.S. Jayalakshmi, MD DM (Nephro) presented a power point presentation and explained in detail about the kidney disorders and the need for identification at early stage. There was an interactive Q & A session also.

There was follow up action also. Dr S Jayalakshmi gave consultations to the patients twice after prescribing suitable medicines.

- ◆ **Blood Camp :** On 27th June 2010, we organized a Blood donation camp at Bharathiyar Illam in association with Kanchi Kamakoti Child Trust Hospital, Nungambakkam. Days prior to the camp, our young brigade led by Prasad went on a street to street campaign. There was an impressive turnout of more than 100 Of which 85 donated blood. Dr. Krishnamachari gave a thought provoking lecture on blood donation to our volunteers.
- ◆ On Independence Day, the Eye camp was inaugurated at Sri Sirvi Samaj Bhavan. This camp for detection of cataract was organized in association with Sri Sankara Eye Hospital Pammal , Lions Club of Chennai Venus, Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Sankara Medical Trust and Sirvi Samaj.

The Chief Guest was Mr Mohan Ram, a famous cine artist. Mr J.Babu, CEO of Pammal Sankara detailed about the troubles that could ail vision and explained the various activities of Pammal Sankara Hospital and their reach to rural poor. More than 250 persons had registered in the camp. Around 200 were screened.

24 persons were detected with eye problems requiring surgical treatment for cataract. They were provided meals and were taken to Pammal Sankara Eye Hospital, Pammal. Free cataract surgery was performed on 16th August. A group of our Office bearers visited them and enquired their well being. Those underwent operation were brought back and dropped at Triplicane. The beneficiaries were very happy and blessed SYMA for our active social service and wished the well being of all of us.

- ◆ On 25/8/10, spectacles were distributed to 25 persons at our medical centre in memory of our beloved member late Mr K. E Raghavan.
- ◆ Our Indian culture respects elderly persons and traditionally we are given to paying obeisance to elderly people. Getting older is a demographic evolution. Preventive checkups from time to time are necessary. On 24th Oct 10, we conducted 'Free Health check up camp' for elderly people. This was organized jointly by us with Lions Club of South Madras and in association with Novartis. In the camp at Bharathiyar Illam, more than 100 persons were screened and underwent tests for checking blood pressure, blood sugar, Eye checkup and ECG. Some were prescribed glasses, which were available at a very nominal cost. Apart from these, the aged persons were also screened for Dementia.

- ◆ On 28th Nov 2010, we organized a health camp at Bharathiar Illam in coordination with VS Hospital, Chetput. Dr Subramaniam, a leading Oncologist spoke to a gathering on the symptoms, research and treatment besides offering tips for leading a healthy disease free life. Around 75 persons underwent screening by Gynecologist ; around 100 were screened and were provided free consultation by Ortho and Dental specialists.

Education :

The Uniform distribution function took place on 4th July 2010 at Bharathiyar Illam. The distinguished Chief Guests were Mr TT Srinivasa Raghavan, MD Sundaram Finance and Sri AVM Saravanan, Film Producer.

More than 1200 sets of uniforms were distributed to school children after a due screening process ensuring that the beneficiaries were from the lower strata of the society.

Last year, students of our SYMA Growth did exceedingly well and keeping up of our promise, we provided Rs. 10000/- each to six students who secured more than 1000 marks [out of 1200] and got admitted to Engineering colleges. For 17 students who secured more than 400 in 10th standard, we provided financial assistance of Rs.2000/- each.

All the school toppers of Triplicane schools were also honoured on the occasion.

SYMA Sewa Award, an award recognizing the good work of individuals to the Society was conferred on Mrs Pankajam Sridhar.

SYMA Growth – our Tuition Centre

- ◆ This year we had planned to expand our tuition centre in a big way. Applications were distributed and screening of students was done. Students in large numbers requested support on various subjects. In the month of July 2010, We conducted a meeting with the parents as also a separate meeting with the teachers and the third year of SYMA Growth was launched. The initial response was overwhelming and at times too unwieldy to manage.

We thank the teaching Staff Mrs Lakshmi Arulalan, Mrs Vijaya Krishnan, Mrs K N Vijayalakshmi, Mrs Subashini, Mrs Devasena, Mr S Venkatadri, Mr Shahul Hameed, Mr T Srinivasan, Mr T Venkatesan, Mr K S Venkatakrishnan, Mr Senthil Murugan, Mr Kannan, Mr Sriraman & Mrs S Ganthimathi - for their efforts in providing quality education to our students.

We must place on record our gratitude and thanks to the management of NK Thirumalachariyar National Boys High School and to Mr S Venkatadri, Head Master of National Boys High School for providing us the infrastructure and other facilities

Gold Winner SYMA CHILD FEST

After many years of successful conduct of Child Fest for which we have seen milling crowds, this year was a different experience as we moved to newer venue and planned a split show.

On 30/1/2011 was the Drawing Competition held at the prestigious Hindu Higher Secondary School. Child Fest started with our feeling the need to create a congenial atmosphere promoting competitive spirit and to enthuse the school children to participate in extra curricular activities.

On 30th Jan, despite being a new venue, children flocked to Hindu Higher Sec School, Triplicane. With the experience gained in the past, the competition was in 6 groups for students ranging from LKG to 12th standard held at four different time – staggered to ensure that there were no two activities at any given time which helped us in crowd management. A total list of 1500 participants would please any Organisation though this is low by SYMA's tall standards.

The Programme was inaugurated in the morning by Mr Thirumalai, Head Master of Hindu High School. Volunteers of Soundarya Rathinamala Isai Kuzhu , a group of others who were brought by Mrs Uthra Sarang, SYMA volunteers and others ensured that everything was according to the plans drawn up earlier.

All the participating children were given prize and a Certificate commending their participation. Nestle India sponsored pasta to all at the venue and distributed crayons to all participating children.

In the end, the children and parents left with happiness writ large in their faces.

CHILD FEST 2011 the 2nd day we spawned out of Triplicane to Mylapore Fine Arts Club on 6th Feb 2011. The venue looked colourful Miss S. Saindhavi, playback singer inaugurated the Fete and lighted the kuthu vilakku.

The First event was Singing of Carnatic songs. The singers were judged by Mylai Sisters Revathi & Priyashree who also rendered a good song. The next event was Singing of Film songs which had enthusiastic participation.

Alongside, the Quiz preliminary which was a written round consisting of 20 Questions was held for Group A (6th to 9th) and Group B [10th to 12th] was held. At 0100 noon – we had the finals of Quiz – first the A group, followed by B.

Variety of instruments accompanied by performers started pouring in and at 02.30 pm we had the competition 'Instrument Fusion' which was a team event of 4 students per team. Then came the most colourful performance of Group Dance – group of 6. There were huge crowds for the Fancy Dress competition.

At 0630 pm, we had the Prize Distribution Function. It was a great occasion as our Chief Guest for the evening was Hon'ble Thiru. Justice V. Ramasubramanian. Special Guests were Mrs Sudha Ragunathan and R. Ashwin.

Gold winner have been the event sponsors for the past two years and we thank CR Sredhar on this regard. R Sanjeevi was the project coordinator and we thank all those who involved themselves in making the event a huge success.

Other Activities

In keeping with our policy of recognizing those who are rendering social service and in extending help to them, members of SYMA visited Sree Sharada Seva Ashram functioning at Mannivakkam. Members spent time with the children there and provided money and material assistance to them.

National Days

Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic fervour and National flag was hoisted at our premises by Mr J Babu, CEO, Sankara Eye Hospital, Pammal

On 26th Jan 2011, We celebrated Republic Day with hoisting of the flag. The flag was hoisted by Mr Vasunathan, Jt Commissioner HR&CE, in the presence of D Jayaraman, Dy Commnr., Sri Parthasarathi Swami Temple. On the occasion, writing materials were distributed to the students of NKT Boys High School.

- ◆ On 16th Oct 2010, we organized Pooja seeking divine blessing on the occasion of Ayudha Pooja at our premises.

For the benefit of all students of SYMA Growth and continued well being of all, prayer to Goddess Saraswathi was conducted at NKT Boys High School @ 10.00 am on Sunday, 17th Oct 2010.

Cricket and Blood donation

On 2nd April 2011, Indians were crowned with the World Cup. It was indeed a memorable occasion and will be cherished in the years to come.

Utilising the unique occasion of conduct of World Cup 2011 in India, SYMA launched a Cricket contest on 28th Feb 11 at Bharathiyar Illam. This contest sponsored by Goldwinner was aimed at enhancing our list of blood donors. The programme was launched with a musical fete. Mr S Anantharaman, Divl Rly Manager, Chennai Division, Southern Railway, released the contest form which was received by Mr. K. A. Shankar, Executive Member, Tamilnadu Cricket Association (TNCA). Soon we will have a grand function felicitating the winners.

OUR SINCERE THANKS

OFFICE BEARERS & COMMITTEE:

- ◆ The continuity and performance of Social Service Organisation depends on the selfless and untiring efforts of its members and those at the helm. We are fortunate to have a team of dedicated persons who planned and actively participated in the activities throughout the year. The Committee was a right mixture of Elders and youngsters and We take this opportunity to thank each and every office bearer and Committee members for their unstinting co-operation as also the tireless work.

AUDIT :

- ◆ Our Auditors M/s Devan & Co., have properly guided us in managing our funds and have given timely advice in placing deposits. We thank them for the guidance and for the scrutiny of our accounts. Special thanks are due to Mr V. Murali

MEDIA :

- ◆ We place on record our thanks to Mr. K V Srinivasan & Mr. S R Raghunathan for their help in arranging coverage of our functions in the media and also fixing up the Chief Guests for the Programmes.
- ◆ Our Sincere thanks to Mrs Lalitha Sai and 'The Hindu', 'The Hindu – Downtown', News Today & Chepauk Malar for publishing articles on activities of our association.

ADMINISTRATION and IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR VARIOUS PROJECTS:

- ◆ We place on record our special thanks and appreciation to the unbounded enthusiasm and coordination of our Vice President Mr SRP and our Committee member Mr Veeraraghavan in all our projects with special mention of maintenance of Thirukulam of Sri Parthasarathi Swami temple and the Public convenience.
- ◆ The organized work and clear instructions of Mr Durai alias R. Seshadri deserves special mention, especially in the distribution of school uniforms and during the Prize distribution in Child Fest
- ◆ The enthusiasm, vigour and coordination of Mr Sadagopan M.A, deserves special mention – for his role in arranging the various medical camps.
- ◆ We thank Mr. K.S. Varadarajan, Mrs. Shobana, Mr. R S Kannan, Mr. Prasad, Swaraj Graphics & Sunsar Printers for the help rendered in Office correspondence including printing
- ◆ We appreciate Ms. Revathi for her enthusiastic work in accounts maintenance in the system.
- ◆ A special mention to our Treasurers, Mr. T J Ramani & Mr. D Sudarsan for the quality work.
- ◆ Our Child Fest attracts Thousand of School Children from various parts of the Society. Over the year, many schools and parents have contacted us at 2844 1078. During those fortnight the phone just keeps ringing and she has been answering them pleasantly and purposefully. We place on record our appreciation for the great work of Mrs. Vasudha Baktisaran who has been the voice of Syma during the Childfest, in recording all the information over phone and in intimating the winners of the various competitions.

VOLUNTEERS:

- ◆ We thank the students of Kellett High School, N K T Boys High School and all those who assisted us in all our programs.
- ◆ Our special thanks to Mr. R Vijayaraghavan for checking the accounts of Medical centre & Mr. M A Sadagopan for his tireless support.
- ◆ We thank our volunteers for their regular work at our medical centre & Lab. Special mention of Mrs. M K Prema, Mr. S. Venkatesh, Mr D Saranathan, Mrs Suguna Ramesh and Mr N. Rangarajan.
- ◆ We thank Mrs. Thara, Mr. Raja of NKT Boys School and students who had earlier studied at our 'SYMA Growth'
- ◆ We would like to make a special mention of the good work done by Mr Thirumazhisai Kannan in maintaining 'photos' of all our activities. Members are requested to visit our website www.syma.in for all our activities and our photo gallery : <http://picasaweb.google.com/SYMATRIPLICANE>

SPECIAL THANKS:

- ◆ Our thanks are due to Sri Parthasarathy Swami Temple Authorities for the trust reposed on us in maintenance of the tank.
- ◆ We thank Mr. Sridhar of Lucas TVS, Mr. A V Kasturirangan, for their support in coordinating with sponsors
- ◆ We thank all our sponsors for the monetary assistance to our projects
- ◆ We place our sincere thanks and gratitude to Dr. K Sridhar for the guidance and motivation in running the Medical centre and Lab.
- ◆ We remain ever grateful to Sri Kanchi Sankara Medical Foundation for the financial assistance towards the expenses of the Medical centre / Lab.
- ◆ We thank CR Sreedhar of Media Associates and Gold Winner for the complete sponsorship of our Child Fest and the Cricket contest that was launched on the wake of WC 2011.
- ◆ As you all would know, we launched a scheme for creation of Corpus fund. We are proud in announcing that we have 3 sponsors of Rs.1,00,000/- each, whose names stand etched on our premises. Our Special thanks are due to M/s AVM Charities (Mr AVM Saravanan) who has donated Rs.1,00,000/- on two different occasions and to Mr K.S. Sankar for the kind hearted donation.
- ◆ We have a systematic maintenance of records of our patients at Medical centre. For efficient monitoring, a software product was offered to us by Attune Technologies. This is a new age product SaaS (software-as-a-service) model. We are extremely grateful to Mr. Arvind Kumar, CEO of Attune Technologies, Mr. V. Ramakrishnan (CTO) Mr.S. Parthasarathy (Head of Sales and Marketing) and other executives of Attune for providing us this software without charging anything. It was a kind gesture on their part to provide functional training also to SYMA in making optimum use of the software. We place on record our thanks to Attune Technologies

BLISS :

- ◆ Our newsletter BLISS has been propagating the various activities of SYMA from time to time. Me (S. Sampathkumar) has been the Editor for the same and thank you all for the support.
- ◆ We record our sincere thanks to Swaraj Graphics & Sunsar printers for their concerted efforts in ensuring rolling out of the issues.
- ◆ Our sincere thanks are due to Innova Enterprises, Sundaram Lifestyle and Kumaran Dresses for the advertisements in BLISS
- ◆ We look forward to receiving regular feedback on the newsletter. Also request you to send details of events of achievements of our Members and their wards for publishing in BLISS