

SECRETARIES REPORT

We have immense pleasure in presenting to you the Annual report along with the audited financial statement for the year 2012 – 2013.

- ◆ Total collection for the year 2012-2013 is around Rs. 15 Lakhs
- ◆ Educational Aid & Tuition Centre collection of around Rs. 9 Lakhs and Rs. 1.5 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.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- ◆ Uniform distribution to 1300 students.
- ◆ Financial assistance to around 30 students.
- ◆ This year we served 7200 Patients at our Medical Centre and around 2200 benefitted at our Diagnostic lab.
- ◆ Release of Glossy 2013 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 2012 - 2013 : -

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 K. Sridhar who has been our motivating spirit.

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To ensure better care of regular patients and to instill more confidence in them, we have now made special arrangement - Dr. Nagaiah Chetty is the Consultant Doctor on all days. Of course, in his absence, we will have our patron Doctors serving us and attending to our patients.

We are thankful to the Doctors who have been rendering medical advice to the patients. We appreciate the services of Medical Faculty consisting of : Dr K Shivakumar, Dr N. 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.

We fervently hope and pray that 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 22nd July 2012, we organized a health camp at Rajakilapakkam, in association with Rotary Club of Madras South organized a health camp. This exclusively for the students of Mahaswami Vidya Mandir. We are thankful to the team of doctors headed by Dr. Nagaiah Chetty and Dr. Dhanush who checked up the students for respiratory, allergic and infections. We also thank Doctor and medical staff of Sankara Eye Hospital who offered eye check up to the students. Around 250 students were screened and about 18 students were provided free spectacles.
- ◆ On Independence Day, the Eye camp was inaugurated at Sri Seervi Samaj Bhavan. This camp for deduction of cataract was organized in association with Sri Sankara Eye Hospital Pummal, Lions Club of Chennai Venus, Sri kanchi Kamakoti Sankara Medical Trust & Sri Seervi samaj
- ◆ The Chief Guest was Mr. Gangai Amaran a famous Music Director, Lyricist and Director. Mr. J Babu., CEO of Sankara Eye Hospital detailed about that could ail vision and explained the various activities of his Hospital their reach to rural poor. More than 200 persons were screened and 12 persons were deducted with cataract which requires surgery and they had been taken Sri Sankara Eye Hospital, Pummal and the surgery was conducted successfully on next day.
- ◆ Later spectacles were distributed to 25 persons at our medical centre in memory of our beloved member Late Mr. K E Raghavan
- ◆ On 2nd Oct 12, SYMA (Srinivas Youngmen's Association) in association with Kanchi Kamakoti Sankara Medical Trust, Sri Seervi Samaj and SRM Institute of Medical science conducted a "Diabetic and Cardiac Detection Camp" at Sri Seervi Samaj, Dr. Besant Road, Triplicane, Chennai 600 005 exclusively for the members of SYMA. Around 165 patients were screened for blood sugar levels, blood pressure and ECG. Echo and ultrasound sonography was also done for the patients for whom the consulting doctors felt the need. We thank the medical experts Dr. Jayanthi and Dr. Sundararaman who took care and guidance to the patients. We thank Dr K. Sridhar who was the guiding force of this camp.
- ◆ On 4th Nov 2012, SYMA in association with Chennai Corporation - Public Health Department and Councillor of Ward 116 Mr. B Srinivasan @ MGR Vasan, organized a 'Dengue Fever Awareness Rally'. The rally wound through the streets of Triplicane, creating awareness about the disease, its symptoms and what needs to be done by the public to keep their area free of dengue.
- ◆ On 30th Dec 2012 SYMA (Srinivas Youngmen's Association) in association with CIPLA conducted Asthma Awareness Camp at NKT Boys School. Dr. Vinodkumar examined the patients. Around 120 patients were screened and were prescribed medicines. We thank Dr Vinodkumar and CIPLA for their co-operation.

Education:

- ◆ On 28th July 2012 (Saturday) we organized our Educational Aid Programme at NKT National Girls Hr. Sec. School. There was a huge gathering. Besides distribution of School uniforms, We honoured School Toppers of Schools in Triplicane, provided financial assistance to College Students.
- ◆ Dr. Sarojini Varadappan, President of NKT Educational Society was the chief guest of the programme. Dr. N Ravichandran, CEO, Lucas TVS and Mr. B. Srinivasan, Councillor 116th Ward graced the occasion
- ◆ Financial assistance was distributed to the distinguished students of SYMA Growth and the school toppers of various schools of Triplicane were honoured. The prizes to School toppers is an award instituted by TA Ramachandran in memory of Mrs Rajalakshmi Padmanabhan.
- ◆ Over the years, SYMA is the platform for honouring the toppers of various schools in Triplicane and this year we presented medals, certificates and cash award to those bright students wishing them to do well in future.
- ◆ We are keen to make our tuition centre reach greater heights and we have been encouraging our students to do well. The toppers of our tuition centre – SYMA Growth were honoured on the podium. For 3 college students we awarded Rs.5000/- each and Rs.2000/- each for 15 students who excelled in 10th examination by scoring more than 400 marks. The award for Growth Topper was instituted by Ms Bharati Bhaskar as 'D Krishnan Memorial Award'. The financial awards for other achievers of Growth was sponsored by Mr S Raman through Mrs KN Vijayalakshmi
- ◆ The function went off very well, largely due to the meticulous planning in distribution of uniforms by our Vice President R Seshadri @ Durai ably assisted by D Veeraraghavan, Madhavan and enthusiastic band of volunteers. The function ended with singing of National Anthem.
- ◆ We express our gratitude and thanks to all those who have been supporting us. We owe our success in Social activities to the active participation, blessings, advices and donations of so many good willed, like minded persons. We see the SUCCESS of the function not as achievement of any particular individual but only a collective effort, a good one at that.

GROWTH:

- ◆ In the month of June 2012, applications were distributed and we conducted a personal interview for each student who was accompanied with their parents. We have finalized the students based on the economic criteria and the fourth year of SYMA Growth was launched on 5th July 2012.

- ◆ 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. We also thank our member T.P.Srikanth for arranging papers throughout the year.
- ◆ The Academic Year 2012-13 came to a close and we concluded the Tuition classes at our SYMA Growth by organizing Special pooja for the welfare of our students and to pray to Lord for their success in their examinations.
- ◆ For the students of "GROWTH" Special pooja was organized on 17-02-2013. Mr. Ramakrishna Achar gave a motivational lecture to the students impressing upon the need for sharpening the memory and to remain focused on the examinations. SYMA wishes the students grand success in their examinations. Special thanks to Mr Prashant Singh of Royal Sundaram for providing writing material and support.
- ◆ In our cherished initiatives in educating, uplifting their standards and making them responsible citizens – we have plans for the overall personality development. On 30th Nov. 12, students at SYMA Growth had a different experience as they listened and participated in a motivational training thanks to our member SR Ragunathan.
- ◆ Ms Kirtanya Krishnamurthy, a young speaker, founder of Mind Fresh was at the school delivering an inspirational talk to our students. It was an hour when the students heard with rapt attention to the positive thinking and keeping the mind without prejudices intricately woven into their minds with the help of some good videos too. For the students this was a very different session and they thoroughly enjoyed the inspirational training.

SYMA SEVA AWARD 2012

- ◆ As a Service Organisation engaged in Social Service for over three decades, it is bounden duty of SYMA to recognise those who have been rendering service to the Society without thinking of any recompense. SYMA has been honouring people who have excelled in the area of service to mankind and society by conferring SYMA SEWA AWARD.
- ◆ We are proud of our association with Dr N. Seetharaman, who is a specialist in Child Health Care, particularly malnourished children. The primary expectation of a patient is that one's troubles are listened to and is attended by a smiling veteran. That would cure half of the ailment – the rest take care of by the expert diagnosis and correct medication.

- ♦ Dr. Seetharaman aptly fit in this definition. Continuing the family tradition of Medical Service, this kind-hearted person has been serving the Society with steadfast devotion and exceptional commitment. Evincing a keen interest in child health care he also did a research study on measles. SYMA considers him a good role model and 28th July 2012 provided a grand occasion for us to bestow on him the SYMA SEWA AWARD 2012 in recognition of his outstanding contributions in the field of medical service to the under privileged.

Gold Winner SYMA CHILD FEST

At SYMA, we fully realize the need for inculcating good qualities in children as they only will shape the future of the Nation. SYMA all along has been striving betterment of society and imbining competitive spirit in children. Over the years, Child Fest has become immensely popular with schools and with children. This year also the event sponsor of 2 day Child Fest was Gold Winner [special thanks to CR Sredhar for the continued support]. On day 1 Drawing competition for 6 Groups [Lkg to 12th Standard] was held on 27th Jan 2013 at the majestic inspiring red walls of the famous The Hindu Higher Secondary School, 149 Big Street, Triplicane. At 08:45am, the Programme was inaugurated in the morning by Dr P Balasubramaniam, present Head Master of Hindu High School and by Mr R. Dhalavoisamy, Inspector of Police, D3. The programme started with traditional invocation to Lord and by lighting of 'kuthuvilakku' and prayer. Enthusiastic volunteers of SYMA, Soundarya Rathinamala, and students from Bharat Scouts ensured that everything was according to the plans drawn up earlier. The event was well coordinated by our Secretary R. Sanjeevi. Special thanks to Raghuraman for manning our office room. All the participating children were given prize and a Certificate commending their participation. We had close to 2000 students and the cooperation of the Hindu School authorities and staff ensured that we were able to accommodate all the students and provide proper seats to all of them easily. In the end, the children and parents left with happiness writ large in their faces.

The results were put up on our website www.syma.in and voice of SYMA Mrs Vasudha Bakthisaran was active as usual. The talent and attitude of today's children is so encouraging and many of the drawings made us realize the innate talent that is present. The shamiana covering the play grounds provided good shelter against the sweltering heat of Sun and parents really appreciated the care taken by us. Utilising the gathering, a CD detailing the activities of SYMA and propagating our ideals was played often. Vittal Narayanan deserves special appreciation for the beautiful capsule on SYMA S sampathkumar and Uthra Sarang added voice to the presentation, thereby making the ideals of SYMA reach more public. A week later, the action shifted to the other venue – The NKT National Girls High School. On 3rd Feb 2013, the venue was decked up and looked colourful. We had arranged for private security too, to ensure that everything is orderly. At around 0900 am, the day's events were

inaugurated with lighting of kuthu vilakku by Sri N.A. Rangaswamy Battar, Archagar of Sri Parthasarathi Swami temple, Mr M. Balasubramanyam and Mr B Srinivasan @ MGR Vasan, Councillor 116 Ward, who has been doing good service at Triplicane. The First event was Singing of Carnatic songs; followed by Film songs. Culminating the event was the performance by the Judges with the exceptional flute performance making everyone engrossed.

Alongside, the Quiz preliminary which was a written round consisting of 20 Questions was held. Most of the questions were topical and tested the knowledge of the events that captured headlines in newspapers. At 0100 noon – we had the finals of Quiz – first the A group, followed by Group B. The Quiz format was the brainchild of Brahma Associates - thanks to N Rajaram for the full support extended from Oman. The Quiz was conducted by Mr Sridhar Joshi and Mr. S. Sampathkumar. 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 forming a team. By the evening, the stage was set for a colourful evening. The crowd was filling in large numbers – everywhere one can see painted children and anxious mothers. There were beautifully decorated animals, Various Lords – Hanumar, Buddha and more, National leaders like Bharathiyar, Gandhiji – science equipments and more – yes all beautiful children dressed and decorated capturing the attention and eyes of all. Though we had planned to wind up by 6 pm, the large attendance pushed the events beyond the schedule and the Prize distribution had to start much later than planned. The Chief Guest for the evening was a person whose rich and emotive voice had entertained children in All India Radio for more than 25 years. Pappa Malar anchored by him was once the most popularly heard programmed. It was the genial Mr Koothabiran, popularly known as 'Vanoli Anna'. The function started with a prayer. Secretary, S. Sampathkumar compered the programme, welcoming everyone and introducing the Chief Guests. T.A. Sampathkumar, President Spoke on the various activities of SYMA and on the vision of SYMA. Formal Vote of thanks was rendered by Miss. Revathi. SYMA places on record our thanks to the event sponsor Gold Winner and CR Sredhar of Media Associates. We thank our Chief Guest Vanoli Anna Koothapiran, and other Guests Dr P Balasubramaniam, Mr R Dhalavoisamy, Sri Rangasamy battar, Mr B Srinivasan @ MGR Vasan for honouring us with their presence. We thank Mangal Tirth Estates and its director Mr Balasubramanyam, M/s Lucas TVS, United India Insurance, Indian Bank, Triad, Axis Bank, Punjab National Bank for sponsoring the event. Reynolds, Arun Ice Creams, for the assistance. Special thanks are due to the management of Hindu Higher Secondary School and Dr P Balasubramaniam as also Mrs Sarojini Varadappan, Principal, Headmistress and staff of NKT National Girls High School - for providing us the venue. We thank Mr Av Kasturi Rangan and Mrs. Shobana Narasimhan for the coordination with the sponsors. The smooth conduct of the event was due to the extensive planning and work of our dedicated members Mrs. Rama, Mrs. M K Prema, Mrs. Uthra Sarang, Mrs. Rohini, Mrs. Shobana

Narasimhan and those of Soundarya Rathnamala led by Mrs Prema Krishnamohan. The work of our VP- R Seshadri @ Durai stands out in arrangement for distribution of the prizes and that of Mr SR Parthasarathi for all the outdoor work and Mr RV Narasimhan for arranging mementoes . We also thank Mr Chandrasekhar of Creativ for the web support and Mr Mani & Mr Narayanan of Swaraj Graphics for the print support. Special thanks are due to Mrs Vasudha Bakthisaran, our voice for answering all calls relating to the Child Fest (@ 28441078). We thank our photographers Mr RS Kannan and Ms. Revathi for the coverage. We thank the media, Mrs Lalitha Sai of The Hindu Downtown and Mr. KV Srinivasan for press coverage. Special mention is made of the captivating video made by Mr. Vittal Narayanan. The program ended with singing of "National Anthem".

National Days

- ◆ Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic fervour and National flag was hoisted at our premises by Mr.Venkatasubramanyam advocate.We celebrated Republic Day with hoisting of the flag. The flag was hoisted by Mr. S Parthasarathi. In presence of Dr.M.A.Venkatakrishnan
- ◆ On_23rd October 2012 we organized Pooja seeking divine blessing on the occasion of Ayudha Pooja at our Office 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

Others

- ◆ Vaikunda Ekadasi is a very special day and thousands of people visit Sri Parthasarathi Swami temple. On Vaikunda Ekadasi day, SYMA distributed food packets and water to the devotees standing in the Queue to have darshan of Lord Sri Parthasarathy. The special efforts of SR Parthasarathi, KS Varadharajan, Meiyur Kannan, Mrs Prema, Mrs Shobhana Narasimhan is appreciated.

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 support as also the tireless work.

AUDIT :

- ◆ Special thanks are due to our Auditor Mr V. Murali of M/s Devan & Co., who 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.

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', & 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 S R Parthasarathy and our Committee member Mr D Veeraraghavan in all our projects.
- ◆ 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. D Sudarsan, Mr. K.S. Varadarajan, Mrs. Shobana, Mr. R S Kannan, Mr. Prasad, Swaraj Graphics & Sunsar Printers for the help rendered in Office correspondence, Administration & printing etc.,
- ◆ We appreciate the efforts taken by Mr. K Kesavan for his dedication on maintenance of accounts in the system.
- ◆ A special mention to our Treasurers, Mr. T J Ramani & Mr. D Sudarsan for their regular quality work.

VOLUNTEERS:

- ◆ Our special thanks to Mr. R Vijayaraghavan for balancing day to day affairs of 'SYMA Growth' and Ms Saranya.
- ◆ We thank our volunteers Mrs. M K Prema, Mr. S. Venkatesh, Mrs Suguna Ramesh for their support at our medical centre & Lab. Special mention to Mr N S Rangarajan for balancing day to day affairs of Medical centre and auditing the collections of medical centre and lab.
- ◆ We thank Mrs. Thara, Mr. Raja of NKT Boys School and students who had earlier studied at our 'SYMA Growth' for their great support on day to day activities of 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. 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 Kamakoti Sankara Medical Trust 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.
- ◆ As you all would know, we launched a scheme for creation of Corpus fund. We are proud in announcing that we have 6 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.4,00,000/- Ms.T A K Kodhai, Mr. K S Shankar, Mr. A P Venugopal for donating Rs. 1,00,000/- each.

BLISS :

- ◆ Our newsletter BLISS has been propagating the various activities of SYMA from time to time. Mr. S. Sampathkumar has been the Editor for the same and thank you all for the wonderful 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 M/s Kumaran Dresses & Mr. R S Kannan for the advertisements in BLISS
- ◆ We look forward to receiving regular feedback on the newsletter. Also request you to end details of events of achievements of our Members and their wards for publishing in BLISS