

We Care

Because nothing else matters!



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.”

- Margaret Mead -

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EDITORIAL: SMALL ACTS, LASTING CHANGE

Walking Together with Hope and Dignity

An NGO is not just an organization, it is a promise. A promise that someone will care, someone will listen, and someone will act when life becomes difficult. Every day, our work is shaped by this quiet commitment to stand with people in moments that truly matter.

As Helen Keller once said, “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” It is this spirit of togetherness that guides our efforts across education, medical relief, and care for senior citizens.

Education: Opening Doors to the Future

Education is more than books and classrooms, it is confidence, opportunity, and hope. By supporting children and young people in their learning journey, we help them build skills that last a lifetime. Every lesson learned is a step toward independence and self-belief.

When a child is given the chance to learn, an entire future changes. As Nelson Mandela wisely noted, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Medical Relief: Standing with Those Who Struggle

Serious illness often brings not only physical pain but emotional and financial strain. For dialysis patients, regular treatment is not a choice, it is a necessity.

“You automatically lose the chances you don't take.”

Through medical relief and support, we help ease this burden, ensuring that no one feels abandoned during their most vulnerable moments. Care, when offered with compassion, becomes a source of strength. As the saying goes, “Where there is care, there is hope.”

Senior Citizens: Respecting a Lifetime of Experience

Our senior citizens have spent years caring for families and communities. In their later years, they deserve dignity, comfort, and

reassurance. By supplying essential medical items and support, we aim to make daily life safer and more comfortable for them.

A society is truly judged by how it treats its elders. Simple gestures, timely medical supplies, regular support, can restore peace of mind and a sense of being valued.

Moving Forward, Together

Our work is rooted in compassion, strengthened by trust, and made possible through collective effort. Every contribution, time, resources, or goodwill, helps transform lives in meaningful ways.

As Margaret Mead beautifully said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world.” We believe this change begins with simple actions, carried out with care.

Together, we continue the journey, quietly, steadily, and with purpose, working for a future where education enlightens, healthcare heals, and every person is treated with dignity.

With best wishes,
Fr Trevor D'Souza
Managing Trustee

EDUCATION PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES

We Care is committed to supporting children's education by providing scholarships that cover school and hostel fees. In addition, we offer free tuition classes, nutritious meals, healthcare, uniforms, books, and study materials to ensure holistic support. We follow a careful selection process to ensure that our assistance reaches those who need it most. Our education programs are open to children across India, irrespective of caste, religion, or gender.

The majority of the students we support are girls, identified and recommended by their schools based on both need and merit. Through these efforts, We Care is working towards building a more equitable future, especially for girl children. During the year, We Care spent a total of ₹5,85,502 on education programs, benefiting 439 students across various initiatives. A detailed breakdown of these activities is provided below.

Scholarships and Education Assistance

The Scholarship and Education Assistance Program accounted for ₹5,77,200, supporting 419 students with tuition fees, uniforms, books, hostel fees, and other educational expenses. These students were enrolled in schools across Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and West Bengal. Student selection was carried out by the respective schools based on

economic need, with priority given to children of single parents, widows, individuals undergoing dialysis, and children with disabilities. Upon verification of documents, scholarship funds were transferred directly to the bank accounts of the student, parent, or institution to ensure transparency and accountability.



Independence Day Celebration

MEDICAL RELIEF PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

During the financial year 2022–23, We Care spent a total of ₹7,68,150 on medical relief and assistance programs, benefiting 40 patients. The support was provided to poor and deserving individuals undergoing medical treatment, primarily in the form of reimbursement of medical expenses.

A significant part of this assistance was directed towards dialysis patients, with ₹7,65,000 spent to support 40 individuals receiving regular dialysis treatment. Of this amount, ₹5,00,000 was contributed as a CSR grant by Rambus Chip Technologies India Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore, while

the remaining ₹2,65,000 was funded by We Care.

The beneficiaries were identified and selected by the Medical Social Worker at St. John's Medical College Hospital, Bengaluru. After careful verification of the applications and supporting documents, funds were disbursed in instalments directly to the patients' bank accounts to support their dialysis treatment.

In addition, ₹3,150 was incurred as administrative expenses, including water and electricity charges, to facilitate the smooth implementation of these medical assistance programs.

WOMEN AND CHILD PROGRAMS

During the year, We Care spent ₹459 on various initiatives aimed at the development and empowerment of women and children, benefiting a total of 126 individuals. These ongoing programs include counselling, personal empowerment, and mentoring, with a special focus on the girl child, supported through education, nutrition, and guidance for adolescent girls. All activities were conducted by dedicated staff and volunteers. Key programs conducted during the year included a Mother and

Child program and a Breastfeeding Week awareness program, both held in collaboration with local Anganwadi centers, each benefiting 30 participants. Additionally, a Women's Day celebration reached out to 36 women, while counselling sessions for mothers and mentoring for adolescent girls supported 10 beneficiaries each. These programs aimed to build awareness, confidence, and well-being among women and young girls in the community.



Breastfeeding week in August

Details of beneficiaries of education Programs

Name of the School or Institution or Programme and number of students beneficiaries

Asha Deepam, (Challenged 6 students)
Free Evening Tuition Classes, Bangalore, Karnataka (20 students)
Gerosa Primary School Gudalur, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu (25 students)
Government High School Dharmagiri Gudalur, Tamil Nadu (117 students)
Maria Deepti Matriculation School Panakahalli, Erode, Tamil Nadu (20 students)
Maria Niketan Day Care Center, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu (Challenged students 10)
Maryknoll High School Barkur, Udupi, Karnataka (82 students)
Preranalaya, (6 students)
Santhome Higher Primary & High School, Anavatti, Karnataka (9 students)
St Mary's High School Upper Gudalur, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu (49 students)
St Joseph's Nursery & Primary School Upper Gudalur, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu (27 students)
Various schools in Kolkatta, West Bengal (15 students)
Various schools in Karnataka (29 students) ??????
Various schools in Mangalore, Karnataka (24 students)
TOTAL 419 students

As part of the Free Evening Tuition Class, various cultural programmes were conducted during the year. Details of the programmes and the participants

22/07/2022 Free Evening Tution Class Inauguration Day (15 participants - Students and staff)
20/08/2022 India's 75th Independence Day (25 participants - Trustees, staff, students and friends)
10/09/2022 Teachers Day (15 participants - Staff, students)
02/11/2022 Karnataka Rajyotsava Day (16 participants - Staff, students and parents)
29/11/2022 Deepavali Celebrations (17 participants - Staff, students, parents and guests)
19/11/2022 Children's Day Celebration (16 participants - Staff and children)
20/12/2022 Benefactor's Day Celebration (30 participants - Trustees, staff, volunteers and friends)
23/12/2022 Goodbye 2022 (20 participants - Staff, students, parents and friends)
28/01/2023 Republic Day, Foundation Day & Anti Leprosy Day (33 participants - Trustees, staff, students, parents, volunteers, friends)
25/03/2023 International Women's Day Celebration (25 participants - Staff, children, parents and friends)
18/03/2023 Free Evening Tuition Program Year-end Closing (13 participants - staff and students)

RELIEF OF THE POOR, AGED & DESTITUTE

During the year, We Care spent a total of ₹24,104, benefiting 212 individuals through its relief initiatives for the poor, aged, and destitute. Medical supplies were provided to elderly and economically disadvantaged individuals, including both residents and outpatients at two care facilities in Mangalore, Karnataka: Ave Maria Palliative Care, which cared for

about 12 elderly residents on a monthly basis, and St Joseph's Prashanti Nilayam, which served approximately 200 outpatient (OPD) patients. This support was made possible through the Mervyn and Irene Colaco Memorial Charity Fund, to ensure continued medical care for some of the most vulnerable members of the community.

WELFARE OF DISABLED

During the year, We Care spent a total of ₹60,000 towards the welfare of 16 individuals with physical and mental disabilities. Financial support was provided to help cover education and travel expenses for beneficiaries attending a Day Care Centre or

School located in Tamil Nadu. This assistance aimed to ease the financial burden on families and promote inclusive education and mobility for children and adults with disabilities.



Teachers Day Celebration

ESTABLISHMENT & ADMIN EXPENSES

Capital Expenses :

There were no capital expenses incurred during the year.

Establishment and Administrative Expenditure:

The total establishment and administrative expenditure amounted to ₹3,80,894, supporting the effective implementation of various programs. This included office salaries and honorariums of ₹2,94,930, audit fees and expenses of ₹29,500, and repairs and maintenance (including computers)

totaling ₹24,744. Other administrative costs covered building and property tax (₹8,731), staff welfare expenses (₹2,600), travel and conveyance (₹770), printing and stationery (₹1,653), postage, telephone, and internet (₹8,871), bank charges (₹207), electricity and water (₹8,195), and expenses related to Volunteers Day (₹693). These expenditures ensured smooth day-to-day operations and the continued delivery of our programs and services.

OFFICE ACTIVITIES

In 2022–23, our office staff concentrated on several core areas to strengthen operations and impact. These included staff development through training, efficient record management, event planning and coordination, financial management, including accounting and correspondence, publicity and public relations to promote the organization, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements, and actively engaging in fundraising efforts.

Thank you We Care!!!

I am Stacy, from Assam and completed my schooling from Mount Carmel School. I received an annual financial support from We Care during my school years since third grade. Due to the loss of my parents at an early age, I had a weak economic background. My Aunt contacted her friend from school days Mr. Osmond Lu and family, who introduced her to We Care. It has been an immense blessing for me and I am grateful to Mr. Osmond, his family, We Care for their committed and genuine support. I always did my best in school and graduated having achieved an aggregate 90+ % in my Class 12 boards.

I am currently in my second year of college studying Economics Honours in Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University. I hope that many other children in need of education will receive the same blessing as I did and do well in life. Thank you We Care for your generous support. May God continue to use you all to be a blessing to many - who are like me.

BE A PART, BE A BLESSING!

DETAILS OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2022-23

Below is a summary of accounts for the past three years, based on figures from the audited financial statements

R E C E I P T S

PARTICULARS	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Voluntary Contributions Interest on	27000	17000	41100
Investments Contribution to Memorial and	1774196	2116083	2487710
Corpus Funds	1146701	628500	697000
Other Income CSR Rambus Chip	35371	19193	15016
Technologies India Pvt Ltd:			
- Education	0	250000	0
- Medical	500000	320000	300000
TOTAL INCOME	3483268	3350776	3540826

P A Y M E N T S

PARTICULARS	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Education Programmes	585502	484505	296723
Medical Programmes	768150	106000	260831
Help for Poor, Aged, Destitute	24104	24144	24080
Women and Children Welfare	459	13362	22685
Care of Persons with Disability	60000	0	0
CSR Rambus Chip Technologies India Pvt Ltd:			
- Education	0	250000	0
- Medical	500000	315000	300000
Administrative Expenses	380894	203030	106643
TOTAL PAYMENTS	2319109	1396041	1010962

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MEMORIAL AND CORPUS FUNDS

If you love someone, show it in a way that lasts.
Create a memorial or charity fund in memory of yourself or a loved one,
allowing their legacy to live on, not just in stone,
but in the lives and hearts of those they continue to touch.

Memorial and Corpus Funds offer a meaningful way to honour the memory of someone special. As of March 2024, We Care has established XX (in words) such funds.

We are deeply grateful to all who have placed their trust in us by setting up these funds, whether in remembrance of loved ones or in support of specific causes such as education, healthcare, support for children, women, widows, senior citizens, and persons

affected by leprosy, among others.

These contributions form part of our long-term capital and help sustain impactful programs year after year.

Below is a list of these funds, including the year they were created and the cause they support.

For more details, please visit our website:

 www.wecaretrust.org

Thank you We Care!!!

I am Atur and I wanted to share my testimony about the incredible support that I received from We Care throughout my entire educational journey. When I was in 3rd grade and struggling with my studies due to my family's financial condition, I was told by my aunt that We Care have decided to provide financial support for my education.

I was overwhelmed with their kindness and willingness to help. Through their unwavering support, I was able to continue with school, excel in my studies, and pursue my further studies in college. We Care continued support reassured me and I remained focused on my education, as I complete my Bachelor in Business Administration from Indraprastha University this July, 2023.

I cannot express my gratitude enough for all that We Care have done for me. Their support has not only allowed me to find success in my academics, but has also given me the confidence to pursue a successful career and lead a fulfilling life. I will always be grateful for their kindness, generosity, and commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of young people like me.

GOD BLESS, WE CARE !

PREMANKUR STORY by CAROL



It has been my privilege to be associated with PREMANKUR (Seedlings of Love), an initiative of volunteers that has greatly helped poor mothers and their newborn infants.

This is the story of how I became involved with Premankur.

One day, when I visited my friend Mrs. Jessi Almeida, I was surprised to see her husband, Mr. Stany Almeida, cutting pieces of cloth, while Jessi was fixing buttons on baby flannel coats. Nearby, some napkins were neatly kept ready. I stood there puzzled for a moment and then asked jokingly, "Who is expecting a baby, the mother or the daughter?" Jessi smiled and replied, "None of us.

We are preparing clothes for newborn babies who have nothing to wear." We all shared a good laugh.

Jessi then explained the work of Premankur to me. She said that it was a group of women who generously volunteered their time and resources to stitch clothes for newborn babies. These clothes were then distributed to the mothers, especially those from poor families. She also shared that every quarter they distribute around 25 packets, each containing nearly 20 pieces of baby clothing.

At that moment, I felt a strong call to do something meaningful with my time. After serving for 34 years at Mangalore Carmel English School as an accountant and teaching Mathematics to Class VII students, I had retired and found myself with little to do at home. I realized that God had blessed me with time and ability, and I should use them in service.

I decided to take up the responsibility of becoming a regular member of Premankur. Around the same time, I also joined the SCB Associates, through which we support underprivileged children and elderly people financially.

Believing that work strengthens both the mind and body, I also taught Mathematics and English at Nirmala High School for two years. I helped Std VII students who had shifted from Kannada to English as the medium of instruction, including evening special classes. This experience reminded me of my own school days.

Today, I am completing 15 years of service with Premankur. We work together like one family, and this gives us immense joy and satisfaction. I wish Premankur all the very best and pray: Long live our Premankur.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2022-23

(Ordinary Persons for Ordinary People!)

The Board was comprised of the following individuals serving as Trustees

Trevor D'Souza, Managing Trustee since 1999.

Manikkathan Varghese Jose, Social Worker, Trustee since 2022.

Aleyamma Joseph Azhakath, Social Worker, Trustee since 2023.

TOKEN OF GRATITUDE

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who have supported and encouraged us throughout the year. We are especially grateful to our divine patrons, St. Joseph and St. Anthony of Padua, for their guiding presence. Our sincere appreciation goes to our donors and well-wishers for their continued generosity, as well as to our Trustees, office staff and volunteers for their dedicated and committed service to We Care.



Benefactors Day Celebration

INFORMATION FOR DONORS

We welcome your generous support and request that all donations be made directly to We Care. Donations can be sent via cheque (in favour of WE CARE), bank transfer, or Google Pay. For complete details, please visit our website at www.wecaretrust.org. Bank details will be shared upon request, feel free to contact us via email or WhatsApp for this information.

Please note that We Care does not engage any agents or intermediaries to collect donations on our behalf. If anyone approaches you claiming to represent us for fundraising purposes, we urge you to report it to us immediately.

All contributions to We Care are eligible for tax benefits under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Our financial records are open to inspection by government authorities, and we are legally required to provide relevant information about donations and donors when requested.

To help us maintain accurate records, we kindly ask that you include your full postal address, email ID, and Permanent Account Number (PAN) when making a donation.

Thank you for your support in helping us serve those in need.

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