

Thejaswee: the Proposal Note for New Building for the girl children's home at Nagerkovil

'Mangayar Mangalam' is a women empowerment organization which is working for the cause of women through its various education and welfare activities. It provides free education and special trainings for women; conducts tailoring classes, Family counseling centers and Hostels for girls from socio-economically backward sections of the society. In the cultural-spiritual spheres it is also conducts 'Thiruvilakku poojas' (Community Lighting and Divine Lamp Worship). It conducts yoga classes and First Aid and Emergency services, rendering training courses throughout Tamil Nadu. It also provides value education. In Kanyakumari District, which is its main focus, it is involved in many service activities. One of its service activities is the running of a Hostel for the girl children who are socio-economically in a vulnerable condition. The Hostel is named **Thejaswee** (The Light Eternal) and is located at Nagercoil. Here in this Hostel, are accommodated girl children below the age of 18. Thejaswee meets all the expenses related to their education, health care, food and clothing. Thejaswee, under Mangayar Mangalam functions with the sole objective shaping these children as self-reliant, independent, patriotic women of character, integrity and a fully developed personality.

Thejaswee – a new Home for Love and Care for Girl Children:

This is a project that aims to provide an alternate home with the same happy and healthy environment every girl child is entitled to. It was founded as a home for girl



Children at Thejaswee: A happy far home.



Children at Thejaswee: Skills for the brain, mind, body and soul .

children in 2010 at Nagerkovil. As girls from marginalized sections of the society – like the tribal, economically backward sections as well as fractured or abandoned family conditions are denied this basic right to a happy family and home, the project aims to provide the girls in the age group below 18 and from socio-economically vulnerable sections of the society that fundamental right. This is done by providing a stable, healthy, spiritual and educational home. The project also protects the children from physical, psychological and sexual abuse as well as economic exploitation in the form of child labor. The project provides a wholesome education, a sustained health care and also a culturally rich, spiritually healthy atmosphere. Thejaswee thus functions more as a care and love home than as an orphanage or hostel. This is a very unique concept thus in providing an alternative home for the children. 'Thejaswee' also provides various activities – group activities, community activities etc for augmenting economic independence, improving inter-personnel relations etc.

Thejaswee – Achievements and Milestones

- 1) The organization has been awarded the 'Best Voluntary Service Organization in Kanyakumari District' by the State/District Social Welfare Department.



- 2) The organization is now linked to the 'Integrated Women's Welfare Programme' of the Tamil Nadu State Government.

The home also provides quality medical services to the children, caring for their health and well being.

- 3) Provides vocational Training for the women for self-sustenance.
- 4) The organization has links with a network of many women self-help-groups which provides an extended support family for the future of the children of Thejaswee.

- 5) School Drop-out rate among students has been reduced considerably and students of the home have performed relatively better than their pre-home period.



The growth of Tejaswee and the increase in the number of inmates show the appreciation and recognition the services of the organization have had on the minds of the public at large. This has also

necessitated a new building of its own. So far the organization has run the home in spacious rent houses. Today it needs a spacious home of its own, that shall accommodate the future growth and evolution of the organization and its humanitarian and patriotic service to the society. Already thanks to the good hearts of many noble souls and the efforts of Thejaswee volunteers and workers, land has been purchased and Bhumi Puja has been conducted. Now we need to build the buildings in such a way that the children will find in them a secure lovable and adorable home. So we earnestly appeal to all Philanthropic individuals and corporates to give us a helping hand in raising the much needed building for the children of Thejaswee.

The total construction estimate is given below:

Ground Floor 3000 sq.ft: Rs 45,00,000/-

First Floor and Second Floor 6000 Sq.Ft: Rs 90,00,000/-

Compound Walls & Borewell: Rs 25,00,000/-

Your contribution to this noble cause will go a long way in bringing light and happiness to the lives of young girls who have none but us to look forward and support them and make their dreams come true.

Kindly send in your donations by Cheque/draft favoring 'Mangayar Mangalam', Nagerkovil. No contribution is so less or overwhelmingly great for this sacred cause.

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