

## PADIKKATTUGAL(StepS) – Lending a Hand to the Needy

### A preamble

All of us have been blessed with the necessities in life; be it food, shelter, education, good companionship and an abundance of affection. But, in this same country we call our home, in the same land we proudly declare as Mother India live people; people who have none of the above. Elderly people, Mentally challenged, Physically challenged, derelicts, widows, oppressed; all of them form a part of the same society we live in and cherish.

Many of us have the heart but not the effort and time; the ways and means are not known to us and there also lingers a suspicion of being cheated. We end up assuring ourselves of having completed our duty by merely giving up a few coins to the roadside drifters.



PADIKKATTUGAL(StepS) is an organization for those people, who possess true passion for uplifting the needy. Run completely by Alumnis and students of colleges, this organization helps connect the needy and those who are ready to do the needful, those who are willing to do what they can to see their society in a position where they can be proud of its development and stature.

Sounds very cliché, doesn't it? "Just another so called 'organization' to fool the gullible"; isn't that the first thought that rises? But stepping stones is not about

money; it is not just about providing monetary support but about having enough love and affection to share with everyone.



There are thousands of NGOs and Trusts willing to help their monetary requirements; to fulfill their every need in terms of the basics. What they seek for, what they yearn for; a few soothing words of assurance, a part of appreciation on the back, a hand to hold onto and a shoulder to lean on; this is all that Steeping Stones hopes to provide.



We hope not to fill their pockets with money but to load their hearts with so much love as they will never feel bereft of happiness and joy; and a companion to share it with. We aren't looking for stones to build steps but hands to join together and form the ladder on which they can walk up to glory.



## What are we to do? What can we do, anyway?

1. Providing the basic necessities for Old Age Homes, Orphanages and The Homes of Mentally Challenged.
2. Be it asked or unasked, providing necessities to those Homes that shelter the needy, either as money or in kind

3. Providing educational support to the needy children, giving them the materials needed, helping them throughout their process of education



4. Conducting awareness programmes, contests, seminars, discussions and other programmes in Schools and Colleges, both in Urban and Rural areas



5. Spending time with them on festival days, national holidays and other days held important in our country; celebrating and sharing the joy with them



6. providing medical assistance to the poor; especially for infants
7. Joining hands with Private Service Organisations to organize Blood Donation Camps; organizing the members of PADIKKATTUGAL(StepS) to pull together a Blood Donors Group such that any emergency blood necessity could be met
8. Conducting entertainment programmes and utilizing the proceeds in providing necessities to the Homes
9. Teaching basics of living to Mentally Challenged children, imparting basic schooling, singing, dancing and other forms of art they may excel in
10. Aiding the visually challenged students by writing exams for them, gifting the physically challenged with things that will help them lead a life with comfort; a life where their physical difficulty cannot hinder their achievements, helping out children affected with HIV

In toto, we at PADIKKATTUGAL(StepS) hope to remove from the Dictionary the word “Needy”.



## Who are those behind the screens here?

Stepping stones is an organization for every individual who wishes to help those in need, for those who envision a change for the betterment of this society. An organization founded by 2012 college passouts who are already in or about to enter into employment and college going students, Stepping Stones has in its folds college professors, Self employed entrepreneurs, Media personnel, Press people, engineering, medical and arts college students and software engineers from MNCs like TCS, INFOSYS, IBM, WIPRO, HCL, CTS, ZOHO, ACCENTURE, NOKIA, HTC like Mnc's And OTHER office Friends, etc. Each of these people for the pillars of this organization, supporting it and lending it the strength to stand tall.

We welcome everyone amidst us; friends, friends of friends, neighbors; it could be anyone; the only qualification is the passion to help those in need...



# How do we join?

Interested people can join the PADIKKATTUGAL(StepS) as Members or as Volunteers.

What can Members Do?

1. Those members who are in or about to enter into employment, self employed entrepreneurs, friends, relatives and acquaintances may contribute a minimum amount of Rs.100/- to the Bank Account in the name of Stepping Stones. The amount can also be contributed in person, through friends, through internet banking, etc. The contributions have to be sent within the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month. Reminders and alerts will be sent through SMS and e-mails.
2. To monitor the contributions received, a Fund committee consisting of an Auditor, a Legal Adviser and our members will be constituted. Funds will be transfer only with the signature of atleast three members. Further, Fund Account, Receipts and Payments and other Accounting details shall be sent to every member through mail. A separate committee shall be constituted to take care of distributing the collected funds for proper purposes through proper channels.
3. Every person contributing Rs.100/- per month is eligible to become a member; every member shall have the right to take part in and supervise the day to day trust activities. Every member can lead; every member should contribute their effort and time. Receipts will be given for the amounts contributed on an annual basis; this receipt can be used to claim a percentage of such contribution as deduction for IT purposes. Every member shall receive through mail, details pertaining to contribution in hand, contributions received, contribution spent, contribution proposed to be spent in near future, purposes for which the contributions are to be used, contributions spent for procuring materials and other accounting

details. The same shall also be available in our website. This is to ensure transparency and promote accountability towards members and to provide them with confidence on the organisation's genuineness.

4. Contribution:- Contributions may be given either every month or cumulatively. For example as Rs.600/- every half year. Rs.100/- per month is a mandatory amount; higher amounts may be contributed at the convenience of the members. Receipts shall be given for the amounts contributed throughout the year at the end of every year. As stated before, contributions may be sent in through any of the methods mentioned above and receipts may be kept safe for future purposes.

## What can Volunteers do?

Volunteers are not mandatorily required to contribute Rs.100/- per month; they can contribute any amount at their convenience, if they can. Generally, this group is for college students. They can involve themselves in non-monetary service providing, conducting classes, field work, etc. Expenses and reimbursements shall be provided to them from the Fund Account.

Those who wish to join may join this facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/356450254442731/>

May register in this website:

[www.padikkattugal.org](http://www.padikkattugal.org)



May visit this facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Padikkattugal?ref=ts&fref=ts>

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(College students need not necessarily contribute; but they will be required to give their time for service. Students are the base on which our organization stands, afterall! People in employment will be required to contribute atleast Rs.100/- per month; every rupee contributed shall be properly accounted for and deduction can be claimed U/s.12A and 80G. Those who are unable to contribute but are willing to provide service can also join without contributing)

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We have divided willing members into five different groups:

### 1) Chief Trustee/Chief Trust Members—

20 Members (Questionable by Managing Trustee,Responsible,Contributing,

Job Going Professionals or Highly Active College Students )

## 2) Executive Members

(Head to Ur Circle,Responsibility among ur Circle ,Monthly/Half Yearly/Yearly Contributors(Rs.100/month),Field Workers,Active and Interested Volunteer,Event Organizers )

## 3)Trust Members

(Monthly/Half Yearly/Yearly Contributors(Rs.100/month),Field Workers,Active and Interested Volunteer,Event Organizers )

## 4) Student Representative/Student Volunteer

(Field Work,Event Organizing,(Not need to Donate Money))

## 5) Supporters/Just a Member

(All the Above Or Optional..Need Not to Contribute,Need Not to Work unless an Emergency

Need Occurs.as a Padikkattugal Member U can act in the role of Above 4 if u wish in Future)

(No Boundaries and No Restrictions Among the Above 5.We all Just Work

together to Uplift Our Society)

## PADIKKATTUGAL(StepS) Current Status:

1. Government approval has been obtained and our organization has been registered in the name of “Padikattugal”; registration number: 311/2012
2. We have been providing aid for the past 8 months in association with Anbagam Special School, Speciality Homes, Aboard Derelict Homes,

Melur Arts College(Visually Challenged), Bharathi Old Age Home, Tamil Nadu Cultural Academy trust

3. We have also been conducting Blood Donation Camps, Education Awareness programmes for the needy children, dance classes, special classes and other non monetary services
4. So far members are largely college students; we hope to include in our masses, many more students and members to eradicate impoverishment; of love and affection.
5. We request everyone to consider that this organization is a combined effort of 2012 passouts; it is not a one man show. Stepping Stones will always been an organization of people, of hundreds, of thousands...
6. Our Events :

## Kids fest



**Venue: ABODE HOME FOR CHILDREN**

**Date: October 14**

Our padikkattugal's first activity to the students residing at abode home, arapalayam, madurai was held.

We conducted events such as drawing, coloring, verse writing, fun events to kindly the creative thoughts and to make them rejoice.

This event was headed by the Madurai famous RJ Mr. Sikkanthar of Hello FM.

He deliver a great inspirational speech and he handed over the prized to the participants and winners accordingly. The greatest achievement of this event is the word of an innocent kid who asked us to come back again, and to make them happy.

## **Diwali Fest to Orphans**

### **Venue: L. P. Ramakrishna Mahal., Madurai**

On this diwali 13-11-2012 our padikkattugal team in tie up with the Tamilnadu Cultural academy trust conducted a great mega event for the needy people such as physically challenged, financially challenged and elders. Our team conducted the cultural for making them to rejoice and enjoy the event. Our head Mr. Malaisamy gave his splendid performance and made every one surprised.

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Those who have agreed to join as members will be sent the details of our bank account number, online payment facilities, etc.

Thank You! Lets Embrace the Needy

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