

The background is a green chalkboard. In the lower-left quadrant, two pieces of pink chalk are lying on the surface. One piece is standing upright, and the other is lying horizontally next to it. There are several faint, white chalk markings scattered across the board, including a large, light-colored scribble in the center and some smaller marks near the bottom left.

Dishaa & Dishaa Charitable Trust

**Presented By
Suresh Rajagopalan
*Founder - Director***

About Us

- Dishaa is a 501(c)(3) Federally tax exempt non-profit organization in the US - started in 2003. All donations are 100% tax deductible in the US.
- Dishaa Charitable Trust (DCT) is a registered 80(G) trust under the Trust act of India and was established in 2006. All donations are 50% tax deductible in India
 - ❖ Suresh Rajagopalan, Founder-Director
 - ❖ Suchitra Balasubramanian, Founder
 - ❖ Mrs.Rajalakshmi, Trustee DCT& all the wonderful friends who give a helping hand

Current Focus Areas

- Support Schools for Mentally & Physically Challenged.
 - *Gnanadeepam – School for Challenged kids*
 - *Sri Arunodayam – Home for destitute MR kids*
 - *Nesam – School for Challenged kids*
- Education Space
 - *Focus on Schools in Tier 2/3 cities*
 - *Identify bright & needy kids and provide Scholarships from Primary to PG*
 - *Help schools with construction & other needs*
 - *Counselling*

How we help them..

Gnanadeepam

- Provide Vocational materials
- Salaries for two assistants
- Donated two electric sewing machines
- New clothes, sweets & fireworks for Diwali

Nesam

- Mid day meal for all 70 kids
- Meal prepared by widow thus providing her employment
- Completed whitewash & painting for entire school
- Provided Inverter and rewired the 5 rooms
- New clothes, sweets & fireworks for Diwali

Sri Arunodayam

- Provide financial aid for rice, medicines
- Salary for one cook
- Regular donation of clothes, toys for kids
- New clothes, sweets & fireworks for Diwali
- Arrange Lunch/Dinner for kids on special occasions



Scholarship Program

Over the Years

- 600+ students sponsored at all levels
- More Girl students sponsored
- School first in 10th & 12th multiple years
- 99% go to College



Current Academic Year

- 40+ students from Primary to PG
- 4 Engineering students
- 15 Arts (B.Sc, B.Com, BCA)
- 3 B.D.S Students
- 1 Hotel Management
- 4 PG – MCA, M.Sc students

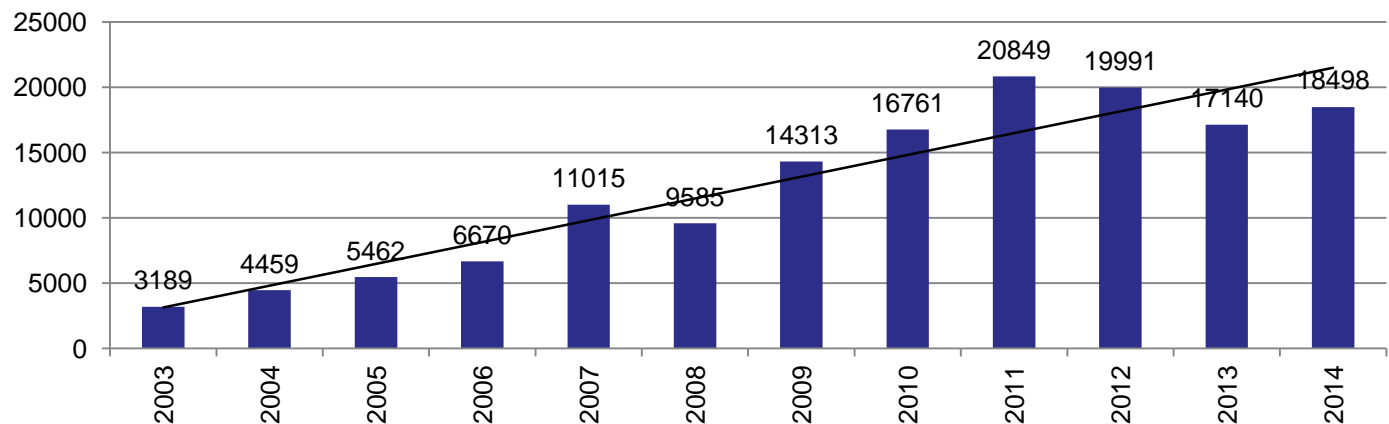


Other Programs/Activities

- Provided relief of Rs.2+ lakhs during the Tsunami in 2004
- Completed 4 classrooms at PV Selvaraj Girls High School at a cost of Rs.3 lakhs
- Sponsored one-of-a-kind “Mathematics Lab” at Eureka School
- Support one center at eVidyaloka – an organization started by BITSians
- Currently partnering with “AMOK – A Matter of Kids” – UK based Charity organization for student sponsorships in Bangalore & Pondicherry

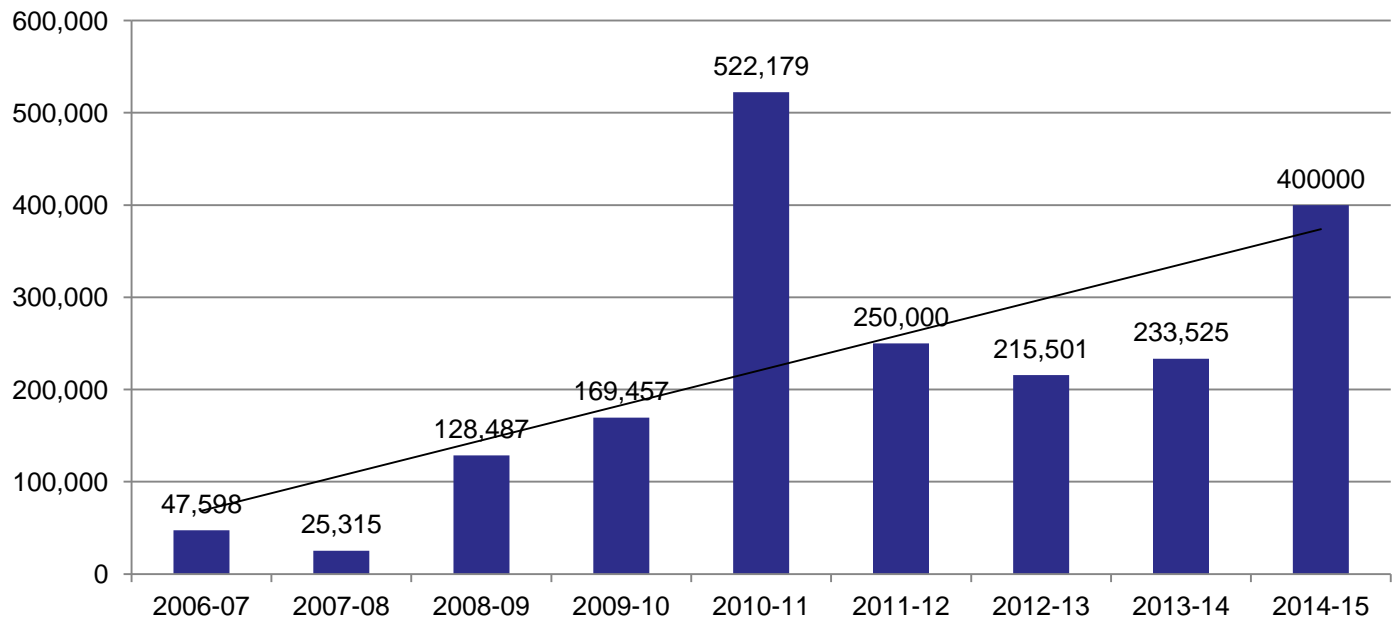
Dishaa Financials (2003 till date)

- \$148k Collected and donated
- 100% of donations to projects – “Zero” overhead costs. We are very proud of this fact
- 40-50 unique donors every year
- Matching gifts from T Rowe Price, Microsoft, VMware, JP Morgan Chase, Xilinx, Verizon, Google and many more

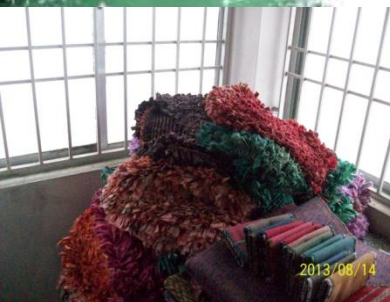


Dishaa Trust (2006 till date)

- Rs.20 lakhs Collected and donated
- 5-15 unique donors every year
- Need more contributions in India as Foreign funds (from Dishaa) can be only used for Individual Scholarships (FCRA rules)



Special Moments from 11 years



Awards

- Suresh has received the “Presidential Certification” from US President George Bush for outstanding Community Service
- Suresh also received USD 2500 and an “Award of Distinction” for outstanding community service from his employer in 2006



What more can we do?

- Identifying & Support homes for the elderly
- Focusing on key areas in Tier 2/3 schools
 - *English speaking ability*
 - *Technology training*
 - *Preparing them for various streams and career choices that are available today*
 - *Making them employable*
- Provide training & employment to the College students that we support. Potentially starting our own not for profit Startup/Rural BPO.

How You Can Help?

- Visit one of the schools for the MR we support with your family
- Donated used clothes, toys for children
- Adopt a child in the primary or high school and help her all the way through college
- Help us conduct workshops, seminars in the schools

and

- You can always make a financial contribution 😊
 - *Mail a check in US or India*
 - *Transfer to our account via NEFT in India (Donors in India)*
 - *Donation in the US via PayPal from our website*



Thank You

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