

INSPIRED TO CARE



DMA ANNUAL CHARITY REPORT 2017

ANOTHER YEAR ANOTHER MILESTONE TOUCHING MUCH MORE THAN LAST!

As every year passes, our team has only been trail-blazing in touching newer and bigger heights. And the best part of it, all of it is in terms of fulfillment with so many wonderful kind hearts at DMA joining together.

Detroit Malayalee Association has already made a clear and firm footprint with its Charity and Community activities in the last decade, and it has only grown stronger, larger and bigger with the passing of 2017.

As always, less said than done, our DMA volunteers consisting of enterprising, kind-hearted kids, women and men, continue to help prepare food for the needy, cook, clean and serve at soup kitchens. Work jointly with Gleaners Food Bank. Clean and beautify the 5 miles adopted at Novi and Sterling Heights, Michigan. In addition, as we always do, directly deliver the multiple financial support to the less privileged suffering and/or recovering patients, including orphanages' and blind schools.

We also never fail to underscore the importance of remembering the great leaders of DMA, by visiting their homes and spending quality time 'one-on-one' with them as small groups; to let them know we still cherish them, but more importantly still love them and remind them we are following their footsteps diligently to build this organization which they set out to build, beyond par excellence.

Over the several decades, when countless fellow malayalees gave their time, energy and money to build this organization, the fundamental cornerstone was the sense of giving back to the community. As it obviously should, it grew leaps and bounds beyond the small group within greater Detroit, but far and wide, to our 'janmabhoomi' fondly known as God's Own Country and even Africa. Someone who takes note of the charity activities of DMA, would very clearly know it's not a 'one-here, one-there' activity, but instead a consistent track record of several hundreds of people being touched by our kind hearts. Lives were changed, hopes were re-kindled, and dreams realized with the promise of a new tomorrow. All this is not easy to come by, unless it's inborn in the DNA.

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES WE UNDERTOOK AND REACHED OUT IN 2017 CALENDAR YEAR

Cooking and serving meals and cleaning up at soup kitchens.
Financial support to Divyahrudayashram, an orphanage home and community of 385 members, in Thrissur, Kerala.

Provided fully Onam Kits comprising of everything a family of 4 or more would need to celebrate Onam, to over 80 needy families in Choondi, Aluva, Kerala, so everyone can celebrate a good Onam just like all of us.

Donated money to a struggling widow making ends meet to educate her two children.



Habitat for Humanity – about 25 DMA members spent a full day to repair and re-build the house of a senior citizen in Macomb Township.

Adopt-A-Road – Twice during the year – one in Spring and another in Fall, about 40+ DMA members and their families cleaned up the 2 miles each adopted by Detroit Malayalee Association in Sterling Heights and Novi, Michigan.

Donated money directly to affected families of hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.

Helped a patient who recently had a liver failure and wanted support for ongoing treatment.



Financial support to LUPUS Foundation of America through Smt. Sudha Chandrasekhar who held the Nritya Sudha's Hindu Temple of Rhythms Origins of Dance to support the cause.

Donated money to Pediatric Physical Therapy Unit at Nirmala Medical Center, Muvattupuzha, Kerala, for treatment of under privileged children with delayed milestones and developmental delay.

Conducted our annual food drive collection called DMA-CAN-DO, proceeds of which will be donated to Gleaners Food Bank.

Donated money directly to 12-year-old Shiva Karthikeya from Peyyad, who single-handedly takes care of her terminally ill bed-ridden mother and disabled father.



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