



DIVYA ORPHANAGE TRICHY

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Stories of courage and hope

Thenmozi. It means "words as sweet as honey"



The urban society thinks that divorce is new in India and among the modern, ambitious couple only. No proper statistics are available about the prevalence of such among the poorer of the society. Tell this to Thenmozi, age 9 years whose parents split even before she was born. She knows its pain and lived among many such broken homes. Her mother re married but her second marriage also did not last long. Her mom in the effort to work hard to earn money neglected her health and became seriously ill. Divya Orphanage then took Thenmozi under its care. She has experienced the bitterness that failed relationships bring but she herself is as sweet as her name.

Destiny, that's what people would call it.....

Life was very difficult for this family of five. But their dad promised them that he will change their circumstances soon. He moved his family to a neighboring state in search for better job opportunity. And he kept his promise. He did very well at his job. The kids started their school and dreamt for a better future. His success was not so much appreciated by his co workers who saw him as a threat. One day their father's colleagues in the pretext of a meeting ambushed and killed him. This sudden and violent death left the children shattered. Their helpless mother was unable to meet their educational needs. Today all three are happy students of Divya Orphanage. The future that seemed to slip away from their hands again seems bright, thanks to the teachers and staff of Divya Orphanage.



Pain and sorrow multiplied, hope zeroed it.....

Srinivasan is the fourth among his five siblings. He is a bright boy with a cheerful attitude towards life. His parents worked as masons. Such work mostly belong to the unorganized sector so there is no insurance, no unions, no unemployment allowance. As rainy days approaches work become less and people struggle to meet their ends. Srinivasan father became burdened and depressed about his situation. One day he just left his family never to return back. His mother decided to give her kids as



child labour to different people. All the kids got separated from each other. It was only because of one of his kind relative that Srinivasan came to Divya Orphanage. Today he is thankful to HOPE worldwide for bringing hope to him.

Goddesses worshipped, girls rejected.....

Their mother was the fourth girl child in the family. Her family desire for male child was so strong that when she was born they named her Vembu, which means bitterness. Her whole life their mother suffered as a girl child and when she was



married the burden to bear male child doubled. Her husband and her in-laws constantly ridiculed her. She was not able to find happiness in her three daughters. She started to become sick and eventually died. After her death their father had a nervous breakdown and is currently under treatment. Though they were left under their grandparents care the three sisters took care of one another as they were too old to look after them. The grandparents brought them to Divya Orphanage. Today they are growing and learning in a loving environment and we hope that they will never feel that being a girl child is a curse.

An Exhibition for free



January 26th 2009 was a fun filled day as all the children of our home had a chance to visit the annual tourism exhibition held at the campus of St. Joseph's college. For almost 3 hours the kids had a gala time. A snacks vendor was watching the joy these kids were showing and decided to sponsor snacks for all of them. The entire expense of taking the kids to the exhibition was completely borne by a generous donor.



Awards and achievements



Maryland Global Tamil University of America gave away Doctorate felicitation to Mrs. Emily Richard for her tireless contribution for the cause of people on the 22nd of January 2009. Mrs. Emily Richard refused to receive the award in an exclusive forum but insisted on accepting the same on the anniversary day of her grand child Divya in the presence of all the children at the HOME. It was indeed a very heart warming ceremony where a silk shawl was given to Mrs. Emily Richard on behalf of all the children of the HOME.

Best student Award for Kiruthika



Kiruthika a resident of our HOME is studying zoology at the prestigious "Bishop Heber College". She was awarded the best student award of her department and was blessed with a cash reward from the college for her outstanding performance in her studies. We all are very proud of her.

Statistics:

Total Admissions till June 2009	- 104
Total Restorations till June 2009	- 55
Restored to Biological Parents till June 2009	- 54
Restored to other care takers	- 1
Total no. of Boys presently living at the home	- 31
Total no. of Girls presently living at the home	- 17
Total no. of infants presently living at the home	- 1

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