

# **St. Thomas Charitable Trust**

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**Managing Trustee :** Rev Fr Cherian Ipe

**Trustees :** Elizabeth Mammen , Mathews Abraham K , Roy K C , Roy K Peeter , Sheela Kuruvilla and Sunitha Solomon.

St. Thomas Charitable Trust is a registered non-governmental, non-religious and non-profit social service organization, incepted in 1988 under the patronage of St. Thomas Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, Collector Nagar, Annanagar (W) Extn; Chennai 600 101. The Trust is presently handling three projects viz.,

1. A destitute home for Aged (**Shanthibhavan**),
2. Palliative care for neglected patients (**Abhayam**) and
3. A Charity Mission Hospital (St. Marys Mission Hospital).

Destitute Home for Aged: '**Shanthiibhavan**', a home away from home.

In an effort to provide love and care for the unwanted senior citizens, Shanthi Bhavan, a home for aged destitute was conceptualized in 1988. In 1991, the St. Thomas Charitable Trust commenced an institutional accommodation for aged destitute in Serinium village near Red Hills. The Home provides love and cares to destitute, literally picked up from streets, transcending caste, creed, and religion. Shanthi Bhavan is heaven for its inmates who have found a new meaning to life. The one-day meal scheme has an encouraging response from the members and well-wishers on their birthdays, wedding days and memorial days of their beloved ones. Various types of seasonal vegetables are grown not only for the inmates but also to sell to the local community at cheaper rates.

**Palliative Care Center for terminally ill patients- Abhayam:**

While caring for the inmates at Shanthi Bhavan, it was felt to have a palliative care center so that the lesser fortunate are taken care of. With this objective in mind, a proposal was put forth to start a palliative care center for the terminally ill patients. Abhayam was established in 2009. Abhayam provides quality care with a human touch to terminally ill patients till their last moment. Presently Abhayam is entrusted to Chennai Pain and Palliative Care Centre (CPCC) to run efficiently giving utmost care and service.

**St. Mary's Mission Hospital:**

The commercialization of the health sector has left a few unfortunate enough to have access to quality and immediate medical care. With the mission of ensuring affordable and quality health care facilities for the needy and underprivileged section of the society, the Trust conceived the idea of starting a Hospital in the suburbs of Red Hills, Chennai.

Contributions are welcome.

