

SOULFREE'S EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT (2020-21)

As Soulfree completes its eighth year of operations on September 7 2021, we take great pleasure and pride in the fact that our commitment to our beneficiaries has not wavered in the least despite the most adverse circumstances. This has only been possible because those who have believed in us, blessed us with their trust and continued to steadfastly support us against all odds. Also, our team of volunteers, staff and advisors have worked tremendously hard in these challenging times to ensure that we could uphold the highest standards in the fulfilment of our service this year as well.



There have been several remarkable highlights this year. These include:

- ❁ FCRA registration was received on March 8, 2021
- ❁ Visits from the Hon'ble PWD Minister Shri. E. V. Velu and the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Shri. M. Subramaniam to INSPIRE Centre
- ❁ Meeting with the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Shri. M. K. Stalin
- ❁ Setting up a strong, committed and well-respected Managing & Advisors to the Managing Committee that guides all of Soulfree's Operations and Strategic decision-making.
- ❁ Providing a record number of wheelchairs in one year
- ❁ Providing Three Neo Fly wheelchairs, One Neo Bolt and One Indent Ibex Motorised All-terrain wheelchair to active beneficiaries
- ❁ Despite lockdowns and other challenging scenarios, the groundwork for launching the Soulfree INSPIRE centre has progressed and is on the verge of completion.
- ❁ Our founder Preethi Srinivasan became one of the first Indians to be Elected as Student



Representative to the Board of Directors of the Society for Disability Studies, a prestigious international body

❁ She was also bestowed with several other prestigious honours including the "Inspirational Woman Of The Year" Homepreneur Award from Sakthi Masala 2021 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2cMKxzcZ60>

❁ During the Quarantine periods, Soulfree has extended extraordinary

support and worked hard towards minimising deaths of persons with SCI due to infected

bedsores and other complications. We have worked in association with the government to provide home-based medical aid when hospitalisation was not an option.

- ✿ Soulfree has conducted many online awareness and motivation programs throughout the year.

Presented below are details of the various outreach programs conducted by Soulfree this year:



Drive	No Of Beneficiaries	Spending
Soulfree Airbed Drive	40	₹ 80,190.00
Soulfree Gift Box 2021	711	₹ 21,96,888.75
Soulfree MSP- Monthly Stipend Program	20	₹ 2,25,925.00
Soulfree Wheelchair Cushion	300	₹ 2,90,000.00
Soulfree Wheelchair Drive	254	₹ 33,61,518.00
Grand Total		₹ 61,54,521.75

The extraordinary hard work of our staff, the service of our volunteers, guidance from our committee members and advisors, and most of all, the generosity and trust shown by our sponsors has ensured that all our outreach projects have thrived despite the constraints of the pandemic. This is truly a joy to witness, because most of our focus has been on completion of the construction work and preparation for the launch of the Soulfree INSPIRE centre.

As we step into our Ninth year of operations I would like to promise with all my heart that Soulfree as a unit, as a way of life, and as a family will continue its service towards ensuring self-reliance – physiological, psychological and from a socio-economic perspective, for our beneficiaries who are facing a lifetime of paralysis after spinal cord injury. We will make every effort to ensure that the INSPIRE centre becomes the epicentre for research and excellence in finding holistic frameworks towards the successful management of spinal cord injury. All we need is your constant blessing, love and support as always.

Yours Most Humbly,
 Preethi S.
 Co-founder
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Murugan had a promising career as an engineer but SCI kept him within the home. The Motorised Wheelchair from Soulfree has been a boon for his self-esteem



Poosari was on the verge of giving up when he came to us, but now he is a successful farmer and is able to independently travel and work



