

Devotee Care for Old People

History

This project started in the year 2012 with all the GBCs giving the responsibility to ISKCON Tirupati. Under the guidance of H.G Revati Raman Prabhu, all those who have dedicated their life towards serving ISKCON is taken care of.

Workflow

- Devotees who have served and dedicated their lives to ISKCON are taken care of for the rest of their lives. Their economic well-being, medical needs and prasadam is taken care of. No fee is charged from them.
- They have to be certified by the temple and the local GBC-this is the only qualification required.

Hierarchy

- H.G Revati Raman Prabhu is the Project Director with 3 people under him.
- In the near future, professional care givers are going to be appointed as managers, under whom, care takers will be appointed to help take care according to scientific best practices.
- Professional doctors, who are initiated devotees are going to create a nursing home dedicated only to this program.

Resources

- Funds are raised through the Corporate Social Responsibility program. Growth of this program however, remains slow due to money crunch.
- The devotee community also donates for this program.

Unique Features

- Motto is to make Tirupati the 'Retirement Destination' for ISKCON devotees all over the world.
- A plan is in place to build beautiful homes, libraries, auditorium and a garden in a nearby hilly area where there is no pollution- serving as an ideal retirement home.
- Spiritual environment is not compromised upon as the devotees have spent their entire life serving the Lord.
- By the Lord's mercy, future plans are to take this program to other Dhams such as Mayapur, Vrindavan, etc. and also to other countries in Europe and Africa so as to reach the devotees all over the world.

Lessons

- A program of this nature is possible only through the blessings of Guru, Vaishnavas and the Lord.
- More dedicated devotees are needed who could give more time and effort to this program.
- Financial challenges still exist.