



“At the Coady I can learn to do things in a systematic and scientific way; the Institute has been training development workers for the last 50 years. My training at the Coady will help our organization to do the development work in a systematic, sustainable and effective manner for Dalit women.”

Mary Pauline Chinnappan

Program Coordinator

Community Care Trust, Dalit Women Widows (Sprouts), India

I am in charge of the educational sponsorship program for the students who lost one or both of their parents. I conduct regular training programs in vocational guidance and motivation for the students during the summer. I am also involved in empowering the Dalit widows, helping them to overcome social evils and giving them economic support so that they may integrate into mainstream society. I associate with the Dalit Movements and contribute to their advocacy programs.

The Community Care Trust provides Dalits with the opportunity for education, health care, employment training, social development and housing. These opportunities have been extended equally to widows, revolutionizing the way many widows in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu view themselves and are viewed by others.

For the last decade, we have been working towards the emancipation and empowerment of the Dalits through social awareness, educational programs, economical opportunities and developmental projects. More than 500 Dalits' children are been educated through CCT, and every month 1500 patients utilize the medical facilities. Almost 300 widows are integrated into mainstream society. 50 houses have been constructed for the widows and 50 widows have received loans to establish dairy farms.

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