

PNTRS' Samavedana

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Core Theme	Healthcare	HQ	Pune
Founder	Dr Charudutt Apte	Annual Budget	₹ 2.6 Cr

Issue being addressed by NGO:

We believe Healthcare is a fundamental need of the society, yet for many reasons there are sections underserved or not privileged enough to avail the services. These reasons could be non-affordability, lack of awareness, lack of knowledge, negligence, unavailability or non accessibility, etc. We want to bridge this gap between the essential care and the underprivileged with contextual solutions and models. We are working on women health (Cancer Screening and Care), children's health capabilities (School Health programme), and keeping family's financial miseries at bay while getting treated for the critical illnesses.

Organization Background:

Our journey began when Dr. Charudatta Apte, one of the most renowned neurosurgeons in the country and his associates founded Pune Neurosciences Trust and Research Society in 1993. Driven by a noble dream of bridging the gap between essential healthcare and the needy, the team formed 'Samavedana' on April 1, 2003. 'Samam' means together and 'Vedana' means suffering or pain. We believe if we can feel someone's suffering, we can better share their pain and can be their companion in the walk of life. Samavedana means to totally empathize with someone and to share his pain as if it were our own and act towards easing it.

Programs' Overview:

1. Tertiary or Specialty care is not readily available in public hospitals and usually demands expenses that many families cannot afford. In India, more than 6 Crore families live below the poverty line. We provide **Financial Aid to Patients** to save a life as well as a family from financial misery.
2. 1 in every 2 women newly diagnosed with breast cancer dies as compared to 1 in 5 in North America. The awareness about cancer is negligible amongst Indian Women. Through this programme, Samavedana aims at creating awareness about cancer amongst women, screening them and helping them through confirmed diagnosis and treatment if needed. The **Cancer Screening and Care Programme** enables early diagnosis which results in better cure, lesser pain and expenses.
3. We work with school aged children for capacity building on areas like nutrition, safety, adolescence and imparting knowledge about general well-being. **School Health Programme** also aims at correcting health barriers to education while build health capabilities of the students.

Key Impacts:

- A. The FinAid programme returned SROI of 2.1. The idea of creating 'asset' through FinAid is justified.**
B. Caught cancer at early stage in 3 women in last year. All three women have been undergoing necessary treatment and leading healthy active life.



Two Key Plans for the year 2021-22: 1. Expansion of School Health programme in two more blocks. 2. Involve more local bodies and partnerships for higher impact in Cancer Screening Programme.

Major Partners: Desai Brothers Ltd, Sahyadri Hospitals Ltd, Sparkonix, Persistent Foundation, Bharat Forge, etc

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Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950 - F-8357 (Pune)
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