

Saptaswara

GANOLSAVAM

since 2009



A fund raising event for Care & Share

Newsletter 2016

Ganolsavam is a musical evening performed by Saptaswara primarily targeting Keralite crowd in the Seattle area. Popular songs from Malayalam, Tamil and Hindi movies are delivered with live orchestra. Most of the musicians are based in Seattle and perform in multiple bands such as Allgorythms, Shruthi, Geetanjali, and Jingles.

100% of the funds raised from Ganolsavam is used for some good cause in Kerala through Care & Share (www.careandshare.com). In the past, event has supported Palliative care, Special education and Chronic kidney patients. **Proceeds from Ganolsavam 2016 will be used specifically to rehabilitate cancer patients' families which is an integral part of Palliative Care.**

Ganolsavam 2016 is on April 16th, 5 PM at KPC, Kirkland.

Enjoy some great music while supporting a noble cause!

Ganolsavam 2014

Funds Raised: \$17,000

Cause: Palliative Care

With the generosity of people like you, advertisers and volunteers our previous event, Ganolsavam 2014, raised more than \$17,000 for the rehabilitation of families devastated with major diseases like cancer. The funds were dispatched to Care & Share's partner Pallium India (www.palliumindia.org) in Thiruvanthapuram in three installments on the basis of fund usage. Pallium India rehabilitates patients or families in four ways — Physiotherapy & physical aids, Vocational rehabilitation, Food kit program, and Education support. 2014 funds were exclusively used for the education purposes. 250 students ranging from primary school to professional courses such as en-

gineering and nursing were benefited. Average payment for the school kids were around Rs 3,000 (\$50) and for the professional courses around Rs 7,000 (\$115). The payments above Rs 10,000 were paid directly to the financial institutions. These amounts may look small, at least to some of you, but in the dire situation of huge debt caused by one treatment after another, it is this support that kept many of these kids' studies possible. For more details please visit:



Saptaswara Team

www.careandshare.com/ganolsavam2014.html

Ganolsavam 2016

April 16th, 5 PM Kirkland Performance Center

350 Kirkland Ave • Kirkland, WA 98033

Saptaswara

Saptaswara is a Seattle based non-profit music troupe founded in 2009 by a bunch of music lovers from Seattle, San Francisco, Chicago and Vancouver. The troupe's mission is to promote local talent as well as utilizing that talent for a greater good. Since then the troupe has raised more than \$52,000 for Care & Share.



Ganolsavam 2013

Funds Raised: \$16,000

Cause: Palliative Care

Suresh Kumar and Asha were a young married couple leading a peaceful life. Suresh was a daily wage earner and Asha an assistant in the nearby school. While Asha was 8 months pregnant, Suresh fell from a tree and became paralyzed. With Asha's income they couldn't meet the ends, so they moved in with Suresh's brother and family. Shortly after delivery Asha committed suicide. This is the context when Pallium India started working with Suresh. With constant support, encouragement and motivation, he could finally move around in a wheel chair. From Ganolsavam 2013 funds, Rs. 15,000 were contributed to Suresh to start an umbrella making business.

This is one of the stories of how Pallium India used Ganolsavam 2013 funds. 15 such cases were addressed in vocational rehabilitation program alone. Around 31 families were provided with monthly food kits. Another 125 students at various levels got educational support.



2013 Vocational Rehab beneficiary accepting the check to start an umbrella making business



2011 The donated dialysis machine

Ganolsavam 2011

Funds Raised: \$7,000

Cause: Dialysis machine for the poor

After cancer, Chronic Kidney Disease is the most common health problem that affects families in Kerala. Majority of the patients have to undergo two or three dialyses a week, each costing Rs. 1000 (appx. \$15 USD).

A dialysis machine costs around Rs. 6,00,000 (appx. \$10,000). The machine is used around 1,000 times a year and will function for approximately 5 years. From the cost of dialysis, around Rs. 150 is accounted for the cost of the machine and its maintenance. Using the funds Saptaswara raised, Care & Share could donate a dialysis machine to P. S.Hospital in Marad, Ernakulum to provide dialysis at a discounted rate to financially struggling patients. With the donated dialysis machine, the hospital is able to provide dialysis at Rs. 750 for patients below poverty line.



2010 Santhosh Nair from Saptaswara hands over check to Raksha secretary Mrs. Ragini Menon

Ganolsavam 2010 — Funds Raised \$8,000

Cause: Special Education

Ganolsavam 2009 — Funds Raised \$4,250

Cause: Palliative Care



2009 Beneficiary Rajan's house after fixing the roof and walls

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