

## **Annexure -1**

### **LIFE STORY OF SOMESWARAMMA**

***“ Where there is a will, There is a way for succes”***

Someswaramma aged 38years, Hulthappa husband aged 45 years from Peddahulthy village, Pathikonda Mandal. They hail from poor family of SC Community. Both are Agriculture labours, seasonally getting labour work. They have 3 Children, 2 Male , 1 Female . Mr. Nagaraju elder child got married living separately. Mr. Diwakar, 14 years suffering with Severe Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation, Vision and physical disability Krishnaveni, 18 years. They found Diwakar at the age of 3 years consulted by local faith healer, he provided Ayurveda Medicine and send them back to village. They continued treatment for 1 year no improvements with Diwakar. Again Neighbours advised to go to Church treatment in



Gooty during Sundays. At goothy one of the priest given oil treatment to apply whole body, likewise followed again 1 ½ year with the oil massage therapy. Yet there was no developments , he has developed severe problems always lying position, the daily living skills are depending on parents. The whole family get upset and Frustrated to Neighbours, negative behavior and showing difference in social status. They missed many social functions in the village because of Diwakar, Disabled child. Krishnaveni, daughter could not put up in the school due to poor condition, both the parents go to labour every day. Krishnaveni looking after Diwakar and providing Daily care at home. She has grown up girl while toileting to Mr. Diwakar , she felt guilty and shame.

Every year there was a car festival at Someswaramma native village called kyruppal , Aspari mandal. Both Husband and wife attending car festival , Krishnaveni left at home to look after Diwakar. She upset and cried for missing of car festival. The same age group of children going to school in the same village. She missed to join in school because she looks after Diwakar.

In the year 2007 SACRED staff visited the family identified and assessed Diwakar and problems. They motivated to join in the self help group of PWD in the same village. They joined in the self help group and assessed his problems. He has advised

Physio therapy and Special seat provided for sitting position. He has been used for two years.

In the year 2012 SACRED supported to Construct Toilet for toileting. The parents felt happy from burden Carrying out of the village for toilet. All these problems shared at SHG's of PWD's and SHG supported to the family to accessed adaptations to develop his sitting position for his mobility he has provided Wheel chair. His sitting position improved very little.

In the same village community Mobilizer of Carers project visited Pedda Hulthy and



discussed with parents of Diwakar to form Carers group. They asked clarification we are already in the SHG's of PWD's , what is the use of joining carers group. They advised at present you are only burden and risk taking to take care of Diwakar. At the same time the Carers group will help you to relax and share other family members will also care to Diwakar likewise the burden will be reduced you will find some time to relax. This group will support you to share all your burdens, problems, issues and supporting measures to

overcome the situation. The parents responded to community Mobilizer advised and accepted to join carers group. Someswaramma felt happy being the carers group member, it is suitable group for me to share my family problems. Krishnaveni grown up girl supported her to train tailoring in the same village, recently she engaged to get marry and marriage date also fixed. It is good news for the family. with in short time she some known relaxed by sharing her personal problems in the group. All the group members having similar problems with different situations, conditions of their families.

" I was encouraged and guided me similar and suitable platform to join carers group. Carers group gave me social security and reduce mental stress. We are grateful to SACRED staff for their services Which are conducive to support my family says Someswaramma".

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