

## Tamil Nadu Foundation

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### What is TNF?

- Tamil Nadu Foundation (TNF), founded in 1974 in Baltimore, is the oldest and largest U.S.-based humanitarian organization solely focused on Tamil Nadu



### What does TNF do?

- Implemented more than 600 projects, ranging from urgent humanitarian needs such as flood relief to short and long term needs in education, health and hygiene, rural development, and women's empowerment
- Examples of projects include educating destitute girls in Vedaraniyam, caring for orphaned special needs children in Sirkali and the smokeless kitchen in Anganwadis. About 130 organizations partnered with TNF for the 2015 flood relief and uplifted 60,000+ flood victims by raising about \$ 1Million
- TNF's current focus is on enhancing school education. TNF's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Government of Tamil Nadu enables it to work with any government school in the state. Through six years of piloting in Chengalpat and Sivagangai Districts, TNF has developed the **TNF-ABC Model** which focuses on the poorest of the poor, studying in government schools. The three components of the model are:
  - Achieving academic proficiency
  - Boosting their morale and
  - Championing for higher aspirations

This successful model has enriched 50,000+ underprivileged students in Sivagangai, Vellore, Cuddalore, Namakkal, Thiruvavur, Nagapattinam, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli districts with plans to expand to all 32 districts

- National convention and regional charity events by TNF's 25 Chapters, all over the U.S.

### How does TNF involve and enrich the second-generation U.S. Tamils?

- Service and Education Summer Internships in Chennai and all over Tamil Nadu for middle and high school students during the last two weeks in July
- Service and volunteering exposure visits in Tamil Nadu for U.S. Tamil families and their children are offered throughout the year
- Service workshops in the U.S. for children and youth with focus on compassion, volunteering and charity
- Youth and Children Committees in the Chapters

### What are the strengths of TNF?

- 40+years of track record in successfully implementing 600+ projects
- [501 (c) 3] tax exempt status in the U.S., [80 G] tax exempt status and foreign currency (FCRA) approval by the Government of India
- More than 95% of your donation goes directly to the specified project. The remaining ~ 5% is invested to identify, implement and audit humanitarian projects all over Tamil Nadu
- Unique resources in Tamil Nadu to implement and audit projects – Multi-story office building in Chennai with office staff and Regional Project Coordinators in different parts of Tamil Nadu
- TNF's Tamil Nadu Chapter Board is served by veterans in public service (retired IAS and IPS officials, leading humanitarians, lawyers, and industrialists)
- Ability to partner with Tamil Sangams, community organizations and granting agencies in the U.S. and the Government of Tamil Nadu and reputed NGOs in Tamil Nadu

### How can I get involved?

- **Become a Life Member by completing the simple one screen application on our website [www.tnfusa.org](http://www.tnfusa.org)**
  - Your life membership (\$300 for family and \$200 for individual) is NOT a fee but a **donation** invested in a corpus fund that will continue to support humanitarian projects
  - Once you become LM, on your special day (birthday/anniversary) free meals will be provided in your name to 60 orphaned special needs children supported by TNF
- Sponsor and/or support projects meaningful to you - <http://tnfusa.org/donate/>
- Participate in your local chapter activities and projects
- Involve your children in TNF's summer internship and other volunteering opportunities and link them with our Tamil heritage through service and volunteering