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Sphoorti ensures good schooling for underprivileged children

Inmates of Sphoorti faced a lot of hardships at their homes

They now enjoy every comfort that an average middle-class child does

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IT skills: Children of Sphoorti learning to operate a computer at their home.

HYDERABAD: This is how Srivyal Vuyyuri defines his organisation — “I don’t like to identify our Foundation with what it is not, such as non-profit and non-governmental. We are a for-impact organisation.” Mr. Srivyal, an economics graduate from the University of Ohio found his calling in serving the society. He discontinued his Ph.D in Canada and returned to India in 2005 and started Sphoorti in the same year along with a few friends.

The Foundation has grown to house 47 children from various districts of the State. K. Koteswara Rao, M. Kavita, M. Ratna and K. Arjun are inmates at Sphoorti and they share a common story. All of them have lost their mothers and lacked parental care. They came to Sphoorti after facing lot of hardships at their homes. Now, all of them are going to school and looking forward to a bright future.

Mr. Srivyal does not like to call his foundation an orphanage. The fastidious nature of Mr. Srivyal reflects in the upbringing of children at Sphoorti Foundation too; they enjoy every comfort that a middle-class child does. They are ensured not only good schooling, but also all the comforts such as washing machine, fridge, computers, music systems and air-coolers.

“Children wash their clothes in the washing machine. That was the first thing I bought for them,” said Mr. Srivyal.

“We don’t believe in the ordinary upbringing that is so common to many other children. We want to instil confidence in them because they don’t have support systems like others and have no option other than being excellent to survive,” he said.

The Foundation is increasing the intake to 80 within two months. “My goal is to increase this number to 1,000. Apart from that, we also want to expand our geographical reach and the number and profiles of donors,” said Mr. Srivyal. Sphoorti Foundation also wants to start a model school once more children come in. Those interested can contact Mr. Srivyal on 9490120168 or can log on to ‘ www.sphoorti.org’.

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