



Rotary Club of Madras Besant Nagar

We the Members of the Rotary Club of Madras Besant Nagar
affiliated to Rotary International District No 3230

Are privileged to confer upon you,

Mrs. Jaya Krishnaswamy

Rotary International's Lifetime of Excellence Award For the year 2014

CITATION

Salutations to you Mrs Jaya Krishnaswamy. In felicitating you we are honoring a woman of Life Time Excellence, a pioneer in the field of Early Intervention for Children with developmental delays and an outstanding woman in Society.

Born as the eldest daughter in a middle class family and having had the fortune of undergoing early schooling at Presentation Convent Churchpark, Chennai, which only few women of your time would venture into, you, went ahead and attained post graduation in arts. Opting for a career in education, you, upgraded yourself by obtaining a B;Ed Degree. This was the time when the initial seed of disability was sown when you opted to take special education as an optional subject. Furthering your career resulted in achieving the high post of becoming Headmistress in the prestigious Mount St Mary's School in Delhi.

Marriage to a distinguished Air Force Officer took you to length and breadth of the country along with rich experiential learning. All through these years your excellent home maker's quality came to the forefront which saw your husband reaching the second highest position of Air vice Marshall in Indian Air Force and your three sons attaining positions of eminence in their respective fields.

Post retirement, pioneering a concept in Early Intervention for children with developmental delays you authored the Programme "Upanayan " which was instrumental in establishing Madhuram Narayanan Centre for Exceptional Children providing early intervention services to children with developmental delays along with Empowering Mothers. The program became the bench mark for early intervention in the field of Mental Retardation which the Tamil Nadu Government adopted for implementation in all the Government sponsored Early Intervention Centres across the state.

Even after eight decades of your life, your quest for knowledge was not dimmed and you post graduated in Psychology, at the envy of youngsters, and your inquisitive mind helped in gaining rich knowledge in the field of disability placing you in the pedestal of a Mentor.

Awards and recognition came your way from both Government and private organizations culminating in receiving the Best Social Worker Award from the Honble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

A personality of rich values embedded deeply into the social fabric of the country, your life is a shining example of how the vedic scriptures have described an ideal woman, so much so you are a Role Model in the true sense of the word for both the present and future generations.

Mrs Jaya Krishnaswamy, We the Members of the Rotary Club of Madras, Besant Nagar, affiliated to the Rotary International District No 3230, feel privileged to present you with this Life Time Excellence Award for the Year 2013, as a token of our respect, admiration and affection.

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25th June 2014.

Secretary

President