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Dear friends,

New Year wishes from THEO!

THEO Speaks...comes with a heavy heart following the passing on of Rev.Sr. Mary Theodore, Founder, MITHRA, on 7th December 2012. She was a source of inspiration and beacon of hope for everyone who knew her. The place she held can never be filled.

I will always remember her readiness to welcome new ventures wherein THEO's lifeskills training programme was one.

True to the saying, "One day you will just be a memory for some people, so do your best to be a good one", she has left behind great memories. Her sincerity, dedication and the warmth she exuded will always be fondly remembered.

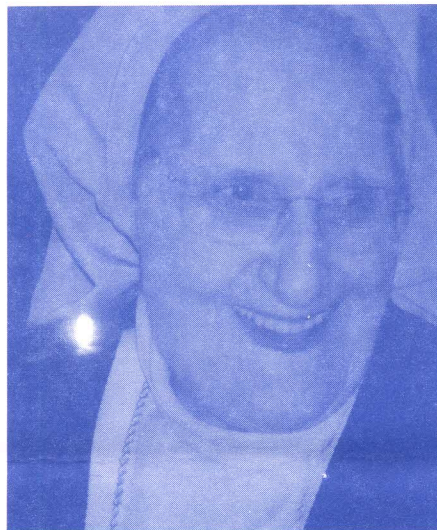
THEO's deepest sympathies to all at MITHRA.

A tribute to Rev.Sr.Mary Theodore from THEO :

Sr.Mary Theodore, was born in Brisbane,Queensland, Australia on 6th December 1926. She came to India in 1951. She rendered her service at St. Raphael's Girls High School, Stella Maris College, Our Lady's Convent-Novitiate Palluruthy,Kerala , St. Francis Convent,Coimbatore and at Archdiocese of Madras.

In 1972 Sr.Theodore founded MITHRA (Madras Institute To Habilitate Retarded Afflicted) at Annanagar, Chennai, with the objective to start a rehabilitation centre for the differentially abled, as a living memorial to St. Thomas apostle whose 19th centenary was celebrated in 1972.

Sr.Mary Theodore is the earliest among the pioneers in taking up the cause of the differentially abled, especially from the poorer section as early as 1977 at the time when even awareness was lacking in this sphere of activity.



Her major contributions among others are strengthening of infrastructure by bringing all the rehabilitation services under one roof with disabled friendly provisions, strengthening services in physiotherapy and occupational therapy and introducing for the first time a wheelchair friendly van with linear hydraulic lift for easier mobility for wheelchair users.

Sr.Mary Theodore's selfless social work for the differentially abled has been recognised as outstanding contribution by the Australian Government and conferred on her the Medal of the Order of Australia (O.A.M).

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“What makes the desert beautiful”, said the little prince, “is that somewhere it hides a well..”

- The Little Prince

