



## **TAMIL NADU MAN PRESENTED WITH INTERNATIONAL AWARD IN NEW YORK CITY**

*Iyyappan Subramaniyan Honored for His Work with Children Living with  
Intellectual and Development Disabilities*

**New York City, USA. – October 27, 2016:** World of Children®, an organization dedicated to setting the gold standard in child advocacy, hosted its annual Awards Ceremony in New York City on October 27, 2016. The organization introduced a new class of Honorees, including Tamil Nadu native Iyyappan Subramaniyan, who won this year's World of Children Humanitarian Award.

This year's five Honorees were chosen from a pool of several thousand nominations for this year's Awards. Nominations are reviewed by an International Committee of volunteers and issue experts. Top candidates are investigated by an independent international firm to ensure their programs are of the highest caliber.

Iyyappan Subramaniyan was selected for his work with children living with intellectual and developmental disabilities. When he was just 21 years old, Iyyappan decided to do something to help these children. He founded Sri Arunodayam Charitable Trust to provide the first home in Tamil Nadu dedicated to caring for, protecting, and rehabilitating abandoned children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Fourteen years later, it is a state-certified reception facility for abandoned children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The children living at Sri Arunodayam receive food, shelter, clothing, medical care, and developmentally appropriate education and rehabilitation programs. Most of all, they regain what they have lost – a home and a family.

### **ABOUT WORLD OF CHILDREN AWARD:**

*World of Children® Award improves the lives of vulnerable children by funding and elevating the most effective change makers for children worldwide.*

*Since 1998, World of Children Award has granted more than \$8 million in cash grants and program support to more than 100 individuals leading programs serving children worldwide.*