

Founder's Excellence Award

66 Blessed is a person, who makes a difference and walks that extra mile to make the defenceless walk with dignity.

Blessed is Mathew Cherian whose work in social sector of senior care has given him a special insight into human nature and its frailties

Mr. Mathew Cherian, is a B.E. (Honours) in Civil Engineering from BITS Pilani, Rajasthan & holds a PG Diploma in Rural Management from the first batch of IRMA, The Institute of Rural Management Anand, Gujarat.

Starting his career in the oil industry, he moved to voluntary agencies like National Wastelands Development Board, Charities Aid Foundation and others.

He founded **Charities Aid Foundation in India, Credibility Alliance**, a network for accountability and Resource Alliance (to train in fund raising) and founded the **Human Rights Network**.

Currently Mathew serves as a full time Chief Executive Officer of HelpAge India based in New Delhi and serves on the international boards of HelpAge International and Guide Star International.

He also serves as Member of the NGO Task force of the Planning Commission, Member of the Grants Approval Committee of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Member of Core Committee of National Human Rights Commission.

He is also a Member of the High Level Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility, Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

Mathew is also Amicus Curae to the Supreme Court in the elder rights matter, for pensions, homes and the Maintenance Law, which has helped bring elder issues to the forefront.

Association of Senior Living India would like to record its appreciation to one of India's foremost Social Sector professional for his vision, dedication and unstinting commitment to work for the marginalised elders so that they can live a life of dignity.

Mansoor Dalal

Founder and Chairman Association of Senior Living India

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