

# *Voice From* THE HOME FOR ABANDONED CHILDREN

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## Certification from the local authorities for the HOME & Expansion

Based on the requirement of the local Government, Safety License from the Fire Department, Sanitation Certificate from the Health Department and Building stability certificate from the approved Charter Engineer were obtained for the HOME by IRCDS ( scanned copies are here with enclosed ) State Govt. authorities instructed IRCDS to increase the size of the building by constructing first floor (According to the Govt. Guidelines for the required space per child) and construct two more toilets with bath rooms as per Govt. norms. In respond to this, Lions Trust and Lions Club Perambakkam have taken decision to construct the Toilets and bath rooms immediately by raising donations jointly. The construction work is under progress.



Christmas & New Year Celebrations in the Home



**Arun Kumar, studying 9th standard (*Frequent quarrel between mother & father compelled the child to get enrolled in our Home*)**



Arun Kumar aged 10 from Tiruvallur is studying in 9th standard. He is staying in the Children Home for the last one year. His father is a construction worker and mother is a house maid servant. His father addicted to alcohol.

As a result often quarrel resulted between his father and mother almost every night. Arun kumar says” I used to cry when my father beats my mother, so my father has beat me many times for crying soundly.

I was not able to attend school and take food regularly due to the above family problems. Due to this problems I started to spend more time with my friends by dropping out from school. At this juncture, neighbours referred me to this Home to resume my studies. Now I am going to school happily and have good friends in the school and in the Home. I happened to know that, quarrels between my mother and father reduced considerably”.

### **Perambakkam Lions club members celebrated Christmas and New Year with the Children in the Home.**

On 22nd December 2013, the members from Perambakkam Lions club visited the Home along with the local businessmen (Mr.Raj Kumar, A.V.A Hotel and Sweets) cum well wishers and celebrated Christmas and New Year in a grand manner. Dresses provided to Children by the Perambakkam Lions Club.

Dinner was arranged by the well wishers and had it along with the children. Children spoke in the programme about their life ambitions and extended their thankfulness to the Lions Clubs of Perambakkam & Belgium. Lions club members and the IRCDS representatives motivated the children to be ‘responsible children’, maintain discipline, mutual support and concentrate in studies and to enhance social skills. Tiruvallur Church Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Raymond Peter delivered Christmas message.



### **Tuition classes for Children:**

Local educational volunteer has been conducting tuition classes on a daily basis in the evenings. She is assisting the children in doing their homework and in their studies without disturbing others and supporting weak children. Presently 30 children are studying.



**Jegadish kumar studying 4th standard (*Immoral behavior of mother & irresponsible behavior of Father pushed him to study in the Home*)**



Jegadsh kumar aged 10 studying 4th standard is staying in our Home .His mother was put in to jail because she had stolen jewels from the neighbourhood. He says “So my father refused to accept me after she had come from and got himself remarried.My mother, neither my step mother or my father did not take care of me so my neighbours referred me to this Children’s Home. I am staying in this hostel for the past one year. I am studying well and I am able get love and affection from my inmates and class mates and the staff”.

**Dinesh Raj, studying 8th Standard (*Acute poverty situation and the irresponsible behavior his alcoholic father made him to stay in the Home*)**

Dinesh Raj, aged 13 studying 8th standard is staying in our Home. He is from Uthukottai which as around 18 Kms from Tiruvallur town. He says “My father is heavily addicted to alcohol and will not give any money to manage the family. He is a daily labourer and used to spend the whole earnings by taking alcohol. Moreover he used to manhandle my mother. My mother is working as maid. I have a sister who is studying in a higher secondary school). With my mother’s income she cannot feed my sister and myself well. Most of the times she used to cry about this helpless situation.



At this juncture through the reference of a local social worker I was admitted in this Home. My mother used to come to meet me with eatables in the home on a monthly basis . I used to share the eatables with my inmates in the home. Now I could see the happiness in the face of my Mother. This motivates me to study well and be a well disciplined boy”

**International Day of Differently Abled Persons - 2013**

On 14th Dec 2013, around 800 Persons with disabilities gathered in the eve of International Day of Disabled. Hon’ble Mr. B.V. Ramana, Revenue Minister, Govt. of Tamil Nadu and Govt. Officials participated Perambakkam Lions Club members enthusiastically participated and showed their solidarity for the initiatives taken by IRCDS & Vasantham Federation in the development of persons with disabilities.



Mr. R.T.E. Chandra Sekar, District Chairman, LC Perambakkam with the Hon’ble Minister in distributing wheel chairs to disabled persons



Hon’ble Minister honored Mr.P.Titus, Director of IRCDS for his initiatives in supporting the Persons with Disabilities



**Moral and Social Education**

IRCDS representatives Mr. Titus and Mr. Stephen are conducting classes for the children on self-discipline, personality development, child integration, child rights and Right to Education. These classes are held for two days (two hours /day) in a month.

**Financial Contribution from the friends of the Home of Perambakkam**

In order to collect donations for the children’s home in Perambakkam, a separate financial adoption fund “Friends of Perambakkam” has been created in Belgium by Mr. Bruno Vander Stichele, member of LC-Klein Brabant. This adoption fund collects donations directly from many individual well wishers from Belgium, including some individual members of LC Klein-Brabant and LC Klein-Brabant itself.

The collected donations are sent dierectly from Belgium to the IRCDS account in order to meet the gap of Govt.’s support for running the home”

**Overview of the way the Home funds have been used - Account from 1st Apr. 2012 to 30th Nov. 2013**

Receipts	INR	Payments	INR
Financial Contribution from the friends of the Home of Perambakkam.		Tuition teacher salary	40000
31st May 2012	41264	Food Expenses	226666
21st June 2012	55571	Educational Trip	20222
21st November 2012	236784	Educational Materials	23560
		Closing Balance	23171
<b>Total</b>	<b>333619</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>333619</b>



**Children Home inmates**



**Wheel Chair distribution to Disabled Persons by Perambakkam Lions Club in the eve of Independence Day 2013**

*Sincere thanks and gratitude to the contributors for the construction of the Home for abandoned children and to the contributors of the financial adoption fund*

**“Friends of the Home of Perambakkam”  
 Many individual well wishers from Belgium  
 Individual members of the LC- Klein Brabant and LC Klein-Brabant  
 LC Perambakkam  
 LC Perambakkam Children’s Home**

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