

Voice From **THE HOME FOR ABANDONED CHILDREN**

Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu, India

"Small initiatives for Big Change"

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Ln. Bruno & Ms. Ann visiting the Home in March 2014-Mr.P.Yesuthasen, Managing Trustee, Ln. RTE. Chandrasekar, Other Trustees & Perambakkam Lions Club Members was present during the visit.



Friends in the Home

Dear Colleagues and Well wishers.

We are glad in reaching out to you through this Newsletter.

We are happy to inform you that, out of 7 children appeared in the 10th standard Government Exam 6 children passed in the exam and are continuing their higher studies. Out of this, two children were discharged from the Home because they got reunited (resettled) with their families. The families were well prepared to take care of their children. These children are continuing their studies (11th Standard). IRCDS Home is having contact with the families and interacting with the children periodically.

In March 2014 Bruno and Ann had visited the Home and interacted with the families along with the Perambakkam Lions Club members. Lions Trust Meeting was also held. Perambakkam Lions club Members had meeting with Mr. Bruno. The Children were very happy about the visitors from Belgium.

It has been planned to construct first floor in the building to comply with the Government norms. Perambakkam Lions Club, IRCDS and Mr. Bruno are mobilizing donations to meet the construction cost. We request the well wishers to support for this cause.

We thank you Mr. Bruno Vander Stichele and all friends of Perambakkam for the initiatives taken to collaborate with Belgium based organization, Side-by-Side-India (www.sidebyside-india.org) and we are convinced that this cooperation will bring us a stronger basis of support for the Children's Home project at Perambakkam.

We all are in one way or another contributing our time, thoughts, resources for changing the lives of under privileged children and nation building as such.

Editorial team





Balaji studying 8th Standard “Good bye to child Labour”

Balaji from Thirumalisai village worked as a Child labour during summer holidays in the local mechanical shop. Balaji shared that “due to acute poverty conditions of his family, my parents sent me for work”. He has one elder brother and he is away from the Home due to quarrels with the parents. One younger daughter is studying 1st Standard by staying in the house.

He was rescued by the Child line staff and handed over to the District Child welfare Committee. He was referred to IRCDS for the admission in the Home. Now he is studying 8th standard by staying in the Home. Balaji is saying that “before joining this home, I was irregular in schooling now I am going to school regularly, By looking at other children of my age I am get motivated to study well. Good bye to “Child labour”.

B. Baskar studying 12th Standard- . “I would like to be a model for other abandoned children who are staying in the Home”

Basker is from Thiruvattiur aged 16 years .His father abandoned their family and went out 14 years back. He is the only son in the family. His mother is working as a house maid servant for very meager wage. Since 2nd standard, Baskar is staying in the IRCDS Home. Now he is studying 12th Standard. He said “ till date I have spent a majority of my life in this Home. So I would like to be a model for other abandoned children who are staying in the Home”



Perambakkam Lions Club donating rice to the Home in the presence of VDG Ln. Udayasankar and PDG Ln. Dr. Sankaran & Ln. Magesh, New President Ln. Rajesh Jain



Mr. Titus, Director of IRCDS honouring the VDG Ln. Udayasankar

R. Sathish studying in 8th Standard: ”My aim is to become train Engineer after my studies”

Sathish is from Thiuninravur village and aged 13 years. His father is addicted to alcohol and used to abuse and manhandle his wife almost daily. As a result of this conflict Sathish left the house several years back. Sathish has one younger brother who is staying in another Home and studying 7th Standard. His mother is frustrated with life and is currently living with Sathish's grandmother. Sathish was referred to District Child Welfare Committee through locally, well known persons. Then District Child Welfare committee referred him to IRCDS Home on 16th June 2014. Now Sathish is admitted in 8th Standard. He is saying with shyness that” my aim is to become Train Engineer after my studies”.





Children are visiting temple



Children are studying in the Home



Children are playing

R.Suresh Kumar studying 11th Standard: “Fatherless children need counseling support frequently to cope with other children and to face the social stigma of being an unlucky child”

Suresh Kumar from Salem district aged 15 years. His father had expired. So his mother was not able to take care of him and she admitted him in the IRCDS Home. He has one elder brother. He is working in a welding shop, but he is not contributing anything for the family.



Suresh Kumar is staying in the Home from 9th Standard. He is very supportive for other children in maintaining silence during study time. He said that “fatherless children need counseling support frequently to cope with other children and face the social stigma of being an unlucky child”



First Floor Construction in the Home is under progress



Local Women Group Leader donating the snacks



Local Wellwisher donating the carrom board



R.Prakash studying 3rd Standard:

Prakash, 8 years old from Thiruvortiyur, Chennai. His mother ran away from the house and remarried. Subsequently her father got remarried. His elder brother Jegadish is already staying in the IRCDS Home and studying 5th Standard.

His Step mother used to harass Prakash. So his father decided to admit him in the Home. He was admitted in the Home on 3rd January 2014.



Mr. Bruno, Ms. Ann, Perambakkam Lions Club Members and Lions Trust Representatives interacting with children in the Home (March 2014)

Financial Contribution from the friends of the Home of Perambakkam

Donations mobilized from the Friends of Perambakkam and Members of LC- Klein Brabant, counting many individual well wishers from Belgium and India, were sent to IRCDS 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 April 2013 to 31st March 2014

Receipts	INR	Payments	INR
Financial Contribution from the friends of the Home of Perambakkam :		Tuition Teacher Salary	24000
Opening Balance	164976	Food Expenses	127456
Grant received on 10th January 2014	356167	Educational Trip	9600
		Educational Materials	23560
		Closing Balance	336527
Total	521143	Total	521143



Elder brother (right) become guardian for 3 younger children who are staying in the home. Father expired and mother admitted in Hospital for the psychiatric treatment



Perambakkam Lions Club honoring the IRCDS Representatives and the Leader of Physically Disabled People's Organisation (July 2014)

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, Side By Side India" Members of Lions Clubs Klein Brabant (Belgium) and Perambakkam (India) Lions clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

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