

New President for the Perambakkam Lions Club

Dr. B. Murali has been elected as the new President for the Lions Club, Perambakkam with effect from 21st July 2013. He is a committed medical practitioner in Perambakkam. His wife Dr. Lakshmi Murali is a well known Doctor working with Government as District Tuberculosis Officer.

Financial Contribution from the friends of the Home of Perambakkam

Donations mobilized by **Mr. Bruno Vander Stichele from the Members of LC- Klein Brabant, LCIF and many individual well wishers from Belgium** was sent to IRCDS through Belgium based NGO Centrum voor Algemeen Welzijn (CAW) to meet the gap of Govt.'s support for running the home.

Overview of the ways in which funds have been used - Accounts from 1st April 2012 to 31st July 2013

Receipts	INR	Payments	INR
<i>Financial Contribution from the friends of the Home of Perambakkam :</i>		Tuition Teacher Salary	32000
31st May 2012	41264	Food Expenses	180596
21st June 2012	55571	Educational Tour	10622
21st November 2012	236784	Educational Materials	23560
		Closing Balance	86841
Total	333619	Total	333619



Local Donations

Three well-wishers from local area have donated note books and uniform for the children. Lions Club Perambakkam has donated 125 KGs Rice, 35 pens, 35 notes and 36 bed sheets for the home as part of their contribution.

The Visitors Quote

"Congratulation to the clubs Klien Brabant and Perambakkam. The Lions LCIF project is promoting a better life for people. Thanks to the cooperation they can realize their slogan. May the children be happy here, learn a lot of things and a bright future. Together we serve was my lieu slogan. Let it be successful!"

- **Ms. Marleen Smeers**, past District Governor, and **Mr. Bruno Vander Stichele**, President, Lions Club, Klien Brabant - 9th March 2013.



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

"Friends of the Home of Perambakkam"

**Members of LC- Klein Brabant
LCIF**

CAW Het WELZIJNSHUIs vzw, Belgium, Willebroek,

Many individual well wishers from Belgium

LC Perambakkam

Lions Trust Perambakkam Children's Home

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Friends of Perambakkam Children Home from Belgium visited the Home on 9th March 2013. The team interacted with the Perambakkam Lions Club representatives and IRCDS (NGO) representatives. Former Lions Club Governor Ms. Marleen Smeers and Lions Club President Mr. Bruno Vander Stichele addressed in the meeting. District chairman Mr. R.T.E. Chandra Sekar welcomed the Belgium team. Perambakkam Lions Club President Mr. Murugan, Mr. Sekar and other key representatives participated. Ms. Marleen Smeers and Mr. Bruno exchanged their Lions Club badge with Perambakkam Lions Club members. Lions Trust Chairman Mr. P. Yesuthasan, Trustees Mr. R.T.E. Chandra Sekar, Mr. Ramesh, Mr. Titus participated in the meeting. Mr. Stephen from IRCDS proposed the vote of thanks.

After the meeting, the team visited the Children Home and interacted with the Children. Mr. Bruno and Ms. Marleen Smeers also spoke in the meeting. Children performed cultural programmes. The visitors distributed sweets and educational materials to the children.



Exam Result

Children appeared in the annual examination held in April 2013. The status of the result is given below:

Standard	Appeared in the exam	Promoted to higher class
3 rd	1	1
4 th	1	1
5 th	2	2
6 th	3	4
7 th	3	3
8 th	3	2
9 th	7	7
10 th	3	2
Total	23	22
Percentage		95.65%





Padmashree and Srihari : New admission in July 2013

Mohana, a young woman was abandoned by her husband 5 years back. She has two children. She has moved from Koilambakkam, Chennai to Kiznallathur village which is close to Tiruvallur due to her poor economic condition. She finds it very difficult to take care of the children due to her ill health i.e mental illness and financial stress.



She says "when I went to meet local Govt Doctor for medical treatment, he referred me to IRCDS for counselling and find ways for my children's education. IRCDS staff provided counselling and arranged for me to learn Tailoring and also admitted my two children (Padmashree and Srihari) in the Home run by Lions Trust and IRCDS. Now they are studying in 6th standard and 7th standard respectively. Now I feel that I have regained hope in my life".

Dillibabu (Staying in the Home from November 2005)

Dillibabu, a 15 year old boy is from K.K. Nagar, Chennai. His father is strongly addicted to alcohol and used to beat his wife in front of Dillibabu, which affected Dillibabu's mind. As a result, he lost interest in school and joined with peer group and became involved in gambling and immoral activities. At this juncture, a local gentleman referred him to one of his friends. He referred to the IRCDS for schooling and for getting moral education. After 5 days of intensive counseling he has become normal and was then enrolled in the Children Home. Now he is studying in the 8th Standard. IRCDS with the help of Family Counsellor has played a vital role in changing the attitude and behavior of the child.



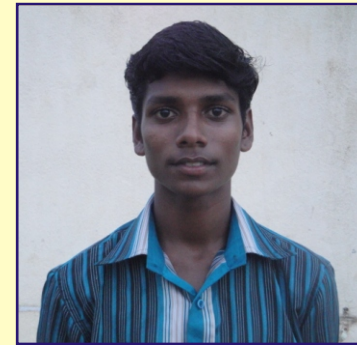
Punniakodi : New admission in July 2013



Punniakodi is the son of Mrs. Lakshmi who is deaf and living in Puthucheri village, Poondi Block. Lakshmi was abandoned by her husband 4 years back. Neither Punniakodi nor his mother knows now where his father lives. Punniakodi is working as a helper in the house construction work and feeding her two children. She used to be disturbed daily in searching for her husband. This resulted in quarrels between her and her two children. As a result, the children even went to the extent of planning to run away from the house.

In this situation, neighbours informed this matter to the local IRCDS volunteer Mrs. Geetha. She has taken Lakshmi and her two children to IRCDS for counselling and guidance.

Then her son Punniakodi was admitted in the Children Home. Now he is studying 10th standard. The other child Devi is living with her mother and pursuing her studies in a nearby school. This is to ensure that the mother feels secure.



Experience sharing - Thiyagarajan

"I am a motherless boy. My father remarried. He never turns up to look after me.

Last year I did my 9th standard here and I am now studying in 10th standard. My grandmother visits me once in a month. My home mates, warden and cook support me in handling my worries. I consider all other children who stay in the Home as my brothers and sisters. Tuition teacher motivates me to perform well in studies. Since I am appearing for the Government Public Exam this year, I am more serious in my studies than I was last year".

Experience sharing - Surender

"Last year I did my 9th standard here and I am now studying in 10th standard. The Home environment is make me happy and kindling my interest in studies. Whenever visitors come and speak about education I used to get recharged. My school teachers are also very concerned towards me like other children. I like the School very much. My aim is to become a Software Engineer".



Tuition classes for Children

Local educational volunteer is 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 36 children are studying in the tuition classes.

Moral and Social Education

IRCDS representatives Mr. Titus, Mr. Palani 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 four days (two hours /day) in a month.



Lions Trust Meeting

Sixth meeting of the Lions Trust was held at Tiruvallur 9th March 2013 under the chairmanship of Mr. P. Yesuthasen, Managing Trustee. In addition, all other three Trustees were present in the meeting.