

Ceylon Fellowship of Service

Prithipura Home

*Over 60 Years of
Lifelong Care*



January to June 2024



Since 1960, the Ceylon Fellowship of Service Prithipura Home has flourished in tranquil surroundings on three and a half acres of land in the coastal town of Wattala.

The Ceylon Fellowship of Service Prithipura Home was inaugurated in 1962. Under the guidance and dedication of Bikkhu Sumana, the Home initially began as a boys' home. There were three huts with cemented floors, wooden walls and thatch roofs. It had four residents with a few house mothers to care for them.

Today there are 60 residents housed in six cottages on the premises, giving the feeling of an extended family unit. Four cottages - Norad, Canada, Jayewardene and Rosy - house male residents while the females live in Bates and Prithi. Our staff numbers nine house mothers, three kitchen staff, a matron, an administration officer, a gate keeper, a gardener and a driver.

Our mission is to care for the residents in a community environment that enables them to live life to the fullest. We offer a safe place for the well-being and rehabilitation of the residents who need special care and attention due to mental, physical, social or economic reasons. At the Home, residents are encouraged to develop their own personalities and identities.

VISION: A home for people with mental and physical disabilities

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A New Cottage and Activity Centre

Times continue to be tough with a decrease in danes and donations and continually rising prices of basic essentials. All efforts are being made to streamline and consolidate the cost of running the home but these six months have been a challenge to bridge the shortfall between income and expenditure.

In good news, the newly upgraded Activity Centre and Canada Cottage were completed by June and are functional. The Activity Centre has been furnished with tables and chairs, a magi board on wheels and equipped with cookery equipment. The residents enjoy their cookery classes. A 55" smart TV is to be purchased shortly.

Rosy Cottage renovation is almost completed and the new cottage for females will be formally opened by the end of August and 10 female residents will be transferred there from the overcrowded Prithi and Bates cottages.

The buildings have been upgraded entirely through the generosity of Mr. Salman Eliyas and the furniture and equipment with funds received from the estate of Mrs. Vera Fonseka in Australia. We are very grateful to Mr. Eliyas and Ms. Irina Fonseka for choosing CFS Prithipura Home.

If you can help in the way of donations or your time, please contact the Home on +94 112930447 or +94 743802141



The new women's cottage



The new Activity Centre

January to June at the Home

Sumithrayo Negombo branch counsellors visited the Home regularly for sessions with the house mothers and other staff.

In April there were several Sinhala and Tamil New Year celebrations at the Home sponsored by generous donors. Leo Club of Gampaha entertained the residents with music and provided lunch. The garden was fitted out with new play equipment.

In May the residents were taken to see Vesak by bus sponsored by Mr. Kelum Costa. Danuja sat for his O'Level exams and is awaiting results.

In June the house mothers organized a poson poya day perahera in the garden.



Management

The treasurer, Enaksha Perera, resigned in March. Badra Jayaweera resigned as a committee member. Lakshman Rupesinghe joined the committee will be appointed as Treasurer from August.

The AGM was held on April 28. Devika Anthonisz was re-elected as president, Swun Kou Fernando as secretary and Lakshman Rupesinghe as Treasurer from August. The committee is Dr. Arundathie Kurukulasuriya, Major General Lohan Goonewardene, Renuka de Zoysa and Minoli de Soysa. Indira Wettasinghe was re-elected as Vice President.

Fundraising and Donations

The committee has organized a fund raising concert featuring a violin and piano recital by Johann Peiris and Sulara Nanayakkara on Tuesday, August 13 at the Lionel Wendt Theatre. Tickets are available at the venue. Please tell your friends and family and purchase your tickets. The fundraiser targets revenue of Rs. 3 million. We are very grateful to the individual donors from Sri Lanka and overseas who have answered our call.



Then and now - the same residents 27 years ago and today.

Would you like to contribute your time and effort towards making a difference in the lives of the differently abled? We are looking for new members. If you feel you can help us with fundraising and organizing events, please contact Swun on 0776242511 or at swunkou@gmail.com.

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Direct Donations

Ceylon Fellowship of Service

Account No.000-163-0360

Bank of Ceylon (Code-7010), Kollupitiya Branch (Code 034)

Address: 28, St. Michael's Road, Kollupitiya, Sri Lanka

Swift Code-BCEYLKXLX

Please forward a copy of the deposit slip by email or WhatsApp.

Please draw cheques in favour of "Ceylon Fellowship of Service". All monetary donations are acknowledged by the issuance of an official receipt.

LEND A HAND

As a charitable organization, CFS Prithipura Home looks to the community for annual support. State funding offsets only a small part of the cost of caring for residents, so private donations are essential. The Home receives contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations. There are many ways in which you can support the Home.

MEALS

Donate a meal for the entire home (residents and staff) for the day. You have a choice of Breakfast/Lunch/Tea or Dinner with a selection of menus. We would like as many donations as possible towards food because giving them a proper meal is difficult with the minimal funding we receive.

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