

Ceylon Fellowship of Service

Prithipura Home

*Over 60 Years of
Lifelong Care*

July to December 2022



Since 1960, the Ceylon Fellowship of Service Prithipura Home has flourished in tranquil surroundings on four 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 61 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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Economic Crisis Brings Many Challenges

Rising prices and diminishing donations in terms of dānes and dry rations continued to impact on the Home. The ever increasing costs of meals, maintenance and repairs as well as regular medicines are placing a strain on finances. However, with the help of generous international and local donors, the Home was able to continue to look after the welfare of its residents and to provide for their needs.

Local institutions including the Wattala Navy Camp, NDB bank and LOLC in Wattala continued to help the Home with shramadanas and by providing dry rations and gifts to the residents.

We have been able to upgrade the toilets of four cottages and the other two toilets will be done in 2023. The activity room is to be upgraded. There are plans to look at the overall picture of buildings in the Home to ensure they are used to full capacity after some renovations and repairs.

The residents and staff continued to do their part by growing vegetables and fruit, which is used by kitchen staff in preparing food for the Home.

After many bureaucratic hurdles we were able to get the Home listed as an Approved Charity by the Inland Revenue Department by gazette no 2288-09 of 12th July 2022 and CFS is now appearing on their website as an Approved Charity, which will be of use to donors who want to claim tax deductions on their donations.

Despite the challenges, we are carrying on and we look forward to a brighter future for the residents and staff in the coming year.

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



July to December at the Home

The ongoing financial crisis in the country, including the fuel problem, has kept visitors away from the Home. However, with the assistance of local institutions in the area such as the Lions Club of Wattala, residents and staff were able to celebrate Christmas and New Year with dancing and singing.

Due to Covid and the fuel issue, many activities were curtailed but the situation is now slowly coming back to normal with regular morning classes.



Upgrading and Maintenance

The Prithi Cottage toilet was renovated and upgraded with local and international donations. Among the donors are Georgina and Margaret from Australia and Tim Luard from the UK.



Management

The manager of the Home resigned at the end of August and the administration officer resigned in December. A new administration officer joined us in November.

In November, president Joan Jayamanne stepped down for personal reasons and a new president, Devika Anthonisz was appointed the new president from December 2022. Sunethra Fernando took over as treasurer.

Tashya de Silva, Nirodha Cooray and T. Someswaran resigned from the committee.

Fundraising and Donations

Despite the trying conditions facing the country, we were fortunate to have generous international and local donors to cover the bathroom renovations in two cottages, supplement meals and pay for medicines. Among these donors were Mr. Balakrishnan from India, Georgina and Margaret from Australia, the Sri Lanka UK Society, Van den Bos from Holland and Asha Mayadunne from Australia and locally the Tribe Fund, Little Lion Associates, Jagro, Arulanandan Yesuvadian Trust and Colombo International School.



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 Minoli on 0775352584 or at minoli.desoysa@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-BCEYLK LX

Please forward a copy of the deposit slip by email.

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 provided from a nutritious meal plan. 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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