



*Mudhiyor Balar Kudumba Grama Pannai*

(Family Village Farm)

Kasam, Katpadi, Vellore – 632007

## ***DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020 - 2021***

First and the foremost, I thank God for having given me the opportunity to serve this great institution and thank Him for guiding and leading me through the many crisis situations, challenging times and the good times. Also, during the unprecedented COVID -19 Pandemic, the residents were kept healthy and safe by God's grace and mercy.

With God's abundant grace and mercy and with the active support of our sponsors and hard work of our staff with the guidance of the board we were able to meet all our commitments and needs.

I would like to place on record our heartfelt gratitude to all our sponsors and well-wishers, the chairman and the board members. It is your counsel, generous support and prayers that has enabled us to successfully continue and abide by the vision and mission of our founder Dr. Pauline E. King.

I would like to begin my report by personally acknowledging and thanking our principal sponsors the Global Ministries, USA, St. John's Church, Alresford, UK, Friends of Kasam, UK, Individual sponsors and donors abroad and our many friends from the CMC Hospital and the Vellore community for their generous support in cash and kind.

In the month of December 2020, Dr. Abraham Joseph, Professor, Christian Medical College Hospital (Chittoor Campus) was elected as the Vice-Chairman and Dr. Samuel N.J. David, head of Department of Hospital Management Studies & Staff Training and Development, Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore was elected as the Honorary Secretary of the society for a term of 3 years. Rev. Jared Arul Jebareuban, Presbyterian in Charge of St. John's Church continues to serve as the Honorary Treasurer of the MBKG Pannai Society.

### **1-00 HOME:**

We are glad to report that we are making continuous efforts to improve the quality of life of our children and grandparents. Our house mothers are daily motivated and encouraged to render good care for the children and the elders. Our grandparents maintain good health with regular medication and periodical check-up. As our grandparents are aging fast the responsibility of taking care of them is becoming a big challenge. We are striving hard to provide quality care for each of them.

The organization has under its care 178 children from the ages of 2 years to 21 years, 9 House Mothers and 19 Grandmothers living together in 8 cottages, a nursery and a boys' hostel.

In March 2020, at the height of panic and uncertainty in the country due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the government announced lockdown from March 24, 2020. Following the lockdown, the District Collector and the District Social Welfare Officer instructed us to send those children that had a single parent or a guardian to their respective homes to avoid crowding at the Home to prevent spread of the virus. However, children without parents or relatives, the House Mothers and the grandmothers stayed in the Home throughout the pandemic.



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While the administrative office was closed during the lockdown, the director and the essential staff such as the wardens and the cooks were on duty to care for the residents. The standard operation Procedures were followed meticulously on the campus. The concerned government officers visited periodically to make sure that the campus was free of the COVID-19.

I place on record my appreciation for the tireless work of the wardens and the House Mothers that took care of the children and the elders during the lockdown period.

## 1-01 Home Statistics:

Number of Residents					
Children in Nursery	Play School	09	34	House Mothers	03
	LKG & UKG	15			
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Children in Cottage	School Going	62	81	House Mothers	06
	Higher Studies	13		Grandparents	19
	Others	06		Wardens	02
					27
Children in Boys' Hostel	School Going	35	63		
	Higher Studies	23		Warden	01
	Employed	05			01
Cooks		03			03
Summary					
Children	178				<b>GRAND TOTAL – 213</b>
House Mothers	09				
Grandparents	19				
Wardens	03				
Resident Cooks	03				
House keeping	01				
<b>Total</b>	<b>213</b>				

- No. of Home children studying from LKG to 12<sup>th</sup> grade at King's Matriculation Higher Secondary School was 127.
- This academic year 7 of our Home children appeared for 12<sup>th</sup> grade board examination and all 7 got through successfully with good marks.
- The 10<sup>th</sup> grade board examination was not held due to Covid-19 Pandemic. The government declared "ALL PASS". This year, out of the 19 children from the Home, 17 were promoted to 11<sup>th</sup> grade and 2 boys joined Polytechnic college.

## 1-02 Higher Education:



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After completing 12<sup>th</sup> grade, our children are enrolled to professional and Vocational training course depending on their academic performances and interests.

When our children reach the age of 18, they cease to receive sponsorship money but we continue to support their higher education which includes professional, vocational or technical courses. We are in a difficult situation here as these courses are very expensive. For this reason, we have created a **Scholarship Endowment Fund for Higher Education** to help us meet these expenses. We thank the donors and sponsors who have helped us to meet our higher educational expenses and we earnestly seek your prayers and support in building up this fund.

S.No	Name	Courses and Institutions
1	Alisa.P	General Nursing & Midwifery, CSI Rainy Hospital, Chennai
2	Jayasudha.P	General Nursing & Midwifery, CSI Rainy Hospital, Chennai
3	Lakshmi.S	General Nursing & Midwifery, CSI Rainy Hospital, Chennai
4	Shalini.S	General Nursing & Midwifery, CSI Rainy Hospital, Chennai
5	Archana.V	General Nursing & Midwifery, CMC, Vellore
6	Chithra.M	General Nursing & Midwifery, CMC, Vellore
7	Latha.K	General Nursing & Midwifery, CMC, Vellore
8	Jayanthi.P	General Nursing & Midwifery, CMC, Vellore
9	Priya.V	General Nursing & Midwifery, CMC, Vellore
10	Gunanithy.M	General Nursing & Midwifery, CMC, Vellore
11	Aswini.K	General Nursing & Midwifery, CMC, Vellore
12	Atchaya.P	General Nursing & Midwifery, CMC, Vellore
13	Raghul.K	Diploma in Anesthesia Technology, CMC, Vellore
14	Robert Clive P. K	Diploma in Hospital Sterilization Technology, CMC, Vellore
15	Bhuvaneswari.P	B.Sc in Nursing, Christian College of Nursing, Ambillikai
16	Gunawathi.B	General Nursing & Midwifery, Scudder School of Nursing, Ranipet
17	Jagadeesan.N	General Nursing & Midwifery, School of Nursing, ETCM, Kolar
18	Ragavendra.C	General Nursing & Midwifery, School of Nursing, ETCM, Kolar
19	Vignesh.S	General Nursing & Midwifery, School of Nursing, ETCM, Kolar
20	Yesuraja.P	General Nursing & Midwifery, School of Nursing, ETCM, Kolar
21	Monish.S	Degree in Physical Education, YMCA College, Chennai
22	Sivalingam.K	Degree in Physical Education, YMCA College, Chennai
23	Hemavathy.P	Degree in Physical Education, YMCA College, Chennai
24	Dillibabu.S	Diploma in EEE, Salem Polytechnic College, Salem
25	Ajithkumar.P	Diploma in Motor Mechanic, St. Joseph's ITI, Dindivanam
26	Ajithkumar.V	Electrician, St. Joseph's ITI, Dindivanam
27	Balavijayakumar.R	Diploma in Motor Mechanic, St. Joseph's ITI, Dindivanam
28	Haridoss.D	Diploma in Fitter cum Black Smith St. Joseph's ITI, Dindivanam
29	Velan.D	Diploma in Fitter Cum St. Joseph's ITI, Dindivanam
30	Arthi.P	Diploma in Health Assistant, Pravaham Community college, Vellore
31	Radhika.S	Diploma in Health Assistant, Pravaham Community college, Vellore

### 1-03 Employment:

S.No	Name	Course Completed	Employed At
1	Janakiraman.K	GNM - Staff Nurse	CMC Hospital, Vellore



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2	Haripriya.M	GNM - Staff Nurse	Christian Fellowship Hospital, Oddanchatram
3	Rubini.B	Health Assistant	Amazing Love, Elder Care Facility, Chennai
4	Nivetha.S	Health Assistant	Vellore Autism Center, Vellore
5	Soniya.P	Health Assistant	Vellore Autism Center, Vellore
6	Nithishkmar.A	Dip. Optometry	Emmanuel Eye Hospital, Coimbatore
7	Vickram.V	Dip. Optometry	Emmanuel Eye Hospital, Coimbatore
8	Santhosh.M	Dip. OR Technology	Dr. Metha's Multispecialty Hospital, Chennai
9	Sivasakthi.A	Dip. in Radiodiagnosis	ETCM Hospital, Kolar, Karnataka

We are today focusing on good higher education and the team at MBKG Pannai today is committed to getting our children admitted to various courses in different disciplines in the many good educational institutions in Tamil Nadu. We have done our best to ensure that every child has some Professional / Vocational training to meet the challenges of facing life outside the Institution after their discharge from the Home. This is a dramatic change that has taken place in the last 20 years. I would like to place on record the remarkable support we get from the College of Nursing at CMC for the training of our children since 2002. I wish to thank the Dean Dr. Mrs. Vathsala Sadan and every member of our society from the nursing college for this great support.

## 2-00 Integrated Complex:

MBKG Pannai continues to be the best '**Integrated Complex of Special Homes for Senior Citizens and Destitute Children**' in Vellore District. There are periodical visits carried out by the Child Welfare Committee, District Child Protection Unit along with the District Social Welfare officer to inspect the place, residents and records. It stands to the credit of the staff for their great effort in maintaining the required standards and documentation for this award being given to the MBKG Pannai for the 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

## 2-01 Visits of Government Officials:

The District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO), the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) and the District Child Welfare Committee (CWC) members visit the Home periodically to inspect the facility, interact with the residents, check the Records and Registers and also to inspect the overall maintenance of the Home.

In October 2020, the Chairman and members of Child Protection Unit and Child Welfare Committee visited the Home to select children that have completed 18 year of age for After Care Support Programme. The officers interviewed 16 children personally and suggested for DSD Financial support.

Mr. J. Partheeban, the District Revenue Officer, visited the Home with his family and sponsored a special meal for the children and elders. He also donated stationary items for the children. He appreciated the facilities available to the children and elders and also the care given to them.



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In November 2020, Mr. S. Ganesh, Revenue Divisional Officer inspected the Home in order to sponsor 100 beds from the district administration. He was impressed with the concept of the family unit and wished the children and the staff the very best for the future.

### **3-00 Visitors:**

#### **3-01 Visit of Nurses League, College of Nursing, CMCH:**

Nurses from College of Nursing, Christian Medical College Hospital representing the Nurses League, LOCAL UNIT visit the Home every year before Christmas to meet the children. In December 2020, a team of members visited the Home and entertained the children with a Christmas story and taught them an action song. The Local Unit of the Nurses League sponsors a child.

#### **3-02 Christmas Cheer Fund – CMCH:**

MBKG Pannai thanks the Management and Employees of Christian Medical College Hospital for their annual donation of Christmas dresses to the Children, House Mothers and Elders from their Employees' *Christmas Cheer Fund*. In December 2020, the hospital was represented by staff of Accounts Department that visited the Home and distributed the dresses to the residents.

#### **3-03 Christmas Gifts from People's Church, Ireland:**

Every Year for Christmas, Pastor Patrick Fitzgerald of People's Church in Dublin, Ireland with his family and Overseas Mission Team of his church visits the Home and donates individually packed Christmas gifts to the children, House Mother and Elders. In December 2020, due to Corona Virus Pandemic, the team could not visit the Home. Nonetheless, they were thoughtful in sending gifts to everyone at MBKG Pannai Home for Christmas. We are overwhelmed with gratitude and thank Pastor Patrick and his church for keeping up their kind gesture even during the difficult times.

#### **3-04 Alumni Reunion:**

Every year on January 20, the death anniversary of Dr. Pauline E King is commemorated as Alumni Reunion Day. This year the reunion was not held due to Covid-19 Pandemic; yet a few of the senior members of the Old Students Association visited the Home and along with the present Children, House mothers, Elders and Staff paid homage to their beloved "Mummy" Dr. Pauline E. King.

#### **3-05 Make A Difference (MAD):**

Make a Difference is a youth-driven, non-profit organization working to ensure better outcomes for children in orphanages and street shelters. MAD's vision is that even the most



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vulnerable children in society are able to realize equitable outcomes. Enthusiastic engineering students from Vellore Institute of Technology University who are MAD volunteers visit MBKG Pannai on the weekends to help our children. They tutor them in Science and Mathematics.

During the COVID -19 Pandemic, classes were conducted online for the children. We thank the MAD volunteers for investing their devices, time and effort in our children.

### **3-06 Retirement:**

Mr. Yesian. G, the Tailoring Master of Tailoring Training Centre (TTC) retired in June 2020. He served the institution for 25 years. Besides training young people in tailoring skills, he made garments for the residents. He was diligent in his work and punctual to work. A simple farewell party was organised by the management at the home campus. The Honorary Secretary of MBKG Pannai Society Dr. B. J. Prashantham congratulated Mr. G. Yesian for his dedicated service to the organization and presented him with retirement benefit.

### **4-00 Health and Nutrition:**

The children, mothers and grandparents continue to be in good health. Routine medical check-up for the grandparents is done at S.I.H – R & L.C, Hospital, Karigiri, Government Primary Health Center, Serkadu and the Government Hospital, Thiruvalem. We follow a scheduled well balanced food menu, a daily multivitamin tablet and a fruit three times a week for the children, mothers and grandparents. Once in 6 months de-worming and quarterly weight and height check are being done to monitor children's growth.

The PHC gives us a monthly supply of Sanitary Napkins for the girls and Deworming tablets as well as over the counter medicines such as Paracetamol and Vitamin Supplements. In addition to this, we send our grandmothers for a routine check-up once in three months and they are supplied with required medicines.

We thank the government Primary Health Centre and the Hospital for its support in maintaining the health of the Children and elders. Also, we thank the Health Inspector for arranging to carry out the anti-mosquito fogging in the campus.

### **4-01 Routine Vaccination for the Children:**

In November 2020, Public Health Nurses from Government Primary Health Centre, Thiruvalem administered booster dose of Diphtheria Tetanus (DT) Vaccine for the children between the age group of 5 to 15.

### **4-02 COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination:**

The Government Hospital's special medical team visited the Home and performed RT-PCR (Swab) test for all residents at the Home campus and also held Vaccination camp at the campus.



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Children above 18 years and the adults were vaccinated against COVID -19. All the staff and workers too were tested for COVID-19 and vaccinated. The test reports and the vaccination certificates were submitted to the government.

## **5-00 Sponsorship Program:**

*“It is more blessed to give than to receive”* is the experience of the good-willed people in the sponsorship program. Regular updates on the children and the happenings at the Home are the key to the success of the program. In addition to this, the salary deduction facility has made it more convenient for the sponsors and regular donors from CMC Hospital to continue their support.

When sponsors express their desire to support a child, a welcome pack with a brief history of the organization, background information about the child (a case history), a recent full-size photograph and a handwritten letter or a colouring page of the child is sent to them. Regular updates of the children are sent to the sponsor with the quarterly newsletter. In addition to this, an e-mail contact list of the sponsors is being maintained to make the correspondence quick and cost-effective. During special occasions and festive times, sponsors who have email IDs are sent video clips of the children singing or reciting a rhyme which makes them very happy.

## **5-01 Statistics by Percentage:**

<b>Sponsors</b>	<b>Percentage of Sponsorship</b>
Global Ministries, USA	75%
St. John’s Church, Alresford, UK	2%
Friends of Kasam, UK (Mr. John Ramsbottom & Friends)	4%
National & Local Sponsors	12%

7 % of our children are currently without sponsorship. We would greatly appreciate your help in attaining 100% sponsorship for the children in the Home. I would like to thank Ms. Anita Grace Paul, our Sponsorship co-ordinator for her outstanding contribution to the programme.

In addition to the regular child sponsorship programme, people join us in celebrating their special occasions such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, thanksgiving and memorial days by sponsoring special meals / snacks to the children and elders. There is a tariff for the meals. In the recent times, number of people sponsoring meals has increased which has reduced the food expenses considerably.

## **5-02 Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) London, UK:**

After a very thorough ‘Due diligence’ study and report we are for the last many years a REGISTERED CHARITY for UK donors. This registration allows all donors from UK to route



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their funds through the CAF, UK. The advantage of routing funds through the CAF UK is that the CAF adds on the tax rebate given on the donation and sends it to us.

### **5-03 Amazon - Gift A Smile:**

Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) India is a registered public charitable trust, a part of CAF International network, whose mission is to promote and support strategic giving for a more equitable and sustainable society. CAF Partners with one of its clients, Amazon India, to help NGOs such as ours through a programme called '**Gift a Smile**'. This is an in-kind donation program which let NGOs create their own wish list of products (books for children, sports equipment, puzzles, etc. and medical equipment like health monitors & mobility aids and a host of other products available on Amazon website) that are needed. This wish list is then displayed on Amazon's landing page and is visible to any person who visits the website and intends to fulfill a particular wish of the NGO.

I am glad to bring to your attention that, MBKG Pannai continues to be a beneficiary of this program. If you wish to donate through this programme you may visit [www.amazon.in](http://www.amazon.in) and find our wish list.

### **6-00 King's Matriculation Higher Secondary School:**

King's Matriculation Higher Secondary School caters to the educational needs of the children from the Home as well children from the surrounding Villages. It continues to provide quality education at an affordable cost. The strength for the academic year 2020 – 2021 was 689.

The academic year 2020 -2021 was supposed to have started in the month of June 2020. Due to the covid-19 pandemic the schools were closed in India and regular classes were not taking place. But King's school like the rest of the schools in the district started online classes from June 15, 2020 onwards for upper classes and from July 1st for the lower classes. As most of the students are from the MBKG Pannai Home and also from surrounding rural areas, they were not in a position to buy smart phones or laptops for the online classes. While, 25% of the students attended online classes, 50% of the students who were unable to attend online classes were given study materials from school to study at home. The remaining students were unable to either attend online classes or collect the materials from the school.

The number of COVID-19 cases significantly decreased since November 2020 and with growing concerns surrounding the future course of action for students of Classes 10 and 12, who had to take their board examinations, the State government decided to reopen schools for students from grade 9 to 12 alone on January 19, 2021. As per the Government instructions classes were conducted with all precautions and standard operating Procedures for the safety of the students as well as the teachers. Schools were supplied Multivitamins and Zinc Sulphate tablets by the Government Primary Health Centres and were advised to administer these supplements to the students periodically to boost their immune system.





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In the meantime, the national festivals like Independence Day (August 15) and Republic Day (January 26) were celebrated modestly. As per the State Government's announcement, students from kindergarten to grade 12 were promoted without writing the final exams.

### **6-01 Statistics:**

S.No	Category	Strength
01	Students	689
02	Teaching Staff	39
03	Non-Teaching Staff	16
Total		<b>744</b>

## **GRATITUDE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our well-wishers, donors and sponsors.
- Our chairman the Rt. Rev. H. Sharma Nithyanandham, Bishop in CSI Vellore Diocese for his leadership and prayers. We continue to pray for his ministry at the Vellore Diocese.
- Members of the Executive Committee and General body for their continuous support.
- Rev. Dr. Deenabandhu Manchala and Ms. Linda Lawrence of the Global Ministries in the USA for their love, support and encouragement to us at all times.
- Mr. John Ramsbottom and Mrs. Marie White from the UK, for their continuous support for the development of MBKG Pannai. They visit us regularly and give their valuable suggestions for improvement of the Home and School.
- Friends of Kasam, United Kingdom through Mr. John Ramsbottom and Mrs. Marie White for their enormous contribution to the welfare of the organization.
- St. John's Church, Alresford, UK for their contribution to the Child Sponsorship programme and general support to the organization.
- Make A Difference (MAD) Volunteers from VITU, who selflessly come to the Home to teach the children.
- Pastor Patrick Fitzgerald and his church for their remarkable contribution to the development of the Home.



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- The Director, the Faculty, Students, the General Services Board and friends of CMC Hospital, Vellore for their generosity and support to us. We wish to place on record our gratitude to the General Services Board for their generous gifts every year during Christmas.
- The administrators, doctors and staff members of CMC Hospital and SIH-R&LC hospital for giving medical attention and also for taking care of our children, when we send them to their hospitals for medical care.
- Dr. B.J. Prashantham, Secretary and Rev. I. Jared Arul Jebareuban, Treasurer for their leadership and support to the organization.
- Alumni Association of MBKG Pannai for their involvement in the welfare of the organization.
- Staff of MBKG Pannai for their dedicated work and support for the welfare of the children and the development of the organization.

Y. Kirubahara Daniel  
Director.