



Mudhiyor Balar Kudumba Grama Pannai Family Village Farm

A living community of destitute children, women and the elderly, founded by Dr. Miss. Pauline E. King in 1969... MBKG Pannai is in the mission of transforming lives.



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“May the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way”

New members of the MBKG Pannai (FVF) Family



Iniya - 2 months



Nisha - 5 months



18 days old Sakthivel with mother Mrs. Sathiya



Gokulakrishnan
8 months



Sudesh – 2



Guganathan - 3



Pranitha - 7



Janesh - 8



Shahana - 7



Vethika.K - 11



Varunkumar -14



Sai Prasad - 10



Tharun Vijay - 10

Children are admitted in MBKG Pannai Home with Placement Order from the District Child Welfare Committee. Since February 2024, 13 children and 2 Housemothers were admitted to the Home. The Infants and children under 6 were placed in the nursery and children above 6 years of age were placed in the cottages and boys above 10 were placed in the Boys' Home.

At the Home children will enjoy a clean, safe and a secure environment which will support their holistic development. MBKG Pannai Home thrives to nurture the children with love and utmost care. Transformation to a bright future begins from the first day of admission to the Home.

Housemothers



Mrs. Swathi



Mrs. Lakshmi

Housemothers are resident caretakers who play the role of a mother and stay with the children 24/7.

Transformed lives... Testimony to the mission



Aswini.K

Staff Nurses at Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore



Atchaya.P



Priya.V



Gunavathy.B

Staff Nurse at Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet



Shalini.S

Staff Nurse at CSI Rainy Hospital, Chennai

Child & Elder Sponsorship Programme

Child & Elder Sponsorship Programme enables the children have a healthy, normal childhood and a safe environment to grow-up in a family set up with good values. It also helps children to access quality education and gives freedom to brighter future. The love and sense of belonging experienced by the children through their sponsors transform their lives and help them find their identity and self-worth.

Sponsor a Child / a House Mother / an Elder for
INR 2000 / US \$ 35 / £ 25 per month

By sponsoring a child,

- ◆ You build a personal connection with your sponsored children through exchange of letters and gifts.
- ◆ See progress of the children through videos, photos and updates from the sponsorship office.
- ◆ And life changing opportunity to visit your sponsored children.

Elder Sponsorship enables us to provide a peaceful elder friendly environment for the destitute elders.

You may contact the Sponsorship Coordinator at

mbkgpsponsorship@gmail.com

MBKG Pannai thanks the sponsors that supported the children since their childhood and the donors that contributed to the Higher Education Fund. We could not have transformed these children's lives without your partnership. **Thank you!**

Congratulations!



The management of MBKG Pannai was pleased to promote Mrs. Anita Grace Paul as Superintendent of Home in June 2024. This promotion is to recognize her outstanding contribution, Hard work and dedication to the organization. Besides her responsibility as the Sponsorship Coordinator, she will be in-charge of the daily activities, welfare of the residents as well as overall management of the Home.



The organization continues to hold the status of the best « Integrated Complex of Special Homes for Senior Citizens and Destitute Children » in the district awarded by the state government of Tamil Nadu.



Alumni Reunion

Every year, in the month of January, on the death anniversary of Dr. Pauline E. King, founder of MBKG Pannai, the Old Students Association of MBKG Pannai Home and the Management jointly organize the Alumni Reunion cum a thanksgiving meeting for the sacrificial life of Dr. Miss. Pauline E. King.



This year, the reunion was held on Sunday, January 21 at MBKG Pannai Home premises and was attended by around 250 alumni with their families along with the present residents, the staff of the Home and King's school. The meeting began with honoring Dr. Miss. King by garlanding her marble bust as well as her resting place in the Home campus.



The past beneficiaries of the Home, fondly reminisced on their personal encounters with their mummy Dr. Miss. Pauline E. King's and shared their memories growing up at the Home. Also, they encouraged the present children to make use of the opportunities that are provided at the Home to have a successful future. In the afternoon, the alumni conducted interesting games for the children and distributed prizes for the winners. A fellowship lunch was arranged for everyone.



The event was not only the celebration of a legacy but an opportunity for the alumni to network and to give back to the organization in various ways. The Old Students' Association sponsors 16 children.



Our visit in January, 2024..... By John & Marie, England, UK

Having been regular visitors to Kasam for many years, returning after a three year Covid gap, and the older children we had got to know so well now in further education or training courses, we wondered how we would manage this time. However, once we arrived, it was as though we had never left. A photo shoot of all the children for their records, visits to the nursery to distribute quilts and blankets made by our friends, and the usual issuing of donated watches to the older children was a good start before organizing a table tennis competition for the boys.



When we left in February 2020, the girls had just started to play basketball and Vijay was coaching them as well as the boys. We were impressed by their play and commitment and already some are playing at District/State level. A trip with Anita to the sports shop in Vellore to replenish stock, replace damaged kit, and basketball footwear for the boys' team, who also have played at representative levels, is standard on our visits.

We were invited to meet Mr. Reni Charles and Mr. Paul Chandrakumar, the Vice Chairman and Treasurer of the Management committee, and were impressed by plans to develop the campus facilities, and to their positive support for the Kasam team.

We both felt that, given our ages, we would no longer sponsor individual children, but would support in other ways including adding to the Sports Fund which we set up a few years ago. However, that was not the way it worked out, and we left sponsoring three delightful children, Lakshmi, Sanjay and his younger brother, Selvaganesh. When Selvaganesh completes his time at King's School I will be 101!

The one area of concern is the restriction of numbers in the Boys' home by the local authorities, and the need to develop the space available and toilet facilities to cater for the pre Covid numbers- a minimum of 50 boys. We hope, with our friends, to be able to raise some additional funds to help the cause.

We ended our visit joining up with friends Adrian and Jessica Simpson who were passing through Chennai and sponsor a girl at the same nursing college as Janani, sponsored by my daughter. With Anita and their sponsored boy Suryaprabhu we raided to local Decathlon sports store, and had a great time with the children. The next day we were hosted by my first sponsored boy, Karthick, staying in the International Guests' rooms at the Chennai Christian University, where he is the assistant professor of English.

John & Marie, England



Congrats and best wishes to Mrs. Helen on her Retirement!



Mrs. Helen addressed the gathering

32 years ago, a young widow with her two small daughters sought refuge at MBKG Pannai because of her husband's untimely death. She had no shelter or income to care for her family. Mrs. Helen Nethravathy, was placed a housemother in the nursery for 2 years and later as she was interested in cooking, she was appointed as a cook.

At early stages of her work as a cook, along with two other cooks she prepared meals for 200 residents daily on firewood stoves. She knew the quantity of food to be prepared by heart and catered to the needs of the children as well as the grandmothers. Mrs. Helen was well-versed in cooking for overseas guests, non-spicy delicious meals. She has witnessed the transition from firewood stove to gas stove and recently to steam cookers. She was a passionate cook; She followed the planned menu meticulously and was economical by not wasting food. She had a good interpersonal relationship with the residents.

Mrs. Helen thanked the management, staff and the residents of the Home for their love and cooperation during her stay at the Home. The staff, grandmothers, Housemothers gave her gifts in token of appreciation and the director on behalf of the management gave her gratuity benefits. MBKG Pannai family bid her farewell with heavy hearts and wished her a happy and a healthy retirement life.

PROJECT YUVA BY CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE, VELLORE

"Young People Understanding & Verbalizing Adolescence"

- Project YUVA (PY) is an Adolescent health education program under Adolescent Medicine unit, Department of Pediatrics, CMC. It is aimed at empowering adolescents (ages 10-19 years, WHO definition) with knowledge about their own health. The health education sessions cover diverse topics including Healthy lifestyle, Mental health, Injuries, Safety, Substance use and Sexual and reproductive health. The health sessions are designed to be interactive and engaging. The Health educators, are trained by team of doctors and nurses in CMC.



In order to promote the health and well-being of the teenagers at MBKG Pannai Home, a 34 session programme was conducted from April 15 2024 to June 1, 2024. 60 children attended the programme and benefitted from the interactive sessions. The children's response to these sessions were positive and were assuring that they have understood and will apply the concepts practically.

The Head of Adolescent Medicine Unit, CMC, Chairman of District Child Welfare Committee, Project Coordinators and Health Educators were present for the final day programme. A few representatives from the children shared what they learnt and how it has helped them apply to day today life. Overall, the programme was a successful one.

A quote from a young visitor



I had the privilege of staying at MBKGP over the month of February. I helped the girls with their English studies, as well as teaching dance to those interested. I taught a range of styles, creating versatility and allowing the girls to explore the many different styles within dance. In turn, I was taught some moves from the classical dance in Tamil Nadu, Bharatanatyam, which I enjoyed greatly. The children at MBKGP are respectful and attentive, they have a brilliant curiosity about the world which makes them keen learners and a pleasure to teach. Staying at MBKGP was the perfect opportunity for me to learn how to be independent, and embrace change. The children taught me a lot, including the importance of laughter and friends. I also spent time at the King's School, where I was able to observe some classes as well as teach some English games, such as hangman. MBKGP is an incredibly special place, I am very grateful to Ms. Anita and Mr. Daniel for their hospitality, as well as the grandmothers, housemothers and the children for making me feel so at home.

Ruby Naqvi, England, UK

Founder's Day Celebration



Dr. Pauline King's birthday on 4th June, is commemorated as Founder's day. This year on Tuesday, June 4, a thanksgiving meeting was organized to celebrate and honour Dr. Pauline King's 107th birthday. The vice-chairman, Mr. Rene Charles, treasurer Mr. Paul Chandrakumar and the Correspondent of King's school Dr. Selvamani were the guest of honour. The occasion was graced by the alumni, present residents of the Home, Faculty of King's school and the Home Staff. After opening prayer by Mr. Rene Charles and welcome address by the director Mr. Daniel, the staff of the Home and the members of the alumni felicitated Dr. King's glorious life. The air was filled with gratitude and reassurance that Dr. Miss Pauline King's mission will continue with more fervour and dedication...



Annual Summer Camp 2024

As part of Summer activities, this year's summer camp was held at YMCA Retreat Center at Yelagiri Hills, 94 kilometers from Vellore city; 50 children from 13 to 18 years attended the 5-day camp from 15th May to 19th May. Main objectives of the summer camp are to engage the children in activities that they find both enjoyable and meaningful, to provide an even platform for all kids to explore and express their creativity, in any form and to educate and create awareness about various issues like eco system, environment and nature. Besides, indoor activities and discussions on various topics pertaining to Youth, the children visited the Herbal Park, Birds Park and went boating and trekking. Indeed, it was a great time for all the children. The children were refreshed and rejuvenated after a 5-day camp, getting ready to face the next academic year which started in June.



The cool weather, crisp mountain air and lush green landscapes were soothing to the soul and refreshing the mind.

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