

Ceylon Fellowship of Service

Prithipura Home

*Over 60 Years of
Lifelong Care*

January to June 2025



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 57 residents housed in seven 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, Prithi and Nasima. Our staff numbers eleven house mothers, three kitchen staff, a matron, an assistant 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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Residents Thrives Despite Challenging Times for the Home

Thanks to generous donors and dedicated house mothers and staff as well as supervision by board members, residents at the Home are thriving and living up to their full potential.

With the new activity centre, residents are able to get the full advantage of teachers Lakshika and Sameema by participating in drawing, painting and crafts. They also help in baking short eats for special occasions. The new activity centre and a new cottage for girls, which were opened in the second half of 2024, were made possible due to generous donations from Mr. Salman Eliyas.

Several organisations assisted in providing entertainment and food for residents who celebrated Sinhala and Tamil new year and Vesak with funds from generous donors.

However, we are still facing financial constraints in the wake of ever rising prices and falling donations so any assistance in cash and kind will be most welcome.

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



January to June at the Home

January

Mr Udaya Kumar provided breakfast for the residents. There was dancing and presents.

Sumithrayo counsellors had a session with the house mothers.

Danuja joined the Sri Lanka Vocational Training Institute in Seeduwa for a two year course in IT and Design.

The Gampaha Social Service Department visited the Home.

Akila Weragoda and his family took the residents and house mothers to the Kelaniya temple.

February

A Staff birthday party was held.

Residents watched a Sinhala stage play *Lokka Ledawela* at the Bishops College Auditorium.

Georgina Spinaze and three friends from Australia visited the Home and gave a generous donation collected from their friends. They were hosted to lunch at the Home by a few board members.

Farzan was handed back to his mother by the Pugoda court. He will live in Welimada where a small shop was built for his mother to run with donations from wellwishers.

March

Residents and house mothers went to former President Mrs Indrani de Silva's funeral. A dane was held at the home with the participation of her family.

Children from the Dammarama Sunday School visited the Home.

Students from Elizabeth Moir school came to the Home on their annual visit and there was singing and dancing.

Manike, an old volunteer from Holland, visited with her daughters and were hosted to lunch.

April

Avurudu celebrations held at the Home.

The Leo Club of Colombo visited the Home.

May

A fashion show *Unfurl* in aid of CFS was presented by Barefoot.

Vesak celebrations were held at the Home.

June

Poson celebrations were held at the Home.



Management

The AGM of the CFS Prithipura Home was held on April 25. The following office bearers were elected for the year 2025/26:

President - Mrs. Devika Anthonisz, Vice President - Mrs. Indira Wettasinghe, Secretary – Mrs. Swun-Kou Fernando and Treasurer - Mr. K.A. Lakshman Rupasinghe.

Committee Members - Ms. Minoli de Soysa, Dr. Arundathi Kurukulasuriya, Ms. Renuka de Soyza and Mr. Lohan Goonewardana.

Three residents, Ananda, Tissa and Sriani, passed away. They were all over 60 year of age. A new resident, 14 year old Madhushani, joined the Home.

Fundraising and Donations

A fashion show fundraiser for the Home by the Barefoot Gallery was held on April 26 and raised Rs.700,000 from ticket sales and donations. Many thanks to Dominic Sansoni and team.

Dr. Sondra Holmes of the UK gave a donation of Rs500,000 from which a washing machine, showers and fans were purchased.

Georgina and friends from Australia brought with them Aus\$5,800.

Ideas Ltd gave their annual donation of Rs 250,000.



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.

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 or WhatsApp.

Please draw cheques in favour of "Ceylon Fellowship of Service". All monetary donations are acknowledged by the issuance of an official receipt and a "Goods Received Note" for goods donated.

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 we strive to give them a nutritious meal.

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