

"A man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help a child"



Arobanam Children Fund Newsletter – January 2020

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Time for reflection

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2020. ACF would like to take the opportunity to wish all our supporters a very happy New Year and thank you for your continued support in 2019. The start of the new decade marks a significant milestone for the ACF community as we commemorate 25 years of the charity being in operation. Together, over the years we have helped to provide humanitarian relief to many children and their families despite facing many challenges and obstacles along the way.

2019 was a difficult year for the ACF family as we sadly lost our founder and patron – Father James Pathinathan, one of the key driving forces behind our organisation. His loss will act as a poignant reminder of why an organisation like ourselves began and although we have achieved a lot, there is still much more to do.

We are pleased to say that many of you have been with us on the journey from the very start and we are also delighted that we have been able to grow our support network with many new faces over the years – old or new, your contribution is the foundation of our success. We hope you and your families can join us for our 25th anniversary celebration in March where we will share much more about our future plans. More details about the event can be found on page 2.

New refuge opened to support young women

Sister Rajesh has started a new initiative that is designed to provide shelter, food and care to abused young women. These women need a safe place to give birth and recover.

The home acts as a temporary home for both mother and child, giving them support and security while they decide their future.

Many of the girls who are being cared for are under 18 years of age - ACF have agreed to fund the care of these young girls.



For further information, please contact one of our committee members at:

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Together We Can Make A Difference

ACF success stories

In 2019, six students supported by the ACF higher education funding scheme via the DWF and Mankulam Foster Care have completed their degree courses and are awaiting their respective graduation ceremonies. One student completed her degree in medicine, specialising in Speech and Hearing Science.

A further student from Mannar graduated with first class honours in Management from the University of Jaffna – the degree was studied in English. She was one of three students out of a group of approximately 250 students to achieve a first-class honours grade. We are proud of her and congratulate her in her achievement. ACF will continue to mentor her future endeavours.

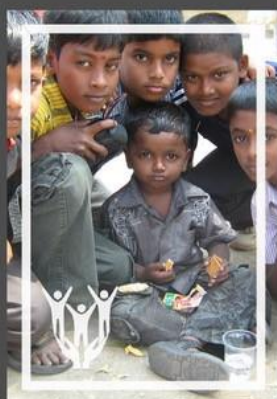
As part of our University funding programme, ACF has been providing financial support to a boy called Niruban who is studying at Jaffna University. With private funding from an organisation in Germany, Niruban has independently set up a tuition centre in Mankulam. We are delighted to share his success story and would like to acknowledge his entrepreneurial spirit. As means of encouraging his ambitions and supporting his future career development, ACF will continue to assist until he completes his higher education.

Two students from Mahadeva Ashram (assisted by ACF) have completed their courses in Bharatanatyam, with their respective arangetrums planned for 2020.

Father James Pathinathan

On 12th July 2019, the Arobanam family learned of the sad news that our Patron and Mentor, Reverend Father James Pathinathan passed away in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Fr James is the foremost person to bring the Arobanam family together at the beginning, in 1995. A memorial fund will be started in honour of Fr James, more details to follow.



AROBANAM CHILDREN FUND

invite you to join us for our 25th Anniversary Charity Dinner

28TH MARCH 2020
DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM & EVENT ENDS 11:00 PM

Oakington Manor School, Oakington Manor Drive,
Wembley, Middlesex, HA9 6NF.



“ His bones are being formed
His blood is being made
His mind is being developed
To him we cannot say tomorrow
His name is today ”

#ACF25YEARSOFGIVING

ASSETS and special needs

As you know our partners ASSETS have been working with special needs children. Recently, they have succeeded in boosting the IQ of two of the children in their care. This has allowed them to be successfully integrated back into society, and both are currently assisting their families with their livelihood.



Arobanam Sponsorship Scheme
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