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



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# 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Charity Dinner - Highlights

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March, ACF held our Annual Charity Dinner at Southborough High School, Surbiton, Surrey.

The programme began with the traditional lighting of the 'kuththu vilakku' by our esteemed Chief Guest, Cllr Thay Thayalan, Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames. Back by popular demand, saxophonist Praveena Ravishanker provided the evening's live entertainment with a rendition of jazz music. This was followed by a slideshow presentation detailing ACF's work and recent appeals in the past year.

As always, our American Auction drew much excitement and to end the night, our raffle saw some lucky winners take home various prizes including a week's stay in the Dominican Republic.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

Cllr Thay Thayalan



Praveena Ravishanker







For further information, please contact one of our committee members at: Arobanam Children Fun, 29 Helmsdale Road, London, SW 16 5UT E-mail: Rama: <u>vijayanathanr@yahoo.co.uk</u>, Thenuka: <u>thenup@hotmail.com</u> Together We Can Make A Difference



### Bharathi Illam Children's Home - Mullaitivu

The 46 children sponsored by ACF at our Bharathi Illam Children's Home celebrated Thaipongal at the start of this year. The children had a meal of sweet pongal and also enjoyed a fun day at the beach.



# **Myooressh Maheswaran - Fundraising for ACF**

A supporter and friend of our charity, Myooressh Maheswaran, is on course (pun intended!) to run the Virgin Money London Marathon on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in aid of ACF.

We are extremely grateful he is willing to tackle this 26 mile challenge and wish him the best of luck.

Please consider supporting him, any donation large or small would be much appreciated. Details can be found on his fundraising page:

### http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Myooressh



### School Bags & Shoes

We are pleased to report that more of our Foster Care children in Mankulam were provided with school bags and shoes, funded by one of our sponsors.



Rucksacks were distributed among the children.

Additionally, school shoes and white socks were provided.



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