

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



September 2024

Dear Supporters, Friends and Readers, Welcome to September's newsletter. We are pleased to share updates from many of our ongoing projects. Please also **Save the Date for our Annual Event, this will be held on Saturday 2nd November 2024 in Surrey** – more details will be shared in due course.

Fr James Memorial Education Tour was organised for the Hill Countries foster care children and families on, 4th August 2024. This is the first ever trip that been successfully organised for the foster care families in the Hill Countries.

This day trip, to Kandy, for the group of 34 made up of 11 foster care children, their siblings, some of the parents and 2 staff members from the Hill Countries partner project, Vishnu Aroganam, consisted of visits to a popular bird park and a children's park.

Breakfast, morning tea with snacks, lunch, water bottles and evening tea was provided during this trip. This outing was funded in equal measure through ACF's patron, Mr Ramakrishnan and the committee members.



Fr James' Memorial Special Meal - It's 5 years since our founder patron, Rev Fr James' passing. This year's Fr James' memorial special meal was organised for the foster care children & families and held in Mankulam, on 7th July 2024. The dry rations food distribution, for the Mankulam foster care families was also conducted on the same day.



Mankulam Good Shepherd Convent Hostel & Arobanam Boys Home held a special meals in June



Vishnu Aroganam held its first ever special meal for its foster care children and families. Dry food rations were also distributed to the families on the 7th of July 2024.



On 18 August 2024, 3 more projects held special meals for their children:

- Annai Illam ... Children's Home in Mannar,
- Welcome House ... Home for abused mothers in Anaikoddai, Jaffna,
- Good Shepherd Convent Hostel ... Children's Home in Mankulam, Mullaitivu.

Indian Embassy Sanctioned Artificial Limb Fitting for War Affected Sri Lankan Citizens

The artificial limb fitting sessions, conducted by an expert team of medical officers from the Jaipur Institute in India; were held from 3rd -19th of June 2024, in Chundikuli in the Northern Province. A total of 352 amputees were fitted with 366 artificial limbs. ACF supported this venture by funding the provision of refreshments on the day.



ACF Children's A'Level Results

Arobanam Children Fund						
Advance Level Results – 2023/2024						
Foster Care and Residents' Children						
No	ACF No	Name	Result	Home /Foster Care	Stream	Status
01	2348	M.Thevika	A,2B	GSCH	Arts	Pass
02	-	M.Sutharshini	B,2S	GSCH	Arts	Pass
03	-	A.Akshaya	C,2S	GSCH	Arts	Pass
04	-	X.Mukunthini	C,2S	GSCH	Arts	Pass
05	2529	N.Anjani	2A,B	DWF FC	Arts	Pass
06	2508	C.Dilaxsana	2C,S	DWF FC	Arts	Pass
07	-	M.Thenuja	A,2B	DWF Annai Illam	Arts	Pass
08	-	K.Kirubalini	B,C,S	DWF Annai Illam	Arts	Pass
09	-	A.Laxsika	3A	DWF ACF Hostel	Arts	Pass
10	2313	G.Jasirtharan	3A	Mankulam Foster Care	Arts	Pass
11	998	A.Thulaxsan	3S	Mankulam Foster Care	Maths	Pass
12	2708	V.Vanusha	B,C,S	Mankulam Foster Care	Arts	Pass
13	2669	N.Piruthika	2A,C	Mutur Foster Care	Arts	Pass
14	-	U.Uma	A,B,C	DWF ACF Hostel	Arts	Pass
15	1880	T.Suganya	B,2C	Nilaveli CDI Home	Arts	Pass



Mutur foster care student, Piruthika's achievement of 2A + 1C was celebrated, with other well-achieving students by her school.



Remarkable Achievement:

Several young adults, who have grown up through their early formative years whilst receiving long term assistance from Arobanam Children Fund, have achieved significant milestones in their academic journeys. They have successfully entered university.

This achievement marks a testament to the enduring dedication and support that is provided by Arobanam Children Fund UK. It extends its heartfelt gratitude to its supporters for their unwavering contributions, which have made this remarkable performance possible.

Child 1 ... M.Kirusha ... Destitute Welfare Fund Foster Care ... Arts Stream

Child 2 ... T.Sasikala ... Destitute Welfare Fund Foster Care ... Arts Stream

Child 3 ... B.Salojan ... Mankulam Foster Care ... Arts Steam

The Successful Reunion into Society of 4 children from ASSETS

Theepan Thirusanth - 6 yrs.

Pre-intervention: ADHD & Down Syndrome and mental retardation special empowerment therapy, extra attention to educational needs and inclusivity

Post-intervention: now continues studies at his local school and is still improving

Thavanesan Thiresan – 16 yrs.

Pre-intervention: development delays in speech & motor skills. Lack of schooling. Aggressive behaviour and unsociable, counselling & basic schooling

Post-intervention: caring, gentler & accepting & helps father with his work

Thevakanthan Arulnesan – 18 yrs.

Pre-intervention: autism & mental retardation. childhood seizures. development delays in speech & motor skill, special care & empowerment therapy and accompanied improvement in eating skills.

Post-intervention: supporting father in tending their home farm.

Santhiran Thamilavan – 20 yrs.

Pre-intervention: aggressive language & behaviour and unsociable counselling & appropriate therapies

Post-intervention: creativity & retail skills flourishing and is working in a shop

New Support Needed for Arobanam Children Fund

We need volunteers and supporters who can help us achieve our strategic growth plan.

If you or your friends can help us, please contact our chairperson, Mr Varathan, via his email address: vthiagarasa@aol.com or via the contact details on the Contact Page on our website

<https://arobanam.co.uk/>

ACF Gardening Initiative - Update

Mankulam GSCH staff and residents are successfully nurturing growth in new and original plants.



Elderly Assistance Provision – Hill Country

Through the generous donation of ACF supporters, ACF has agreed to fund the assistance of 5 specifically selected elders in the Nuwera Eliya district ... this provision started in August 2024.

Social Services Special Needs Booklet Distribution – Update

With the help of ACF's funding support, the social services department has been able to distribute 5000 Differently Abled Welfare Books to date.

Anaiyoor Study Centre, Madurai, India – building repairs funded by ACF started in the early weeks of July 2024. The cost of this work was INR 2000.



By 19th of July 2024 the study centre building's refurbishment was completed. A total of 65 children benefit from the use of this building.



The roof repairs of the Arobanam Girls Hostel, started in the latter half of July 2024 and has now been completed and further enhancements will be undertaken in phases.



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