



Arobanam Children Fund Newsletter - November 2025

ACF's 27th Annual Charity Dinner Event:

ACF's 27th annual charity dinner was held at Our Lady Immaculate Church Hall in Tolworth, Surrey, on 20 September 2025.

Our Patron, Mr Ramakrishnan opened the event by welcoming the guests and further, brought the attention of the audience to the strict following of ACF's "golden rules", which were set up and implemented from the founding days of Arobanam Children Fund. He thanked the attendees for their continued support and wished the committee increased success with its ongoing and future work.

We were delighted to have had the presence of Mr and Mrs Pavanakumar, one of ACF's long standing supporters, as our esteemed Chief Guests.

Mr Pavanakumar delivered a very inspiring speech that touched on the chance meeting between the late, Rev. Fr. James, our founder patron, and our current patron, Mr Ramakrishnan, which then inspired the birth of Arobanam Children Fund's work. Speaking further, he mentioned the current issues, such as post-war trauma, the prevalence of drug related problems and child exploitation, to name but a few, that are plaguing our people, especially the younger generation, in Sri Lanka. As supporters of over 15 years, he and Mrs Pavanakumar have seen ACF's work reach across communities, regardless of their backgrounds and expand through new projects into new areas relating to special needs care in children, the rising demand for caring of the elderly, new assistance in the Hill Countries and urgent medical care for beneficiaries without recourse to any other medical support.

In his address, our Chairperson stated that ACF's strength has been growing over the past 32 years, and our services are still much needed in many areas where children and families are facing destitution and therefore our support must continue to be provided. He also encouraged guests to involve their children and grandchildren in our mission, helping them to understand charity work. He said "please bring them to events and let them listen and learn of the difficulties faced by children & parents alike. This will pave a way for us to handover small charitable organisations, such as ACF to them, with a view to continuously serve the deserving".

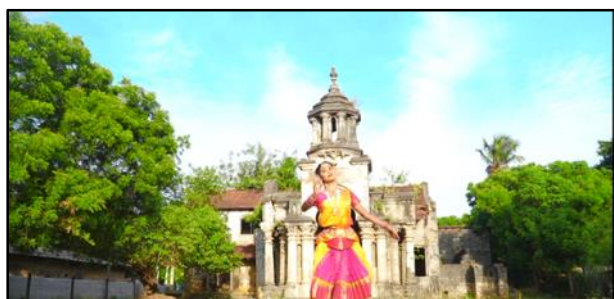


The committee members were extremely proud of the children's hard work and with the help of their efforts we raised nearly £2,465, which will go further towards assisting deserving children & families.

The highlight of the event was the entertainment provided by our ACF assisted children. The children had spent many days learning and practising their skills in music and dance to offer their sponsors and supporters high quality performances, and the audience greatly appreciated and enjoyed the children's enthusiasm and efforts. Several supporters showed their delight by speaking with the chairman after the event.

Thenuja – The University Student's Performance for the Annual Event 2025:

Thenuja's Bharatanatyam danced outdoors brought out the beauty of the land and showcased the historically important sites of Northern Sri Lanka.



Dance Performances by the Children of Annai Illam – Mannar:



Group Dances by the Children of Good Shepherd Girls Hostel – Mankulam:



Association to Empower the Special Needs Children (ASSETS):

On 2 October 2025, at the special request of and offered funding by one of our long-standing supporters, ACF purchased and delivered additional provisions for £500 to ASSETS in Kilinochchi, where ACF has been assisting nearly 50 special needs for over 9 years.



Arobanam Boys Home:

Recently as part of our regular monitoring tasks, our Manager of Operations, Mr Dinesh Thiruchelvan, visited Arobanam Boys Home, met with its manager Rev. Fr. Sasikaran and the children under his care and subsequently updated the ACF committee of his observations.



Good Shepherd Child Development Centre - Mankulam:

On 29 September 2025, at around 11 pm, an adult elephant wandered into the premises of the Mankulam Good Shepherd Child Development Centre and ruined their garden, with banana plants being the most damaged. The elephant entered by breaking through a boundary wall and exited by breaking through another. The animal's antics were picked up on the home's CCTV camera. Fortunately, children and staff members were unharmed and safe, and no other issues were reported. The broken walls have been repaired and the area made safe again.



The Patron's Visit with the Family:

ASSETS was visited on 21st August 2025 and the family had the opportunity to meet the managers and the children and on 24 August 2025 they visited the Destitute Welfare Fund managed Annai Illam and Arobanam Girls Hostel.



St Joseph's Special Education Center Exhibition:

This event was held on 22nd August 2025, when the center celebrated 10 years of service. Products made by the children were exhibited and sold to the public.



The children of St. Joseph Special Education Center were awarded 3rd place in a provincial level dance competition, that was held on 20 June 2025 and organized by the Social Service Department of the Eastern Province.



ASSETS (Sivapoomi) Dance Participation:

On 5 August 2025, a national-level creative dance competition was held at the Nelum Pokuna Theatre, in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in the presence of the Honourable President of Sri Lanka. The performances were presented by children with special needs, exclusively. Kilinochchi District secured 1st place at the provincial level and achieved 3rd place at national level.



Theepavali Donation of Dresses:

For the festive time of Theepavali 2025, special contributions from long standing supporters were made and dresses were donated to 126 children, at Annai Illam and Arobanam Girls Hostel in Mannar; Good Shepherd Child Development Centre in Mankulam, Good Shepherd Children's Home in Valaichchenai and the foster care children in the Hill Countries.

Further interest in the way of similar contributions have been shown by other supporters, so we are planning to purchase further garments to supply the other children at Christmas time.



Social Service Welfare Book Distribution:

ACF is working with the Department of Social Services to distribute medical log books to over 15,000 special needs individuals. Every recipient's medical history will be reviewed by doctors and recorded in these books, prior to distribution. This distribution process started on 10 September 2025.



2025 Brochure's Missed Letter (from Arobanam Boys Home):

The committee apologises to Arobanam Boys Home & ACF's sponsors and supporters, for inadvertently missing this letter from our 2025 brochure. We hope to address our mistake by including it in this newsletter.



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Congratulations on the excellent Performance

I am happy to contribute my words of congratulations and consider it a unique privilege to express my warm wishes and prayers on the great occasion of over the 30 years of accomplishment and spunk of you service.

Nowadays most of us are feeling frobly-mobly and deer in the headlights because of our sufferings and difficulties to live our day-today life and mired a lot but you people are moving and make everything to the best, drooling over you and take the plunge. Your service is ineffable in the lives of many boys in our home. Since 1997, Arobanam Children Foundation has rendered valuable support to feed the orphans and semi-orphans in the Vanni region. The love and support for Arobanam are the best serendipities. Your financial help is a blue-sky thinking and brain storming in our lives. Having worked for over the 30 years for the needy students is not gimmick, but it shows that you are firmly rooted. I can vouch that ACF team is enthusiastic and has dedicated itself to the education and better future of many needy students. I am in seventh heaven with meliorism to wish and thank them for the wonderful services rendered, and appreciate the continuous loyalty and dedication to our Arobanam Boys' Home, Kilinochi.

I Thank you for being a valuable member of Arobanam Boys' Home.



Revd. Fr. A.S Sasikaran
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"சின்னஞ்சிறிய என் சகோதர, சகோதரியை நீங்கள் செய்வதற்கு என்னுடைய செய்கிறீர்கள்" - மத். 25:40
"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" Mt. 25:40

Batticaloa Foster Care Applicants Home Visits:

ACF Manager of Operations, Mr Dinesh Thiruchelvan, accompanied by Mr Pariskaran, of St Joseph's Special Education Center, visited homes and families that have requested foster care assistance.

Batticaloa Foster Care is a new project that has been initiated as a result of the discovery of destitute families during the distribution of rations, over the period of severe flooding in Batticaloa, in early 2024.

Of the 49 applications submitted and assessed, initially 15 have been selected as fulfilling ACF's criteria for receiving assistance, and of these, some are likely to receive university support.



Valaichchenai Good Shepherd Children's Home Visit:

Earlier this month, our Operations Manager, Mr Dinesh Thiruchelvan visited this home as part of his regular monitoring duties and met with the sister in charge and the children. The visit went well.



The Publication and Release of a Special Book:

ACF was invited to attend and participate in the opening celebration of a special book release at the University of Batticaloa (UOB). ACF's Operations Manager, Mr Dinesh Thiruchelvan attended, representing ACF.

On 31 October 2025, "Thirumanthirathil Mahapperu", a research book written by ACF beneficiary, Thiyagu Mugilan, was published by the University of Batticaloa. In the genre, of art and culture, this is the second publication in the history of the University of Batticaloa. Earlier, in March / April of this year, this book was published in Thiruvannamalai in Southern India.

It should be noted that this book has been released by a student, and the first book was published by his professor about 20 years ago.

ACF is truly heartened to know that through our early assistance, this young man has persevered and progressed in his chosen field and produced a lasting legacy that will benefit future generations.

ACF is immensely proud of Mugilan's achievements.



We close this newsletter with sadness & deepest gratitude to a friend and long-standing supporter of ACF:



Members of Arobanam Children Fund would like to pay their tribute to one of our long term and dedicated supporters, Dr Selvadurai Maheswaran, who passed away peacefully on 17 October 2025.

Dr Maheswaran & family have been ardent supporters, contributed towards the ACF cause, and personally represented ACF's work at events.

We are so grateful for Dr Maheswaran's commitment and are deeply moved by his generosity. Through Dr Maheswaran's benevolence, ACF has been able to achieve better outcomes in the lives of many destitute children & their families.

We offer our condolences to his family and friends.

Mahesh, your infectious smile and generosity will be greatly missed.

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Please do not publish these photographs**

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

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