Newsletter August 2025

# Mudhiyor Balar Kudumba Grama Pannai Family Village Farm



A living community of destitute Children, Women and Elders since 1969

#### FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION

MBKG Pannai family honors its founder, Dr. Miss. Pauline E. King, on her birthday every year on June 4. She founded the organization 56 years ago to reach out to the marginalized, abandoned, and destitute children in and around the Vellore District. Dr. Miss. Pauline E King lit many lives and continues to inspire and guide all at MBKG Pannai to serve with a spirit of love and compassion. This year too, the residents, alumni and the members of the staff joined together to celebrate and acknowledge Dr. Miss. Pauline E. King's vision and her legacy on her 108th birthday.





Dr. Miss. Pauline E. King



The thanksgiving meeting began with the welcome note and introduction by the director Mr. Y. Kirubahara Daniel, followed by tributes by the alumni to their beloved 'Mummy'. Many of the senior alumni who have experienced their mummy's love and care personally shared their blessed and fortunate lives at the Home.









It was indeed a day filled with joy, gratitude, and deep admiration as we honored the visionary who dedicated her life to the pursuit of transforming lives of destitute children and elders to a better and brighter future.

#### **CHILDREN'S ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP**

As part of summer activities, in May 2025, a group of older children from classes 8 to 12, along with staff members, embarked on an exciting five-day trip to Yelagiri, a scenic hill station 110 km from Kasam. Seeking respite from the heat of Vellore, they stayed at the YMCA Campsite, surrounded by nature. The trip included enriching value education classes, interactive activities, and afternoon excursions. Highlights were trekking scenic trails, boating on a tranquil lake, and visiting a vibrant bird park. The adventure concluded with a heartwarming bonfire where the children shared reflections and stories, creating lasting memories of learning and camaraderie.





### CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAMME BY THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR



The Collector inaugurating the programme

A Career Guidance program was initiated by Tmt. V. R. Subbulaxmi, I.A.S., the Collector of Vellore District, at the Government Industrial Training Institute in Abdullapuram, Vellore. The event was aimed at children from classes 9 to 12 who are living in Child Care Institutions within the district. Through the guidance of the District Child Protection Unit and the Child Welfare Committee, a total of 34 children from MBKG Pannai Home attended the program.

Representatives from various educational and vocational training institutions provided insights into the numerous career opportunities available to the children. The program assisted the students in identifying their strengths and in selecting suitable career paths.



Our children attentive to the presentation

# New Members of the MBKG Pannai Family















Thamarai Selvi - 6

Shalini - 8

Niranjana - 15

Dhanusri - 4

Madhavi - 3

Nandhini - 4

Bhuvaneswari - 8

Karthika - 16

















Kavivarasan - 13

Haridoss - 12

Dhanusri - 5

Bharath - 2

Keerthika - 3

Selvi - 6

Abishek Rai - 8

Kubendra Rai - 4



Bhavanavalli - 17 with baby - 3/12



Devisri - 12 with baby - 2/12



Mrs. Findley - 75 Ms. Swarna - 72 Grandmothers



In the last six months, 20 destitute children and 2 elderly women were admitted to the Home. The children will enjoy a clean, safe, and secure environment that supports their holistic development. MBKG Pannai Home thrives on nurturing the children with love and utmost care. Transformation into a bright future begins on the first day of admission to the Home. They will be enrolled in the English medium at King's School. The elderly women, affectionately called grandmothers, live safely and comfortably in an elderfriendly environment. Their health issues are addressed through periodic health checkups, lab investigations, and hospital visits. They enjoy the company of the children.

# **Higher Education 2025**

The organization aims to offer quality higher education to empower children and secure their futures This academic year, 6 children were enrolled in professional training courses.



Mohan.S Fzekiel P **Dip. in Medial Laboratory Technology** 



Bharathkumar.K

Scudder Institute of Allied Health Sciences, Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet

Dip. in Radiodiagnosis Technology



Chandru.S



Dip. in Anaesthesia **Technology** 



Mangalambigai.R Rajeshwari.A Diploma in General Nursing & Midwifery College of Nursing Scudder School of Nursing **Christian Medical College** Scudder Memorial Hospital Ranipet

# **Scholarship Endowment Fund for Higher Education**

When the children reach the age of 18, normally they cease to receive Child sponsorship money, but we continue to support their higher education, which includes Professional, Vocational, or technical courses. We are in a difficult situation here as these courses are expensive. For this reason, we have created a scholarship endowment fund for higher education to help us meet these expenses. An average cost of College Fee, Inclusive of Mess, Hostel, and Miscellaneous fees is Rs. 1, 25,000 approximately for a child for a year.

Join us in the mission of empowering children with education which provides opportunities to secure stable jobs, earn a livelihood, and build a future for themselves.

> You may contact the Sponsorship Coordinator at mbkgpsponsorship@gmail.com

We thank the sponsors who help us meet the basic needs of the children for their holistic development and the donors who contribute towards higher educational expenses. We earnestly seek your prayers and support in building up the Higher Education.

## Child & Elder Sponsorship Programme enables

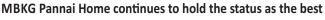
the children have a healthy, normal childhood and a safe environment to grow up in a family set up with good values. It also helps children to access quality education and gives freedom to brighter future. The love and sense of belonging experienced by the children through their sponsors transform their lives and help them find their identity and self-worth.

> Sponsor a Child / a House Mother / an Elder for INR 2000 / US \$ 35 / £ 25 per month

By sponsoring a child.

- ◆ You build a personal connection with your sponsored children through the exchange of letters and gifts.
- ◆ See the progress of the children through videos, photos, and updates from the sponsorship office.
- ◆ And life changing opportunity to visit your sponsored children. Elder Sponsorship enables us to provide a peaceful elder-friendly environment for the destitute elders.

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"Integrated Complex of Special Homes for Senior Citizens and Destitute Children" In the district of Vellore, awarded by the state government of Tamil Nadu



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#### VISIT OF SNA, COLLEGE OF NURSING, CMCH



Nursing Student from the Student Nurses Association of the College of Nursing, Christian Medical College, visited the Home. The student Nurses entertained the children with a song, a skit, and a dance. They distributed snacks



and refreshments for the children. The association sponsors two children. MBKG Pannai family expresses its gratitude for their continued support of the Child Sponsorship programme and wishes them the best in their studies.

#### **VISIT OF THE OFFICER- DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL WELFARE**





Mrs. S. Shanthi, Asst. Accounts Officer from the Directorate of Social Welfare, Chennai, visited the Home for inspection. She went through the registers, finances, and the physical facilities of the organization. She interacted with the residents and was impressed with the facilities.

#### VISIT OF DISTRICT LEVEL INSPECTION COMMITTEE





The District Level Inspection Committee (DLIC), which includes a member from the District Child Welfare Committee, the District Child Protection Unit, and a district child counsellor, visits the child care institution every three months for an inspection. The committee reviews the registers of the child care institution and the records of the children. They also inspect the facility to ensure that it complies with the standards set by the Juvenile Justice Act of Tamil Nadu. The last DLIC was conducted in July 2025. The children's representatives were present during the inspection. Rectification was made for the suggestions given by the committee.

#### **VISIT OF THE GOVERNMENT OFFICERS**

Mr. Palaniswamy, the Food Safety Officer from the Vellore Corporation, K.V. Kuppam & Katpadi Block, conducted an inspection at the Home. He examined the kitchen for food preparation and storage, as well as the general stores, to ensure that food safety and hygiene standards were being met for the children, in accordance with FSSAI regulations. Following his visit, the Home received certification from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India.

Mr. Krishnamurthy.A, Assistant Inspector of Labour, visited the organization to ensure compliance with the Minimum Wages Act and to verify whether the employees had any grievances. He also checked if the provident funds and other employee benefits were being properly maintained. He was satisfied with the way the relevant records were kept.

#### FIRE SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAMME



The personnel from the Vellore District Fire and Rescue Service conducted a fire safety awareness program for both staff and residents. They covered the causes of fire, safety measures, and provided hands-on training with fire extinguishers. Wardens and cooks were given the opportunity to demonstrate how to use the fire extinguishers effectively.





#### SOLAR WATER HEATER FOR THE RESIDENTS



The Department of Medical Records at Christian Medical College Hospital in Vellore, led by Dr. Jennifer, donated a 200-litre solar water heater for the benefit of children and grandmothers. The inauguration event was attended by several dignitaries, including General Superintendent Mr. Reni Charles, who is also the Vice-Chairman of the MBKG Pannai Board; Honorary Treasurer Mr. Paul Chandrakumar, Honorary Secretary Mrs. Prema Davis; and Dr. B. Selvamani, the Associate Director of Finance at CMCH and the Correspondent of King's School.





Followed by prayer of thanksgiving, Dr. B. Selvamani cut the ribbon to inaugurate the water heater officially. The residents were overjoyed and showed their gratitude with a loud applause. MBKG Pannai thanks the MRD, CMCH for its generous gift.

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### Sponsor a meal or a snack

Celebrate your Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries, Thanksgiving, Festivals, and other special occasions with our children and elders by sponsoring meals and snacks. Just donate money and we will prepare the meal.

Cost of meals or snacks:

Breakfast - INR 7000
Vegetarian Meal - INR 9000
Non-Vegetarian Meal - INR 12,000
Snacks / Ice - Cream - INR 4000
To sponsor a special meal / snack...

Please contact the office of the Director at 9843462100
Or send us an e-mail to

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### **RETIREMENT**

Mr. J. Babu Jayakumar retired in May 2025 after 33 years of dedicated service at MBKG Pannai. He joined the organization as an Accounts Clerk after earning his degree in Commerce and later transitioned to the role of Public Relations Officer. With his friendly and kind nature, Mr. Babu won the hearts of many at the Home. MBKG Pannai expresses its gratitude for his years of service and wishes him a healthy and happy retirement. A farewell program was organized to honor Mr. Babu Jayakumar's contributions to the organization. The event was attended by his family members, friends, and both current and former staff. The honorary Secretary, Mrs. Prema Davis presented the cheque for Mr. Babu Jayakumar's gratuity benefits.







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Mr. P. Dhinakaran retired in June 2025 after 20 years of dedicated service at MBKG Pannai. He began his career as a Resident Cook and observed significant improvements in the kitchen facilities, transitioning from a firewood stove to an LPG stove and, more recently, to steam cookers. The children always enjoyed the delicious food he prepared, especially his flavourful biryani, and they will certainly miss him.

MBKG Pannai expresses its heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Dhinakaran and wishes him good health and a peaceful retirement. The children, housemothers, and staff of both the home and the school honoured him with a ceremony that included felicitations and gifts. The secretary, Mrs. Prema Davis, presented him with a cheque for his gratuity benefits.



# **Requirements for the MBKG Pannai Home**

Proposal for Improvements to Living Quarters and Facilities for Children / Elders: Estimated Costs:

➤ Whitewashing and Painting of Living Quarters: Rs. 20,00,000
 Each Cottage - Rs. 1,00,000 (8 Cottages)
 Nursery Block - Rs. 2,50,000
 Boys' Home - Rs. 1,30,000

- ➤ Ceiling Fans for Children's and Grandmothers' rooms 20 The Cost of one ceiling fan is Rs. 1,750
- ➤ Natural Korai Grass Sleeping Mats (3'X6') 50 The Cost of each mat is Rs. 200
- ▶ Hawaii Slippers (Flip Flops) for the children 150 A pair of slippers costs between Rs. 80 and Rs.120
- ➤ Copier Machine and Photo Printer for Office: Rs. 1,25,000
- ➤ Submersible Motor with Pump for Children's Quarters: Estimated Cost Rs. 1,20,000
- ➤ Rechargeable Emergency Lights for the living quarters of Children and elders 15 (Cost between Rs. 800 and Rs.1,200)

For further information, interested donors can contact the office of the Director via WhatsApp at 9843462100 or send an email to mbkgpdirector@gmail.com mbkgpsponsorship@gmail.com
Thank you for your support!

Interested donors from India may send their donations to the following Bank A/C....

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