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Prithipura Communities

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What we do

Building lives and abilities for over 60 years, Prithipura Communities works from four locations in Sri Lanka to provide care, rehabilitation, education and work opportunities to 240 disabled children and adults with little or no family support.

How to donate

Donations in Sri Lankan Rupees:
Hatton National Bank – City Office
Account number: 002010012779
SWIFT Code: HBLILKLX
Beneficiary: Prithipura Infants Home

Online via Global Giving:
https://goto.gg/46437

Find out more: https://www.prithipura.org/donate

Welcome

For more than 60 years, Prithipura Communities has been standing alongside disabled children and adults who have little or no family support, helping them build fulfilling lives and look to the future with confidence.

Over the years, hundreds of lives have been shaped by the dedication of our staff, the generosity of our supporters and the belief that everyone deserves to be seen, valued and given the chance to flourish. From first steps and first words to education, employment and greater independence, every milestone represents years of commitment and care.

Many of you have been part of this journey for years, and your kindness continues to shape everyday life here.

This newsletter reflects on another year at Prithipura —sharing stories of progress, celebrating the people who make our work possible and looking ahead with optimism for all that can still be achieved.

"To me, Prithipura is a place of hope and humanity."



Prithipura Communities - Prithipura Infants Home, Asokapura & Anandapura Farms and Cotagala School

What Prithipura means to us

"One of the best"

"An amazing team with great commitment"

In a world where it can sometimes feel as though differences matter more than what we share, Prithipura Communities offers a different perspective.

This year, we asked residents, staff, volunteers, friends and supporters one simple question: "What does Prithipura mean to you?"

Although every response was different, they all reflected the same values—compassion, dignity, kindness, inclusion, belonging and hope.

"Prithipura Communities provides love, dignity, and opportunities that allow each individual to thrive in their own unique way."

The words here are just a small extract from the many thoughtful and inspiring reflections shared by our community.

They remind us that real change is found not in grand gestures, but in the quiet, everyday choice to care for one another, to recognise each person's worth, and to create a place where everyone belongs. In many ways, that is what makes Prithipura so remarkable — and so relevant today.

"Prithipura is a shining example of compassion."

"It truly gave me a whole new way of looking at life."



Growing up at Prithipura: Janani's story

Some of the most rewarding moments at Prithipura are seeing children grow from tiny babies into confident young adults.

Janani is one of those children.

She arrived at our Infants Home as a baby, needing the love, care and security that every child deserves.

Sixteen years later, she has blossomed into a happy, confident and caring young woman.

Today, Janani attends Cotagala School, where she enjoys learning, taking part in creative activities and spending time with her many friends. At Prithipura, she is known for her kind nature and often enjoys helping younger children.

Every child at Prithipura has their own unique story. Thanks to the kindness of our supporters, children like Janani can grow, learn, dream and look forward to a brighter future.



Learning beyond our gates

Life at Prithipura is about so much more than care and education. New experiences help our residents grow, discover their strengths and enjoy the world beyond our gates.

This year, they have taken part in a wide range of activities — celebrating Vesak and the Sinhala and Tamil New Year, learning practical first aid skills, gaining work experience in local hotels, exhibiting artwork, and exploring the Dikkowita Fisheries Harbour.

We were especially proud to see Nadeeka appointed as a School Prefect at Hekitta School, recognising her leadership, responsibility and determination.









The support behind Prithipura

Behind every therapy session, lesson learned and smile at Prithipura are people who quietly make it all possible. For decades, charities, community groups, businesses and individuals have stood with us — some for more than 50 years — helping disabled children and adults live healthier, happier and more independent lives.

This support may not always be visible, but the difference it makes is felt every day. It provides the essentials that keep our community thriving: nutritious food, medicines, therapists, care staff, education, clothing, electricity and other necessities. Many of you support us quietly, generously and without fanfare — and we never take that for granted.

Thank you for being part of our Prithipura family.



Everyday life at Prithipura - in numbers

Life at Prithipura is shaped by thousands of small, practical tasks carried out with care every single day. These numbers offer a glimpse into the rhythm of our homes, school and farms — and the extraordinary commitment of the people who make it all happen.

- **66** teachers, carers, therapists and farmworkers support our residents each day.
- **25** of them grew up at Prithipura Communities and now earn a living through their work with us.
- **450** nappies are changed every day at the Infants Home.
- **320 kg** of laundry is washed every day at the Infants Home.
- **350 kg** of rice is cooked each week for Cotagala School and Asokapura Farm.
- **105** loaves of bread are bought each week at the Infants Home.
- **5,000** coconuts are collected every two months at Anandapura Farm.
- **900 kg** of rubber is produced every month at Cotagala and Asokapura Farm.
- **40** different types of fruit, vegetables and spices are grown at Asokapura Farm.

And every morning, 240 children and adults wake up to a new day at Prithipura Communities!



"If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope." Barack Obama

Could you help change lives?

If you're part of a community group, club, school, faith organisation or business and would like to support our work, we'd love to hear from you. Whether through fundraising, sponsorship or long-term partnership, your kindness helps us continue providing care, therapy and education to those who need it most.