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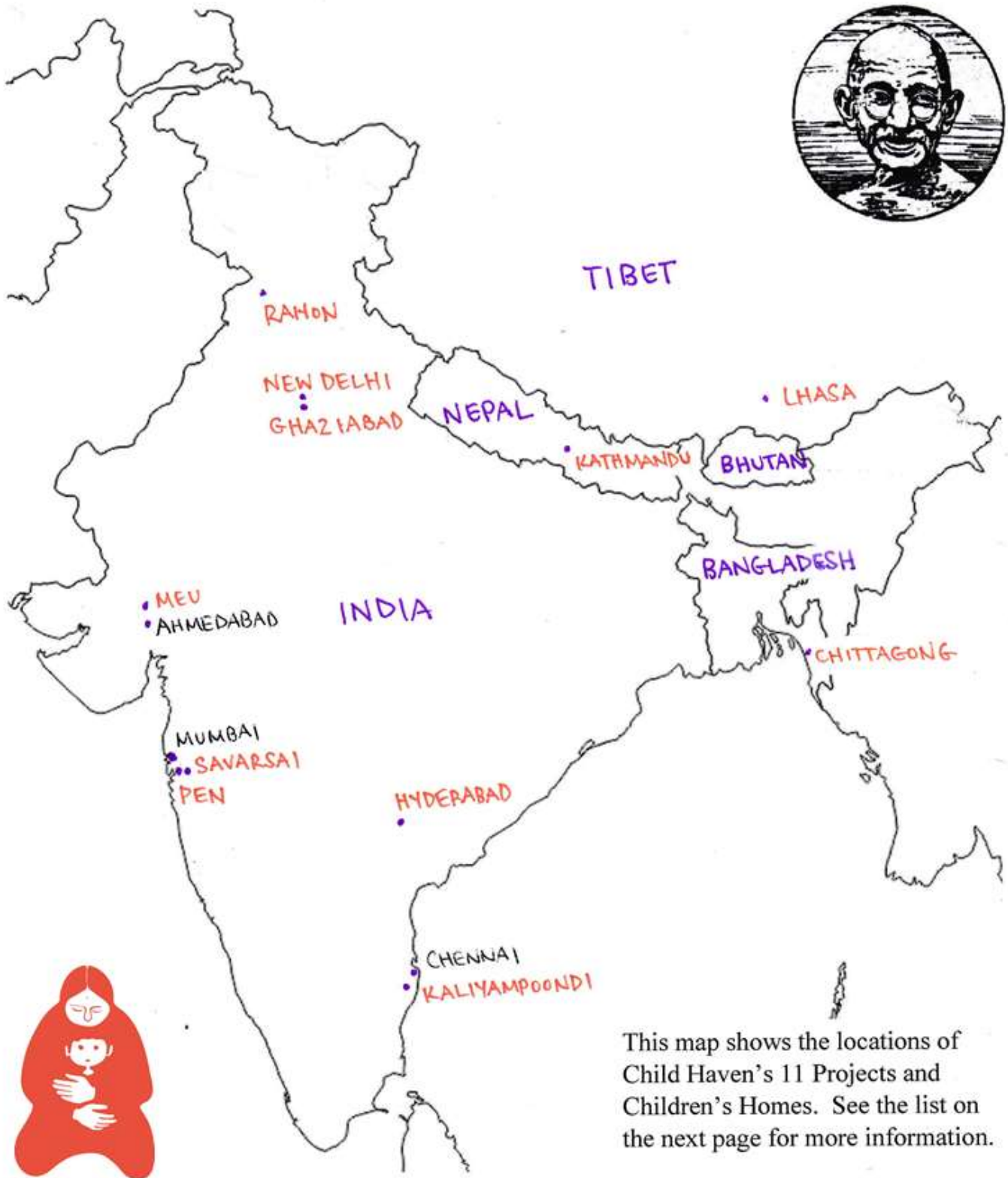


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Kaliyampoondi – Subitsha, standing second from the right, is a new member of our Child Haven family. She came after her father fell from the bamboo scaffolding of a building he was helping with and died. She is 11 years old and has made friends very quickly. Some of her new friends, Ramya and Grace, both to her right, age 10, and Jesmitha, 11, were very excited to have their picture taken with Subitsha and ran over to grab the photographer and then quickly dropped to their knees so they could all be on her level for the photo.

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Hyderabad – Some of our older girls having soymilk on a warm Hyderabad morning. All of our Homes have “Soyacows,” special machines for making soymilk which is made once or twice every day. The homes also use the milk to make tofu as well. As our Homes are vegetarian, in keeping with our Gandhian philosophy, having an additional source of good protein is most beneficial.

Child Haven Homes

Meu, Gujarat, India, 68 children 8 women, Language: Gujarati

Hyderabad, Telangana, India, 183 children 14 women, Language: Telugu

Kaliyampoondi, Tamil Nadu, India, 325 children 35 women, Language: Tamil

Maitreya Foundation, New Delhi, India, 24 children 1 woman, Language: Tibetan & Hindi

Savarsai, Maharashtra, India, 48 children 4 women, Language: Marathi

Tribal Home, City of Pen, near Savarsai Home, 55 children, Marathi plus Tribal languages

Kathmandu, Nepal, 203 children 22 women, Language: Nepali

Tibet in China, sponsoring 14 children 4 women, Language: Tibetan

Chittagong, Bangladesh, 70 children 15 women, Language: Bengali

(Hundreds of other children are sponsored for education, but are not living in one of our Homes.)

Women’s Programs Child Haven Sponsored

Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, education in tailoring for 50 women at a time; inexpensive sanitary napkin production and sale; Beauty and Wellness Course. Language: Hindi

Rahon, Punjab, education in tailoring for 50 women at a time. Language: Punjabi

Pen Village, Maharashtra, inexpensive sanitary napkin production and sale. Language: Marathi

Kathmandu, Nepal, education in tailoring for women. Language: Nepali

The photos and stories in this issue are primarily from Robin's visit to all our Homes in May 2022. Bonniema joined in by Zoom throughout the trip. Fortunately, things are returning to normal after the throes of the pandemic. Eligible children and all staff are vaccinated and the children are back to in-person school. Everyone is breathing a sigh of relief. It will take some time for students to catch up in spite of their best efforts at online learning, but extra tutoring and support is being provided.

Thanks to everyone for your support through these challenging times!

Kaliyampoondi— Our children have such a multiplicity of talents! Darshini, (right) age 9 and in the 4th Grade made the drawing she is holding.

Below some of our resident engineers are experimenting with principles of water flow and velocity and resulting issues of erosion utilizing a piece of black hose which extends under one of a series of dams they have constructed.





Kaliyampoondi – 24 hours a day, our multi-talented staff are caring for our children!

Theresa, center above, is helping with the homework for the Grade 9 children. Revathy, above right is brushing the luxurious locks of Kala Selvi. To the right, head-cook Joti, is masterfully steaming just a few of the 1,400 idlis she and our other cooks will make today.

Below left, years of practice go into Amala being able to fill a line of water glasses from 2 feet up without spilling a drop! Below right, Satish is good at being a hero to one and all. He can fix just about anything and always has a smile and a few kind words to spare.





Kaliyampoondi– Here are a few of the new children at this Home. Gembu, above left, came after his mother passed away, and his father was at a loss as to how to care for him. Gembu is very active and fitting into Home life well. Above right, Karpagam’s father passed away, and her mother, who is quite elderly, is unable to provide for her.

Moneshwori, below left, lost her mother to the coronavirus. Her father works as farm laborer and is unable to care for her alone. Harish, below right, lost both of his parents to the coronavirus. He is 11 years old.





Kaliyampoondi– Kanikkainathan, above, came to Child Haven at the age of 5. As well as being a good student, he was also a star athlete. With Child Haven’s support, he recently completed a Bachelor’s Degree in Physical Education and is now working as a physical education teacher at a prestigious high school in Chennai. He recently came back to the Home with one of his fellow teachers to demonstrate some of the yoga that they have been practicing as part of their Physical Education program.

Kanikkainathan’s education was paid for by our post-secondary school sponsorship program coordinated by Child Haven Volunteer, Sheila Laursen. Our sponsorship program matches eligible and committed students with generous individual donors. Sponsors can pay monthly or per year. If you would like more information about how to support the higher education of the deserving young people in our Homes and surrounding communities, you can reach Sheila at sheila@childhaven.ca



Overseas Interns Needed:

Here is a testimonial from Allison Calvern, who was an intern at our Kaliyampoondi Home several years ago. With the ebbing of the pandemic, we are cautiously beginning to invite volunteer/interns to our Homes. Volunteer/interns pay their own travel and commit three to six months interning in India, Nepal, or Bangladesh. Please contact our office in Maxville 613-527-2829. A \$50 fee covers processing costs and your attendance at a two-day Orientation in Maxville. An additional \$200 donation to partially cover overseas room and board is also asked of Interns. You can check out our new Intern Brochure on our web-site www.childhaven.ca

On Being an Intern at our Kaliyampoondi Home by Allison Calvern

If you want to be an intern for Child Haven International, it helps if you like sitting on the floor. The Child Haven home in Tamil Nadu houses 300 children and several seniors, and there are no rose petals in the bathtub—there is no bathtub even, but, still, I give Kaliyampoondi five stars.

The intern quarters have their own simple bedrooms and bathrooms, but everything else is shared with children and staff—daily routine, meals, campus events. Instead of the fancy tourist dinner, the intern gets to experience the formidable skill of the head cook in her kitchen where the smell of garlic assaults the nose. She gets the central courtyard, where chili peppers and lentils dry in the sun; where children play every day after school; where celebrations are held. The intern gets the sound of morning and evening prayer, children chanting, “*tamavo matsasya pita tamava*.”

Child Haven invites Canadians to rub shoulders with an old, venerable culture struggling to keep itself intact in the face of overwhelming Western presence. We interns are all called Sister, or Uncle, and we agree to stay for intervals of three or six months. We pay for our own travel, but as soon as we step off the plane, the rich, rich experience of village culture enfolds us into its warmth and care. Our weeks on campus, peppered with surprise visits and ceremony, layer into the quiet joy of living in close community. Kaliyampoondi delivers memories that sustain the soul.

I grew to love the head cook, Kuttiyamal, who was occasionally cranky as her body sank into diabetes and its attendant troubles. Respected and loved by all, she oversaw the delivery of eight hundred meals a day. During the yearly Pongol holiday, one of the oldest harvest festivals in the world, Kuttiyamal not only prepared the special Pongol meal, she oversaw the creation of the Pongol shrine. A temporary marvel, the shrine turned the courtyard into a sacred place of contemplation and blessing—branches and palm fronds, and channels dug in the earth, and water poured, and flowers, and fruit, and bread, set out, and stones and bowls of flame arranged just so. The children lined up, and the staff, while Kuttiyamal used ash, and sandalwood paste, and turmeric, her strong brown thumb blessing the forehead, that each of us would be pure, brave, and wealthy.

I grew to love the children, got to see them not just as smiling faces—which was endearing enough!

The boys told me which plants were edible, which were medicinal; they told me whose goats were being herded past us on the path, and whose cousin was tending them. They pointed out birds in the trees—“Parrot, Sister. Parrot.”—and showed me how to eat tamarind. Look at us; see, hear, and taste our world.

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**THE NOW DECEASED AND MUCH MISSED,
KUTTIYAMAL OVERSEEING THE PONGAL CEREMONY**

There was Kaviya (13), who seemed to take care of the whole campus with her huge, giving heart. There was Madesh (11), a boy who listed, and had a limp that he was trying to hide from me and from the world, and oh, I fell in love with Madesh. From London Town, a state-subsidized community on the edge of the campus, came Karthik (5), who has the demeanor of a sergeant major. The staff wisely chose Karthik to lead the line every day on the walk to and from school. I smiled softly at him for weeks before I finally received a tentative smile back.

All the children wanted me to know their names, wanted to make an impression on the intern with a camera. One day an older girl who moved always with purpose and accomplishment, stopped and spoke to me brusquely.

“Sister, What is my name?”

After a brief (and frantic) pause during which I had to trust my brain and tongue to work together, I said with pretend confidence, “Durga is your name.”

Whew. I passed. Recovering my equilibrium, I asked her, “What is *my* name, Durga?” After all, she was not being tested.

The next morning there was a knock on my door. Muthal, the gardener who plants and harvests crops that our Kaliyampoondi campus produces, lay three jasmine blossoms into the palm of my hand, tiny white stars whose perfume filled my room and my whole being—never mind rose petals.

“For you, Sister,” said Muthal.

Yes, dear reader, the name, Sister, works very well in this five-star establishment.

Kaliyampoondi—Prakash, age 15, in blue to the right, is one of the kids who can often be found helping our gardener Muthyal, in white, in the garden. Thanks to all their efforts there is a seasonal panoply of vegetables all year round from this patch of green. Having the water from our water treatment facility, certainly helps, especially during the dry season.



Below, Bharathy, one of our cooks, uses a bamboo scoop to turn the coriander seeds and chilies as they dry in the hot summer sun.





Bangladesh— Above, Azran, is the 14-month-old most beautiful baby in the world and son of Home Manager, Jasmin. He shares a chuckle with Sujon, our Program Officer at this Home.

To the right above, Tina Tripura points to her photograph gracing the previous issue of this humble journal posted on the bulletin board in the Home.

To the left, cooks Moroni and Halima make rotis which the children below have for breakfast with a vegetable dish.





Chittagong – Above left, teacher Alpona leads a song with the harmonium during morning exercises before classes at the Montessori school Child Haven offers to low-income community children.

To the right, teacher Kainat Beghum with her 2nd Grade Montessori class.

Below are some of the children in our Grade 1 Class.





Meu— Future architect, Janvi, made this model of our Meu Home in her spare time over the past few months. As you can see from the photo below, which was taken from the water tower depicted in Janvi's creation above, in the lower left hand corner, her creation is very accurate, right down to the school van near the gate to the right in her picture as well as the flourishing garden to the left in her depiction and in the foreground of the photo below.





Meu – Camels frequently amble by this Home. This one wears a stylish necklace with bells that jingle as it passes (otherwise the soft hooves of camels make little sound). The ample grounds here provide lots of space for Akshy, (below) to play cricket without worrying about broken windows, and Farhana (right) to play badminton.

Indoors, Sonal is improving her sewing skills (bottom left) and Anju (bottom right) is putting a computer through its paces.





Meu – Jignesh, left, grew up in the Home and with Child Haven’s help, graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology. He now works as a credit assistant in a bank, responsible for applications from people requesting loans for vehicles and houses.

With his salary he is supporting his mother, brother and sister. He is also continuing his studies part-time, taking 2 courses each term towards a Masters in Psychology degree. His long-term goal is to earn a PHD in psychology and to then work as a college professor.

Congratulations and Best wishes Jignesh!

Below, posing for the camera while hanging out on a cot in the courtyard on a warm afternoon are from left to right, our Boy’s Superintendent, Margiben, Sahil, Komal, her mother Nitaben who is one of our care-givers, Farhana, (foreground in blue), Kailashben our nurse, Pinky and Anju.





Kingston Dinner – Our first in-person Child Haven Dinner in years, was held in Kingston on June 25th. The evening featured a magnificent performance by the Kingston Dancers of the India Canada Association (above left). Another highlight was Bollywood dance lessons given by our very own Kuljit Sodhi above right)



Kuljit also served as the Head Chef for the tantalizing Indian meal he created with his team of intrepid volunteer chefs. To the right above, MC Andy Rush addresses the sold-out crowd of 120 people. Andy and Jackie Rush-Morgan coordinated the 60 volunteers who helped make it all possible. As of this writing, **our next dinner is scheduled for Waterloo on September 25th**, and another is in the works in Carleton Place. Please be in contact with the local coordinators below if you'd like to help with the next Child Haven Dinner in your community! Thanks All...

Child Haven Support Groups and Fundraising Dinners

Dinner Date	Location	Contact
	Burlington, VT, USA	Elango Dev 615-440-7913
	Calgary, AB	Salimah Jina 403-284-4696, Cindy Skrukwa 403-686-3595
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Sun, Sept 25, 2022	Waterloo, ON	Sydney Cook 226-929-4275
	Winnipeg, MB	Zobida Ambtman 204-489-7630



Kathmandu – Melissa Singh, in the yellow sweater to the left, and Shreesha in the orange and green shirt, are both relatively new at the Home. Melissa is 12, and Shreesha is 7. They both very quickly fell into the routine at the Home and our Green Tara Child Haven School. In the pictures to the right and below, Melissa is taking part in the regular meditation and yoga trainings help at the school.

To the lower right is Shreesha looking very sharp in her school uniform.



Mayadidi, Child Haven Wonder Woman

Maya came to Kathmandu 22 years ago after her husband was arrested and disappeared by the Nepali Army during the Maoist uprising of that time. She says that everyone in their village was a Maoist and she had no idea that it would cause her husband to disappear. She never saw him again. When she arrived in Kathmandu with her 5-year-old son Ramesh, and daughter Neeru, still in her womb, she found a few small jobs. Then someone told her about Child Haven. When she came to the Home to meet then Manager Arjun, she told him her story, and he welcomed her and her children into the Home. At first she cleaned utensils and did other necessary cleaning tasks. Very soon though, she became a children's care-giver, which she remained for 21 years, providing loving care to hundreds of children.

As a care-giver, she enjoyed playing with the children. She says she loved those moments of being with the children, although it was a difficult challenge when she had to scold a child. Always, soon after scolding them, she would love them and reassure them that she cared for them. She mentions that it was also hard when the children didn't listen to her. She tried to remember that it was just the child's nature and struggled not to express her anger inappropriately.

Three years ago, after issues with her knees made it hard for her to continue as a care-giver, she became the Gate-keeper during the day-time. Her friendly and firm manner are a perfect mix for managing the comings and goings through the Home's gate. She pays special attention to the children leaving for school, asking if they have their schoolbooks and homework, turning down collars and straightening ties as needed.

Mayadidi says that "Child Haven lifted the full burden of my family. If not for Child Haven, I don't know what would have come of my family. Child Haven has given a good education to my daughter and son. Neeru is now working as a nurse, and her son Ramesh is working overseas". She is grateful that Child Haven trusted and believed in her.

We at Child Haven are ever so grateful to Mayadidi, for including in her loving care not only her own two children, but hundreds of others who were nurtured and uplifted by her gentle and kind demeanor.

Below left, Mayadidi says hello to one of our newest children, Lok, the most beautiful baby in the world. Lok is also being attended to by Kamala. Below right, Mayadidi sends a few of our children off to our Green Tara Child Haven School just across the raven.



Bonnie Lore

by Fred Cappuccino, her long-suffering husband

The mainstay of our Comox/Courtney Support Committee, Heather Holm, and Nikhil Gandhi, then an 18 year-old volunteer intern at the Kathmandu Home, both travelled with Bonnie on one of her rounds to visit all our Homes in 2003.

Nikhil, recalls accompanying Bonnie while she was going to purchase items for Child Haven auctions at our fundraisers in Canada. The first stop was to exchange money. Bonnie asked the driver to go to a small currency exchange business she had been using for years. Having been raised on coupons, garage sales, and 2-for-1 deals, Nikhil had an instinct to always look for a more economical option, and mentioned to Bonnie that the exchange rate at the bank was actually a bit better for the amount of money she was looking to exchange.



Bonnie replied, “That may be true, but this way I support small businesses and local economy as much as possible.” The small exchange shop owner welcomed Bonnie, they exchanged smiles, and an even better rate was offered without being asked.

Nikhil goes on to state; “Accompanying Bonnie on her whirlwind visits to the ever-growing list of Child Haven’s Homes and projects was not for the faint of heart. Just as you had caught your breath in one place, it was time to pack up and set off to the next one, with a few quick visits along the way. On one particularly dizzying day of welcomes, ceremonies, dance presentations, and heartfelt talks, I had naively asked to join Bonnie on her round of visits around India.”

“I found my endurance clearly outmatched by a woman more than three times my age (and wearing my body weight in bangles). Just as I thought my young legs were going to get a moment’s rest at a rooftop gathering of Child Haven Board Members in Hyderabad, Bonnie signaled that it was time to leave. I gasped, ‘Already?! Bonnie, you are just like a politician. You show up, make a speech, kiss a few babies, eat a bite of cake, and leave! Can’t we just sit for a little longer?’ Bonnie just smiled”



Yes I feel your pain Nikhil, I know that smile very well. It usually means “OK Fred, stop whining, time to get the show on the road!” I’ve been trying to keep up with her for 69 years. Now that I’m 96, I don’t try quite so hard, finding it comfortable just to sit back and marvel from my easy chair. She does make me accompany her to the garden most days though, some things just don’t change. Of course Bonnie’s smile is also one of my greatest joys.

To the left, the garden we visit is a Japanese Garden we built around a huge 13 ton boulder of pink granite which landed here during the ice age. That’s only an estimate, because the boulder keeps sliding off Bonnie’s bathroom scale.



Maitreya Home – We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of the Venerable Dakpa Rinpoche, from heart related issues. He is pictured above left, next to Robin during his visit in June. The Rinpoche had been a much loved and revered founder of the Maitreya Home. He was a long-time friend and collaborator with Child Haven. The Home remains in the good hands of the staff that worked with him for many years. Our love and condolences to all fortunate enough to have known him.



MVP – With covid numbers going down, our women's vocational training programs in tailoring and beautician skills are moving ahead in Ghaziabad, near Delhi and Rahon Village in the Punjab.



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Savarsai – A recent cultural program at the Home featured songs, dance and plays designed to give our children the opportunity to showcase their multiplicity of skills and abilities.

To the left performing a song are Fulbani, age 11, in front, and behind her, Dnyanvi, 13, Joti, 11 and Akansha, also 11.

Below left, a group dance, and to the right below, Dnyanvi performs a solo dance.



Attending the cultural program above were recently graduated nurses Bhageshri and Ambika, below left, as well as Nutan, below right, who is in her final year of nursing studies. Bhageshri and Ambika are working in a local hospital and enjoying their work after finally completing their nursing studies. Hearty Congratulations to them, and Best Wishes for your on-going studies to you Nutan!





Kaliyampoondi –

Balimal, left and below, has worked at the Home for 32 years. Here she is serving pakoras to Kishore, age 12, as part of a special meal. It is mathematically possible that she may have served half a million individual meals during the past years, but who's counting!

Balimal is one of the staff people who prefer their own hand-made brooms to the ones purchased by the Home. She uses a knife to strip the leaf from the stalk of coconut leaves and then binds the stalks together to make a strong, durable broom. Luckily, there is a huge supply of coconut leaves at the Home!





Valarmathi, 10, and Gauri, 17, at our *Kaliyampoondi* Home. Tender loving moments such as this one are very much a part of life at our Homes. Perhaps they are among the reasons that our children do as well as they do.

*Let me light my lamp, says the star,
And never debate if it will dispel the dark.*

Rabindranath Tagore



Hyderabad – The ever-popular game of carrom is enjoyed here by Nandini, 15, Suvarna, 13, Mahesh, 9 and Radhika, 12. Carrom is said to have been invented in India hundreds of years ago. The current format was popularized by Indian Maharajas, who developed it from games being played in the streets at that time. We are fortunate to have hundreds of carrom champions in our Homes!

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