

St. Joseph Children Home

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” -Matthew 19:14

CCI – Children Care Institution registered by commissioner of social Defence under Juvenile Justice (Care and protection of children Act, 2015 as children’s Home) is under registration No 1412/DSD/2020 on 05.08.2020.

St. Joseph’s children home began in 2017. Our main objective was to educate girls, majorly socially discriminated, marginalised, economically poor, doesn’t have good ambience or place to study or learn.

In Krishnagiri district, children tend to face lots of difficulties without safe home and security, but thrive to continue or focus on their education and career. It highly depends on family, neighbourhood, background, awareness they are living with. They lack meaning of life, hygiene and moral values to follow a right path leading to enlighten self and world around.

Our goal is to shape their lives, as learning proper education, moral values of being human and evolve into a better being by shining in society we live at. We have 18 children at present from various parts of the district. All come in different mental state are personally guided. Certain addictions or dependencies like drugs, daily wages against child labour, family situations are often limitations they face.

We began our journey placing our total trust in the almighty God who brought us together in this abode of unity to share the light of spark amidst the poor and marginalized children to create a more compassionate and ethical society.



St. Joseph’s Children Home (Right) & Community Hall (Left)

Vision

“To be a spark in the midst of darkness”

Mission

Enabling children to become agents of social transformation through education.

Activities

- All 18 children have been admitted to government schools. We follow up their academic performance, help the students to complete their home works and improve in their studies.
- We involve them in extra - curricular activities like prayer, peace meditation, physical exercise, cultural programs, sports and environmental science, academic and general knowledge.
- Importance to slow learners by motivating and providing special attention to improve their education.
- We help the children who are drop outs, teach non formal education and put them into main streams.
- We organize cultural programmes and other activities on festivals and national celebrations to identify their talents.
- They are facilitated to set goals for themselves and pursue the same.
- They build friendship among themselves, cordial to each other.
- They are able to identify the values.
- They also become aware of social, moral and health problems and seek help.
- They are improving in their health and hygiene.
- They learned to save water and cosmic energy.



Diwali Celebration



Medical check-up for children associated with children Home



Involvement of children for celebrations and festivals.



College Girls



Children's Day Celebration

We maintain Individual Child Care Plan (ICP) to focus precisely on their development every month. All the activities are inspected by District child protection unit and Child welfare committee for observation of individual children related to self-growth and education.

Children conduct meetings within themselves to improve skills like leadership quality, decision making and problem solving, focussing to evolve a better leader. Parents meeting are held twice a year to discuss on their distinctive skills, education and career growth. Children without safe home live with CCI even during holidays. They also actively help sisters in social works and involve themselves in the parish spiritual activities. It contributes to better community and social cohesion.



Children meetings and discussion on extra-curricular activities



Yoga sessions

Case Studies

Ms Lakshmi (2023)

An Abandoned child came through CWC. She is Tamil speaking child with unknown source or idea about family.

CCI took a complete care of her and took her to Krishnagiri Medical College, according to reports; she is around 9 years old.

Lakshmi has 3 siblings. Her mother had eloped leaving their children on different places to work which is unknown till date. She doesn't know her father, was never disclosed. Mother had been very harsh on her children as her intent was majorly to earn out of them. Lakshmi had a 3 sibling, younger sister. She had never considered nurturing baby, even to breastfeed. In front of Lakshmi, mother had killed the baby by drowning her into water. As she realized she approached to stop it she was forcible stopped by harming. One of Lakshmi's relative had asked her to run away from home.

Found with none for long in street, an old lady took her to her place and got all her domestic works done by Lakshmi including risking her. She was ill-treated as slave and abused. She handed over the child to CWC and right away she was sent to CCI.

Now, she is getting along with children in home under guidance. She has many opportunities to learn and grow along with other kids in home as a family with healthier environment thus, improvising her way of living with better values and health. She can focus on her education as well to reach greater heights.

CCI went along with child line person to her village named Uddanapalli in search of her younger siblings and parents. They found that her parents are not living in same place. Her younger brothers were working under daily wages. Younger brother was working as shepherd and passed away. Second younger brother is adopted by their relative and are taking good care of him.

In village, all children are disturbed mentally and physically without proper sanitation and habitation. Child line person informed the Thasildar. Later, Development Officers, Soolagiri Medical Officer visited the place and are initiating to provide government support for better built space with basic facilities like water, sanitation, etc.

As villagers got to know about the Team, One of Lakshmi's relative sent 3 girl children to study in CCI. Such initiation by CCI has immense potential to support many people in need and provide them healthier environment with guidance for their educational support and growth.



Ms Lakshmi's village - complete settlements of temporary structures. In search of Lakshmi's home and relatives.

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Ms Lakshmi's village - completeness



Ms Lakshmi's relatives place - Temporary structures with lack of hygienic and unhealthy way of living. There were many children without any awareness regarding education and career growth.

Karthika

She is 17 years old. After her Mother suicide, Father and 3 relatives including her Cousin Brothers, Uncle sexually abused her. She was bought to CWC after she became pregnant. Immediately she was sent to us. Reports said, she was conceiving 7 months by then.

After 2 months of secured living with hygienic environment . Karthika was sent to Salem Centre for her Delivery. For 2 months, she was taken good care in Salem Centre considering PostnatalCare for mother and the child.

Karthika with her child was brought to CWC Krishnagiri on 07.11.2023 and Child was sent for Adoption. she was sent to St. Joseph's children home to pursue her education. We are provide her complete guidance for her career development and nutritional support ,counselling and support her for personal growth to become a better human being with healthier social quality of life will be provided by our Children Care Institute.



Ms Karthika

Conclusion

Our community is very grateful to God for his choices blessing and the choice of God to serve the most deserving people, to build values of the kingdom of God.

With deep sentiments of gratitude in our hearts, we thank God for our provincials and counselors, benefactor and friends who have been a great support and journeyed with our mission.

The road ahead of us is challenging but we count on the presence of the Risen Lord who, through the power of His Spirit *“Makes all things new Rev 21:5”* All renewal is the work of the Holy Spirit. We place our efforts in view of building Communion. *“THAT WE ALL MAY BE ONE”*, In the hands of Mary our Mother who at Cana with her attentive heart showed us how to act responsively aware to the need and with discreet authority taking in our service to the poor, in our journey with the least and the last.

“To God alone belongs the Glory”

