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GNANIAH & MABEL MEMORIAL SHARING OF FOOD WITH THE RESIDENTS OF AN OLD AGE HOME

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES & MEMBERS OF HURRICANE VETS CHARITABLE TRUST AT KUDUMBA VEEDU, AN OLD AGE HOME AT PARVATHIPURAM, NAGERCOIL

Caring for the elderly involves providing emotional support, medical assistance, and a safe environment, ensuring dignity, comfort, and a sense of belonging in their later years. Elderly people at old age homes often find companionship and care in a supportive environment. These homes provide essential services, fostering a sense of belonging and emotional well-being. While some may feel isolated from their families, engaging activities and peer relationships help them rediscover joy, dignity, and purpose in their later years. Hurricane Vets Charitable Trust (HVCT), Chennai supports elderly care by providing medical aid, emotional support, and community resources, ensuring dignity, well-being, and enhanced quality of life.

In this back drop, HVCT conducted a programme to share food with the residents of Kudumba Veedu, an old age home at Parvathipuram, Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu, on December 23rd, 2024 to honour the lives of Late Mr. R. Gnaniah and Late Mrs. P. Mabel Lizzie Bai. Nearly 43 residents were served a delicious lunch, and the members of HVCT spent quality time with the elderly, engaging in conversations and listening to their stories.

Dr.Jim Starlin, Medical Officer, National Institute of Technology, Calicut participated as the chief guest, addressing the medical concerns of the elderly after consulting with the Kudumba Veedu care taker and providing valuable healthcare guidelines, we are thankful to him. We express our gratitude to Dr. Jim Starlin for his generous donation towards the future welfare activities of HVCT.

The residents of Kudumba Veedu have remarkable stories of resilience. Mrs. Ajitha, the founder and caretaker, envisioned in 2016, a compassionate approach for caring the elderly, particularly those often treated disrespectfully in their own homes, especially during illness when they are seen as burdens. With her professional team of nursing staff, Mrs.Ajitha attentively meet out the needs of each resident, many of whom once held prominent societal roles. The team passionately cares for the infirm, ensuring they live their remaining years with dignity and respect, hence HVCT refrained photography of the residents. The exceptional hygienic standards maintained at Kudumba Veedu, along with the regular, critical, and emergency care provided, offer emotional support to the residents.





Mr. R. Gnaniah Mrs. P. Mabel Lizzie Bai

Late Mr. R. Gnaniah, an inspiring English teacher at Scott Christian Higher Secondary School, Nagercoil, devoted 25 years of his life to shape young minds and retired as Headmaster from RTM LMS Higher Secondary School, Venkanji. A pillar of dedication, he left an indelible mark on his students and family before his untimely demise at 52 years of age on August 23rd , 1988. His life was a testament to selflessness, striving tirelessly for the

welfare of his two children, Dr.G.Christo Paul Roy and a daughter Mts.G.Darling Merriet.

Late Mrs. P. Mabel Lizzie Bai, a visionary educator with 33 years of service, received the Tamil Nadu State Government Award in 1989 and was honoured as the Best Headmistress of South Tamil Nadu. She passed away at an age of 89 years on May 13th, 2021. Together, they served as Education Board members of the C.S.I. Kanyakumari Diocese, leaving a legacy of excellence and dedication. Their lives continue to inspire all who knew them, embodying the true spirit of service and education.

Those residents facing psychological challenges, suicidal tendencies, Parkinson's disease, stroke recovery, and other medical conditions receive personalized treatment and revitalization programs tailored to their unique needs. Mrs. Ajitha truly deserves heartfelt appreciation for her compassion and dedication to the elderly.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Dr. G. Christo Paul Roy, EC member of HVCT, for sponsoring and co-ordinating the entire program in loving memory of his parents, Late Mr. R. Gnaniah and Late Mrs. P. Mabel Lizzie Bai. We deeply appreciate this noble gesture.



Dr.Jim Starlin handed over a cheque to Dr.S.Vigil Anbiah,Secretary, HVCT for the welfare activities of HVCT

Dr. S. Vigil Anbiah, Secretary of HVCT, Dr. S. P. Fonglan, Managing Trustee of HVCT, and Dr. Krishnasamy, member of HVCT, also participated in the program, interacting warmly with the elderly residents. We are sincerely grateful for their presence with their family members. Our gratitude to the Board of Trustees for their approval and support to conduct this programme.

TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY & DIGNITY OF THE RESIDENTS OF KUDUMBA VEEDU, HVCT CHOSE NOT TO PUBLISH THEIR PHOTOGRAPHS



Mrs.Ajitha narrating the activities of Kudumba Veedu to the members of Hurricane Vets Charitable Trust, Chennai.



A Photo session with Mrs.Ajitha, founder of Kudumba Veedu, Nagercoil along with the members and families of Hurricane Vets Charitable Trust, Chennai.

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