

Newsletter 2025

Prithipura Communities



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Together We Thrive



At Prithipura Communities, we'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported us this year. Whether it's donating meals and essential supplies like food, medicine, and learning resources, generously sponsoring someone at one of our four locations, or contributing to our running costs through GlobalGiving—every bit of support has made a real difference.

We are incredibly grateful to the funders who have supported our larger infrastructure projects. Their contributions play a vital role in helping us build a solid foundation for long-term sustainability. To learn more about these projects and how they're shaping our future, head to page 3.

This year has been a busy one! We've been out and about more than ever, taking part in workshops, connecting with the community, and celebrating milestones at each of our locations. Your support has helped us grow, connect with others, and keep moving forward.

For over 60 years, Prithipura Communities has been evolving, and it's thanks to people like you that we've come this far. Your continued support helps us build a brighter future for everyone here. Thank you for being such an important part of our journey!

What we do

Building lives and abilities for 60 years, Prithipura Communities works from 4 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>

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



Bridging the gap

2024 has been all about getting out there—making the most of opportunities in the community and proudly showcasing our skills and talents. It's been a chance to not only show what we can do but to remind everyone how much we can all learn from each other.

At Prithipura, we know how important it is for us to be out in the community—learning, sharing, and showing what we're capable of. It's not just about breaking down barriers; it's about connecting with others and helping people understand disability better. We don't live in a bubble, and we want to keep growing and learning, while also showing those who might not know much about disability just how much we can do.



- The beach
- Galle art trip
- Village 'perahera'
- National paralympics
- Trip to the zoo
- Hospitality training
- Dance performances

And plenty more!

Building a brighter future

This year, our key projects have been installing solar panels at the Infants' Home and carrying out major renovations at the main residence, the bungalow, at Cotagala School.

We're excited to have installed solar panels, which not only help us fight climate change but will also save us money on electricity bills, which have been steadily rising in recent years.

The main house at Cotagala School is a charming plantation bungalow, and was originally built around 1870. It's home to around 20 children who need extra care and also houses the main kitchen, reception, and TV area.

Although the building has had some repairs over the years, it hadn't had any major renovations. We're excited to be making important updates to ensure it continues to serve the children and staff for many years to come!

We've been fortunate to have several generous donors supporting this work. A heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you! Your support is a powerful reminder of how much we can achieve when we come together. Thank you also for being so responsive and adaptable, allowing us to direct funds where they're needed most to make the biggest impact.



A big thank you to...

Solar panels
Orange County Lions Foundation

Cotagala bungalow
Innocents Relief
International Expats Association
SLANE – Sri Lanka Association of
New England
Stichting Prithipura
Stiftung Adoptio
Prithi UK



People of Prithipura

This year, Saveena achieved something amazing—she passed her Grade 5 scholarship exam with flying colors! Everyone at Cotagala School, from her teachers to her classmates, is so proud of her hard work and dedication.

Having grown up at the Infants' Home and been part of Cotagala School from a young age, Saveena has truly thrived. She's not only a top student but also loves getting involved in activities like dancing and arts and crafts. This Christmas, she put her creativity to good use by making handmade cards for all her friends. Her success is a fantastic achievement, and there's no doubt she has a bright future ahead!



“My name is Upali. I arrived at the Infants Home when I was under two years old, and now I work at Asokapura Farm. For me, Prithipura is home—where I’ve grown, worked, and built a future.”

I don't remember but according to those who looked after me when I was a child, I was very weak and thin and couldn't walk.

Now I work at Asokapura Farm. Along with others in the team, I manage the daily activities—planting, weeding, protecting the growing crops and harvesting. I'm a keen sportsman and have travelled abroad to Korea and Thailand. I help those who need support, for example taking them to the doctors when they are not well.

For me, Prithipura is home – the place where I live, spend time with friends and work and earn a salary. I couldn't imagine being anywhere else.



Susima joined Prithipura as a young person and stays in regular contact with her family, often spending holidays with them. She plays an important role at Anandapura, where she lives, and is deeply missed when she's away. As a 'big sister' to the other residents, Susima helps in the kitchen, with laundry, cleaning, and assists at mealtimes. She also participates in the broom-making workshop and helps on the farm. Always willing to contribute, Susima enjoys dancing and spending times with others.



Here's one way to make a difference!

Would you like to change a life at Prithipura? For Rs. 12,000 a month, you can sponsor a child or adult living at Prithipura and be part of their incredible journey! Sponsorship gives you a unique connection with a resident, offering a glimpse into their world and the difference you're making.

Contact us to find out more.

