

Dear Friends of Anna's Home and members of Havonos,

Greetings from Anna's Children's Home, Mankulam!

First of all, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous financial support throughout the years. Your kindness has made a significant impact on the lives of the children in our care.

We are fully aware that many of you make great sacrifices in order to support our home, and we are truly grateful. In particular, we would like to express our special thanks to **Havonos** for the continued dedication and support. Your unwavering generosity has been a lifeline for us, and we deeply appreciate all that you do.

Currently, we have 30 children residing at our home. All of them have come to us through the courts and the Department of Probation and Child Care Services. Last year, those who sat for the A/L examination have now been reintegrated with their families, with the support of the Probation Department.

Of these five children:

- One girl is now attending university.
- Two are pursuing IT courses in Colombo.
- The remaining two completed tailoring and bakery courses at one of our centers and are now employed.

We are pleased to share that **seven children are sitting for their O/L (Ordinary Level) examinations this month**. After the exams, some of them will be reintegrated with their families. These days, with the support of our social worker, we are actively visiting their families to prepare for a smooth transition. While waiting for their exam results, some children will follow **vocational training at our center in Vavuniya**, equipping them with valuable skills for the future.

At present, the children in our home range in age from 8 to 17. We have welcomed some new children recently, and all are attending school regularly. We provide for all their needs, including extra classes in selected subjects, taught by teachers who come from outside the home.

In addition to academics, we offer counseling and yoga-psychological support to promote mental and emotional well-being. The children also engage in dance, sports, and other extracurricular activities. They enjoy learning handicrafts, card making, and cooking.

We are proud to share that our children participated in competitions for World Girl Child Day and won several prizes in dancing, singing, and speech. They also achieved many awards at their school's sports meet.

For those who are slower learners, we provide special support to help improve their IQ and learning capabilities. The children also take part in gardening, growing vegetables, and helping with cooking. They actively participate in church activities and are steadily improving in their studies, skills, and especially in discipline.

Once again, we sincerely thank each and every one of you for your support, sacrifices, and care. It is because of you that we can continue to provide a safe, nurturing, and hopeful future for the children.

With gratitude,

Sr. Sumithra
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Mankulam