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*Providing Education, Livelihood Training  
and Life Skills to Youth, Women and  
Disabled Children,  
Irrespective of Community,  
Caste or Religion*

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**"Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will  
find rest in the shadow of the Almighty." Psalm 91:1**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings to you all !

In the name of our Almighty Lord, I take pleasure in welcoming each and every member of YMCA Madurai to this 140<sup>th</sup> Annual General Business Meeting and I am pleased to present the Annual Report for the year 2023 – 2024, on behalf of the Board of Directors of YMCA Madurai.

140 years, marvellous history isn't? Yes, by the grace of God, the Madurai YMCA is standing tall with remarkable history changing lives and transforming communities. The year 2023 – 2024, has been a miraculous year experiencing God's wonderful ways of leading the movement. The Bible says in Psalm 34:10, "Even strong young Lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing". In spite of the challenges, God has been merciful and we could meet all the project needs and the services were carried out very effectively. This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.

The dedicated services of YMCA Madurai to the children with hearing impairment, intellectual disability, less privileged and orphaned, skill trainings and sports activities were continued successfully by the abundant mercy of our Lord. He has been directing our paths as a guide and enabled us to find favour in the eyes of kind hearted friends and philanthropists in carrying out this mission. Our hope in Him did not go in vain and we thankfully praise God for He is our Provider.

All the planned activities for children, staff and the community were accomplished well and proper. We had an addition of rooms at the Women's Hostel during the year which would fetch additional income to our services. I am thankful to all our local and international friends and donors for their generous support.

I am extremely thankful to the Board of Directors of YMCA Madurai who selflessly contribute their time and energy for the YMCA. Very specially, I extend my thanks to the Office Bearers, Chairpersons and members of various Committees for their immense support and guidance at all times. I am sure, the panoramic view of this report with various happenings during the year would encourage and enthuse your association with this historical movement.



## YMCA SERVICES CENTRE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

The YMCA KAMAK Higher Secondary School for the Hearing Impaired established in the year 1971 offers quality education for the children and young people with hearing impairment.

During the year 2023 -2024, we had a total of 173 students (103 Boys and 70 Girls) including 27 Girls at the Integrated Education programme,



from Preschool to XII standard. The services were effectively implemented by 23 teaching and 11 non teaching staff. The school hostel provided a comfortable and happy environment for 54 boys and 26 girls.

24 students of X standard and 26 students of XII standard appeared for the Government examination and achieved centum pass.

Thanks to our valuable donors, the school was technologically upgraded with 10 computers for students, 6 smart televisions for the classrooms, a digital audiometer and a copier machine. Our special thanks to the Canara Bank Regional Office Madurai, Amphenol Omniconnect Chennai and the Rotary Club of Madurai for their generous sponsorship.

**Special Sensitization Campaigns** were organized to create awareness in the Community on prevention of disability and on the importance of educating children with disabilities in Dindigul, Natham, Andipatti and Usilampatti areas during June 2023. Special children who were kept at home without any education were identified and counseled for admission into the YMCA Special schools.



**International Yoga Day** was observed on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 to explain the benefits of practicing Yoga to students in their everyday life. Mrs. Nirmala Nirmalraj was the resource person.

**International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, International Plastic free day, International Day of Sign Languages, International Day of the Deaf** were observed at the School and the students were enlightened on the respective topics.

**Education Development Day** was observed on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023 with students participating in



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competitions such as coloring, drawing, collage, mono acting and drama reflecting on the personality of the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.K.Kamaraj, who was instrumental in promoting the education of poor people and free Noon meals scheme.

**Annual Sports Day** was conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and our students participated in various events with great enthusiasm.



**77th Independence Day** was celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Mr.Jayakumar, CSR Manager of the Muthoot Finance Ltd was the Special Guest and he hoisted the National Flag. Fr. J. Benadict Barnabas, President and Dr.J.Sathiah, Treasurer YMCA Madurai graced the occasion with their presence. Children performed mass drill, fancy dress performance and cultural events remembering the great freedom fighters.

Our students participated and won prizes at the Interschool Competitions organized by Thendral Association and the Madurai Ladies Circle.

**Teachers' Day** was celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and the students greeted the special educators with roses, chocolates and gifts.

**Parent Teachers Meeting** was organized on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Mrs. J. Shamila Doris, Correspondent, welcomed the gathering. Ms. Ashwini Veronica, Assistant Professor from the American College was the Resource Person. She motivated the parents to challenge the community by way of ignoring all the negative comments. Ms. Arul Mary Sinthiya, ISL Trainer, emphasized the necessity of learning Indian Sign Language and lip-reading skills to communicate with their children and taught communicative sign language to 70 parents who participated in the meeting.

**Children's Day** was celebrated on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023. Mr.TV. Krishna Mohan, General Manager, Canara Bank, was the Chief Guest. He inaugurated the five computers sponsored by the Canara Bank. Students performed dances and skits on the occasion and they were highly appreciated.





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**Industrial visits** to Niranjana Weaving Factory and Aravind Chettinadu Snacks Company were organized to impart practical knowledge of the weaving process, fabric production and snack manufacturing and marketing to the XIIth Std students on 28th November 2023.



**Christmas Function** was celebrated at the School on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Mr. Basheer Anver Tayub, one of our generous donors and well-wishers, was the Chief Guest. He expressed his happiness in supporting a good cause. He conveyed Christmas greetings and sponsored Christmas gifts to the children and staff.



**Pongal Festival** was celebrated on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Children and staff dressed up in traditional wears took part in the celebration with joy. Pongal was prepared and distributed to the students along with sugarcane.

**Republic Day** was celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Our students with hearing impairment were invited by the Canara Bank Regional Office to perform the National Anthem in Indian Sign Language and were specially honored.

**Career Guidance Program** was organised for the outgoing students on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Ms. Pandeeshvari, Proprietor of Jaya Meenakshi Group of Institutions, oriented the students on various skill training programs and motivated them to pursue their passionate field of interest. Her team conducted a training on photoshop and beauty course for the students to gain knowledge in photo editing, Corel Draw, hair styling and make up.

Training on **Indian Sign language** was conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Mr. Velmurugan, ISL trainer, taught the specific signs for numbers, colors, relations and digital media science.



**Pleasure trip** to Kodaikanal and Meghamalai, **Exposure visit** to Kalaingar Centenary Library, Awareness on Health and Hygiene, Medical Camps, Diwali celebrations and Handwriting Trainings were organized for the students during the year.



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**Farewell Event** to the students of Class XII was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Mrs. J. Shamila Doris, Correspondent & General Secretary, YMCA Madurai, encouraged the students to succeed in their future and offered prayers for them. Ms. Vanaja, Supervisor, Auro Lab shared about job opportunities available at Aurolab for the hearing impaired students.



**Training in Bakery skills** for 69 students of 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade along with their curriculum was conducted. Production of bread, cookies, bun and stuffed snacks were undertaken. The Bakery Outlet offers employment opportunities for persons with hearing impairment.



## YMCA SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED

The YMCA Special School for the Intellectually Disabled established in the year 2000 offers effective special education to children with various types of mental disabilities such as Down Syndrome, Autism with Retardation and Cerebral Palsy.

During the year 2023 -2024, we had a total of 82 children (57 Boys and 25 Girls) at the School. The services were effectively implemented by 12 teaching, 12 non- teaching staff and 1 Physiotherapist. The School hostel provided a safe accommodation and nutritious food for 22 students. Training in academics, daily living skills, social skills, behavior modification, sensory stimulation, speech and language development were offered to the children.



With the expertise of trained professionals and special educators, a special curriculum was designed and developed on 7 domains [Motor skill, Activities of Daily Living Skills, Language(Receptive, Expressive), Reading/Writing, Number/Time, Domestic/Social, Prevocational / Money] . The children were trained and assessed on a quarterly basis.

Training in basic food preparation, gardening and computer skills were taught to the children additionally.



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Physiotherapy is offered for the children who require training in mobility and motor skills. Training in Sensory Stimulation and Integration is given to the children for enhancing the use of senses effectively.

During this year, we have integrated 4 students with intellectual disability at the City Middle School, Ansari Nagar, in Standard VIII. The students happily attend the classes along with the regular children and return back to YMCA Special School for resource support. This indeed is a great success for the efforts of our special educators in the School.



On a regular basis, the special educators visit the homes of our children, meet the families of children, update them on the developments, challenges and explain to them the areas which needed more attention. They also guide and counsel the parents to give special care for the children and encourage them to accept the reality.

**World Autism Awareness Day** was observed on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023. Various games were conducted for the children with Autism and they were honored. The orientation session conducted for the caretakers on the characteristics of children with Autism helped the Care takers to understand the issue of disability better.

**The Skill Development Centre for Mothers** sponsored by the CVJM, Germany, was dedicated to the glory of God on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023. Dr.S.Manual Jayaraj, offered the dedication prayer. Mr.Gnana. Surabhi Mani, Former President, YMCA Madurai, inaugurated the Centre in the presence of the Board of Directors, and staff. General Secretary, Mrs.J.Shamila Doris, introduced the project and thanked the leaders. A special appreciation was recorded for the generous support from CVJM and Mr.Jeyasuresh Jayaraj who sponsored the RCC roofing.



**International Yoga Day** was observed on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023. Our Special educators taught various yoga poses and its benefits to the children for their body fitness. All the Special children enthusiastically performed yoga taught by the special educator.

**77<sup>th</sup> Independence Day** was celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Mrs and Mr. Manikandan, Director,



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Shri Hari Exports, our donors and well wishers, were the Special Guests and they hoisted the National Flag. Children performed mass drill, fancy dress performance and cultural events remembering the great freedom fighters.

**Exposure Visits** for the children were arranged to several places during the year. On 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023, the students visited the Madurai Railway Station and learnt to use the escalators and they were also oriented on the uses of the ticket counters, platforms, vendors and trains. On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023, they were taken on an exposure visit to the Kalaignar Centenary Library by the special educators. They were amazed to see all the bookshelves and the beautiful arrangements. On 1st September 2023, they were given an experience of watching movie in a Cinema Theatre. On 8th September 2023, Children were taken to the Rajaji Park accompanied by the special educators and caretakers. Every visit was a new learning for them.



**Parent Teacher Meetings** were organized on 20th September 2023 and on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Mr. Deepan Meshack, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, the American College, was the resource person. He had a discussion with the parents on the various difficulties faced while handling children at home and counseled them with proper guidance. He encouraged the parents to

spend time with children for their own happiness to reduce stress and strain. Ms. Renuka, Counselor trainee from the Madurai Institute of Social Sciences, shared detailed instructions to parents on how they could contribute to the holistic development of their special child. Parents participated enthusiastically in the meeting.

**Training in Tailoring for the Community Women** was inaugurated on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Fr. J. Benadict Barnabas, President, conducted the prayer service. Dr. Prabakar Navamani, Former President and Chairman of the School, inaugurated the training and invoked God's blessings. Mr. Jeyasuresh Jayaraj, Former President, sponsored 10 pedal Sewing Machines to the centre. Dr. Prabakar Navamani sponsored the sewing chairs for the tailoring machines.



Our children participated in various games at the **World Mental Health Day** Celebrations organized at JC Residency on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023. K. Syed Akthar got 2nd prize for Puzzles matching.

**Diwali**, the festival of lights, was celebrated on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The students enjoyed the celebration along with their parents. Sweets and crackers were distributed as part of the celebration.

**Children's Day** was celebrated on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Children enthusiastically participated in activities such as games and hand printing and won prizes.



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**Medical Camp** was organized in association with the CSI College of Nursing, Madurai, on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023. General medical checkup was conducted by the Doctors and they provided guidance and medical advice to the special students and staff. On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023, the students from the CSI College of Nursing celebrated Advent Christmas with the children with songs and nativity play, which was enjoyed by them.

**Christmas Function** was celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Mrs. Jessy Tagore Davidson was the Special Guest and she shared the Christmas message. Mrs. Cruz Saletth Valarmathi, a donor and well wisher, graced the occasion with her presence. Children performed dances and enacted the nativity play to spread the message of hope among the guests and the gathering. Christmas gifts were distributed to the students with a sumptuous lunch sponsored by Mr. Sebesthian, our well-wisher and donor.

**Pongal Festival** was celebrated on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The significance of celebrating the harvest festival was explained to the children. Pongal was prepared by the special educators and distributed to the students. Children enjoyed the Pongal and sugarcane.

A one-day session on good touch and bad touch was arranged for the students by 'Young Indians,' an NGO, on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Ms. Karthiga Devi, Ms. Kalavathi and Ms. Hema of the 'Young Indians', were the Resource Persons. The importance of educating the children about good touch and bad touch was briefly explained to the staff, caretakers and parents.

"**Bracelet Making**" with beads was introduced for the children on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024. Mrs. Anajala, Special educator, taught the children how to make bracelets with suitable colour and combination and proper alignment of beads. This activity of stringing beads strengthened the fine motor skills and the children enjoyed making beautiful bracelets and wore them on their wrists.

Our children participated at the **Inter School Competitions** organized by the Nandanam School, Madurai, on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 based on the theme "Environmental Building" and took part actively in puzzle matching, balloon blowing etc. S. Fridolin and K. Yogeswari from our School won the 1st prize in puzzle matching, A. Nagavishnu and K. Akthar won the 1st prize in balloon blowing.

A session on **Stress Relief Management** was conducted for the Special Educators on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Ms. Sujitha, Counselor Trainee, handled the session. Through games, music and dance, she explained stress relief techniques for the special educators which were very helpful.



**World Down Syndrome Day** was observed on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Children with Down Syndrome were specially honored.

A one day **Pleasure Trip** was arranged for the special children to Vagamon, Kerala with the sponsorship of Mr. Jaison and family, PJJ Fruits,



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Madurai, on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024. Children travelled with special educators and Caretakers. They enjoyed the whole day at the adventure park, Pine forest, Vagamon meadows, and relaxation at the resort. They enjoyed the sumptuous meal served by the donor's family. During the travel the children were excited to see the tea plantations and mountain bends which were a new experience for them. They visited the



Pattumalai Madha Church which was an amazing experience for them. For the special educators, it was a refreshing trip with lot of impressions and memories.



**Training in Candle Making is imparted to 5 of our students - 3 boys and 2 girls.**

**Training in Jute and Banana Fibre Products** is offered to mothers of our children. They are trained to make handbags, purses, pouches, lunch bags etc. The products made by the children and the mothers are displayed for sale at the skill training outlet.



**The Skill Development Centre for Women** offers training in Tailoring – to make blouses, inskirts, night wears, long frocks and pillow covers. We propose to initiate training in Aari work.



The Special School offers employment opportunities for 3 Intellectually Disabled persons who are above the age of 22.

### YMCA J.P. KENNET BOYS' HOME

YMCA J.P. Kennet Boys' Home initiated in the year 1954 is situated at Alagappan Nagar, Madurai. It has been a home for more than 2000 boys over the past years and was instrumental in offering a qualified and dignified life for them. During the year, one of our inmates V. Jeya Prakash completed standard XII successfully and is





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pursuing his engineering course. Another inmate of the home M. Sanjay is doing final year Bachelors Degree. Application for new JJ Act Registration has been submitted to the District Child Protection Office and we are looking forward to the approval to admit new inmates who need care and support in the home. The meeting hall at the Boys' Home was utilized to conduct trainings and meetings during the year.

### YMCA SPORTS AND WELLNESS CENTRE

YMCA Madurai Sports and Wellness Centre, initiated in the year 2010 at Alagappan Nagar, offers quality services for the young people and adults to take care of their body, mind and spirit. The facilities for playing badminton, tennis, cricket, football and skating including walking track attract around 200 – 250 children and adults everyday to the Fitness Centre. Trained coaches, appointed for each activity, take care of the trainings.

Summer Training Programs were organized from 17<sup>th</sup> April to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the Centre. Around 80 students participated in different activities such as Skating, Tennis, Chess, and Handwriting. Certificates were distributed to the participants.

The Kiddle Castle Preschool, Madurai, conducted their Annual Sports Day at our premises on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

The Sunrise Mountain Roller Skating Academy, Madurai Speed Skating Association, SRM Roller Skating Championship, and the Boaj Skating Academy conducted several competitions at the YMCA Skating rink.

Thanks to God, our friends and well wishers, the renovation work of the Fitness Centre at the campus was initiated during the year. We propose to lay new concrete flooring at the ground floor, replacing the tiled roofing with metal roofing, laying floor tiles at the first floor and attend to the required electrical, repairing and painting works.





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YMCA 1st Open State Level Skating Championship was organized on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at the Centre. 283 competitors of different age groups from all over Tamil Nadu participated in various skating categories and showcased their skating skills. Winners were honoured with prizes and medals. Mr. Rishwanth Joshua Jayaraj, Board Member, YMCA Madurai sponsored the medals and certificates. Our sincere thanks to him and the JC Residency for their support. Chairman Mr. G. Jayasingh Thiyagaraj distributed the medals and certificates to the winners. Our thanks to Mr. Bala Murugan, Senior Skating coach, for organizing the event.



### YMCA CAMPSITE

YMCA Campsite at Utchapatty near Thirumangalm is developed as an eco friendly farm and a haven for the cricket lovers in Madurai. A Cricket pitch at the campsite is used regularly by various cricket associations in Madurai. Country Chicken and Goats are raised at the camp site. Currently there are 26 goats and 6 hens.



The Cricket Pitch at the Campsite is used by the Future Cricket Academy during weekends.



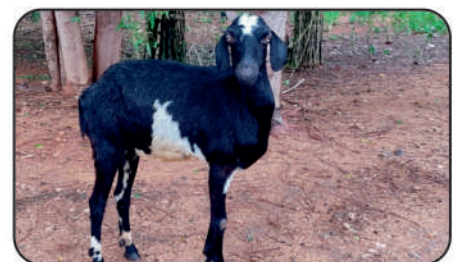
Children from the YMCA School for the Mentally Challenged visited the Campsite for an outdoor

activity trip on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Children enjoyed playing there. Special educators and Caretakers cooked food for the children and everyone enjoyed the day.

### YMCA ST. MARTIN'S MODEL FARM & YMCA APPASAMY RURAL TRUST PROJECT

YMCA St. Martin's Model Farm is situated at Kayathar, Tuticorin District. Goat farming and Poultry farming with country chicken are raised in the site and they are available for sale.

The Training Centre available at the Centre is hired by Churches and other organizations to conduct Camps and Retreats for their participants.





## YMCA EVENING STUDY CENTRE AND PLAY SCHOOL, MUTHUPATTY

The project of Evening Study Centre and Play School is functioning at the YMCA Programme Centre at Muthupatty since 2007. This project offers after-school supplementary education for 50 children from I to XII standards and nursery education for 30 kindergarten children from the families of the daily wage earners in and around Muthupatty. The Project Coordinator along with 3 tutors and 2 support staff implement the activities of the Evening Study Centre and Play School.



Clean drinking water and washroom facilities are available for the children to clean themselves after play time. Nutritious refreshments are offered to the children, which help them to gain energy for the study time which in turn results in better academic performance.

School bags, lunch bags, uniforms, footwear and everyday nutritious refreshments are offered to the children at the Play School. Children enjoy learning rhymes and stories through the digital classes.

Special attention and coaching at the Study Centre were given to the students who appeared for the X and XII standard Government examinations during April 2023.

**Summer Training in Spoken English and Computers** was offered for 30 students from 7th to 10th grade during the month of May 2023. Mrs. Shantha Caroline Mary and Mr. E. Vinoth Raja, B.E., were the tutors. Students were introduced to basic computer knowledge, usage of internet and email. In English, day to day usage of vocabulary and grammar were taught. Mr. G. Jebaraj, Secretary, and Mr. J. Justin, Chairman, distributed the course certificates to the children.

**Vacation Bible School** was conducted from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023, for the children on the topic "Chosen". A team of directors, under the leadership of Mr. Stephen Jeyakumar, taught bible verses and songs. Stories related to the topic were shared with the children.





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**Welcome Day** was organised for the children on the start of the new academic year on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023. Mrs. Mangayarkarasi, and Mrs. Iswariya, teachers welcomed the children happily with flowers, chocolates. Mrs. J. Shamila Doris, General Secretary, was present and greeted the children.

**Handwriting Classes** were initiated for the students at the Evening Study Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and they were brought into regular practice. Handbooks were introduced to the children at the Play School and the updates were communicated to the parents.

**Education Development Day** was observed on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2023. Competitions on drawing, dance and fancy parade was conducted for the children. Through these competitions they got the chance to know about the life of Thiru. K. Kamaraj, eminent Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, who strived for the education of poor children. Prizes awarded to the children.

**Special Uniforms** for kids to wear on Wednesdays were introduced during this academic year and T-Shirts printed with YMCA Logo and School name and shorts was distributed to the children at the play school on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023.



**77th Independence Day** was celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Mr. J. Justin, Member of the Board and Chairman YMCA Evening Study Centre and Play School, hoisted the flag. Children performed mass drill, fancy dress and cultural events in remembrance of the great freedom fighters. Sweets were distributed to the children.



**Exposure Visit to Keezhadi Heritage Museum** was organized for the children by the Evening Study Centre on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023. They enjoyed the travel and were amazed to see the treasures of the Sangam age.

**A Session on Yoga** was organized for the children in view of the World Mental Health Day on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Mrs. Nirmala Nirmalraj, Psychologist and a well-wisher, taught the children a few asanas to help improve their mental health and brain activity.



**An Education Visit** was organized for teachers to the YWCA Nursery and Primary school, Madurai, on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Mrs. Shanthi Esther, Headmistress of the School, took them around the school and explained in detail about all the activities pursued and the registers and schedules kept at the YWCA School. It was very informative.



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**Parent Teacher Meeting** was conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 for the children at the Play School and report cards were given to the parents. They were also motivated to focus on the health of the child and were asked to give additional care and support in learning and writing skills.

**Diwali** was celebrated at the Play School and Study Centre on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Mr.G. Jebaraj, Executive Secretary, YMCA Marthandam, was present and distributed Diwali sweets to the children. Children enjoyed the day with crackers and sweets.

**Pleasure Trip** to Thirupparankundram park was arranged for the children by the Playschool on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023. They enjoyed the eco friendly environment and happily played games in the park. Snacks were distributed to the children.



**Children's Day** was celebrated at the School on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Mrs. J. Shamila Doris, General Secretary, YMCA Madurai, welcomed the gathering. Ms. Shanthi Esther, Headmistress, YWCA Nursery and Primary School, was the Chief Guest. Her talk was an encouragement to the children and parents who were present. Children showcased their talents through dance and fancy dress.

**Nutrition Day** was observed for the parents on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Mrs. Radha Maheswari, Physiotherapist, was the Resource Person. She explained the importance of food, health and nutrition and the do's and don't's in maintaining proper health.

**Christmas Function** was celebrated at the School on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Children from the Play School and Evening Study Center participated happily. One of our well-wishers, Mr. P. Immanuel Dhanabalan, was the Chief Guest and he shared his thoughts on Christmas and he wished everyone a Merry Christmas. The children enjoyed the Christmas message conveyed through a puppet show by Mr. Livingston and team. The children performed dances and perfectly staged a nativity play telling the story of the birth of Jesus Christ.

**Pongal Festival** was celebrated on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Rev. Jacob Knudson, one of our friends from Denmark, was present with his family on the occasion. Children dressed up in traditional wears took part in the celebration with joy. Pongal was prepared and distributed to the students with sugarcane.



Special Days such as Coconut Day, Fruits Day, Flowers Day, Green Day, Red Day, Hand Washing Day were observed. An Animation movie on Life skills was also screened for the children.



## YMCA PROGRAMME AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

**Summer Training Programs** were organized for the children at the YMCA premises from 15<sup>th</sup> April to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023, on hand writing, spoken English, drawing, arts and crafts, abacus, chess, skating, gymnastics, western dance and table tennis. Skilled trainers were engaged for the purpose. Around 50 children participated in various events and received certificates for their participation from Fr.J.Benadict Barnabas, President, YMCA Madurai.



**A One Day Retreat** was organized for the special educators at the YMCA Boys' Home premises on **31<sup>st</sup> May 2023**. The objective of the retreat was to encourage our special educators and non teaching staff to reflect on their calling - who they had been, who they are now and how God wants them to be in the future. Mrs.J. Shamila Doris, General Secretary, YMCA Madurai, welcomed the gathering. Ms. A. Fathima Periyasamy, Former SBI Manager, led the devotional session on the theme "Arise and Shine". Dr.H.Shyla Jebashree, Assistant Professor. Dept of Botany, Lady Doak College, inspired the special educators with her motivational speech. Ms.C.Alice Eliza Sherina, Associate Professor, Dept of Social Science, Lady Doak College, presented Stress Management techniques to cope with stress. Mrs. D.Priscilla, Board Member, was present and explained how a teacher can impact the life of a student through a story. In between the sessions, riddles and quizzes were conducted for the participants and they were much refreshed to start a new academic year.



Thanks to the family of Mr. I. Davidson, Former General Secretary and the founder of YMCA KAMAK Higher Secondary School for the Hearing Impaired in the year 1971, his 106th birthday was celebrated at our Special Schools on 24th July 2023. The family of Mr.I.Davidson shared their happiness and memorable thoughts with our special children and presented snacks and gifts to all the staff and children.



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**YMCA Staff Christmas Get together** was organized on **23<sup>rd</sup> December 2023** to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Staff from various projects of YMCA Madurai gathered for the celebration and made the event so special. Rev. Fr. Antony Packiam, Parish Priest, Correspondent, Christ the King Church, Melur shared the Christmas message on the true meaning of celebrating Christmas. The Presidential Address was delivered by Fr. J. Benadict Barnabas, President, YMCA Madurai. Mrs. J. Shamila Doris, General Secretary, YMCA Madurai welcomed the gathering. Mr. Robin Dante, Vice President, YMCA Madurai, wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Dr. J. Sathiah, Former Treasurer, YMCA Madurai, was also present on the occasion. Secretaries and staff of various projects participated and showcased their talents by performing dances, singing songs and staging the nativity play.



YMCA Madurai was highly pleased to organize a **Felicitation Event to President of NCYI Dr.Vincent George** for having been elected as the President of the National Council of YMCAs of India and as the Vice-President of the Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs. Fr.J.Benadict Barnabas, President YMCA Madurai welcomed the National President and felicitated him.



Mrs.J.Shamila Doris, General Secretary YMCA Madurai, felicitated by reading the 'Vazhthu Madal' wishing and greeting him on his success in the YMCA leadership ladder. Dr.Vincent George was very happy over his association with YMCA Madurai and thanked the members, staff and the secretaries for the services rendered by YMCA Madurai as one of the leading YMCAs in India. Mr. K.S.Prem Anand, Regional Chairman, Southern India Region of YMCAs, Regional Secretary Mr. Barnabas and Mr.Robin Dante, Dr. Samuel Jeyakaran, Mrs. D. Priscilla, Directors on the Board of YMCA Madurai were present on the occasion.



**Special HI - Y, Initiative** of the YMCA Madurai was started at the YMCA KAMAK Higher Secondary School for the Hearing Impaired on **26<sup>th</sup> March 2024**, to empower our special students to become leaders, to engage them in community service and to foster their personal growth. Ms. Jenisha, Volunteer, YMCA Madurai and Change Agent, YMCA India, inaugurated

the program and explained the activities of HI - Y to the special students and motivated them to achieve the goal of Vision 2030 and the Four Pillars of Impact through Special HI-Y.



## YMCA INTERNATIONAL GUEST HOUSE AND SERVICE CENTRE

YMCA Madurai International Guest House and Service Centre at the heart of the city offers Air Conditioned, Non Air-Conditioned and Dormitory facilities for members and friends. There are 19 fully furnished rooms, with 52 beds and 3 AC and non AC training halls at the Centre. Comfortable and affordable accommodation with breakfast is offered for the guests travelling to Madurai for business, temple visits and as tourists. International friends of YMCA take pleasure in using this facility when they visit Madurai. Hostel for men on a monthly basis is offered too at the Second floor of the building with single, double and 4 bed- rooms. The income generated from this project supports the services of YMCA Madurai.



## YMCA RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT

The YMCA and YWCA Madurai jointly celebrated the **World YMCA / YWCA Week of Prayer and World Fellowship – 2023**, on theme of “SEEDS TO BLOSSOMS” Cultivating Hope and Love in Solidarity from 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Throughout the week, prayer services were held at various places.

On 14th November 2023, prayer meeting was held at the Chapel of YMCA International Youth Centre. Mr.T.G.Solomon, World in Life Ministries, shared the word of God.

On 15th November 2023, a prayer meeting was held

at the premises of YWCA. Mrs.Raji Pennieraj, Member, YWCA Religious Committee, shared the word of God.

On 16th November 2023, a prayer meeting was held at the YMCA main office. The Rev.Dhilip Dilton, Presbyter, CSI Good Samaritan Church, Shanthi Nagar, Madurai – 18, shared the word of God.





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On 17th November 2023, a prayer meeting was held at the YMCA School for the Mentally Challenged, Ellis Nagar. The Rev.K.L.D. Rajasekaran, Dean, U.G. and P.G., Tamilnadu Theological Seminary, Arasaradi, Madurai, shared the word of God.



On 18th November 2023, a prayer meeting was held at the YMCA Evening Study Centre, Muthupatti. Rev.S.Rajan Jeyapaul, Power of God Church, Pasumalai, Madurai, shared the word of God.

The Valedictory Service of the **World YMCA / YWCA Week of Prayer and World Fellowship** was held on 19th November 2023 at the premises of YMCA School for the Hearing Impaired, Visalakshipuram, Madurai. Mrs.J.Shamila Doris, General Secretary, YMCA Madurai, greeted and welcomed the gathering. The Rev.R.Raja Baktha Singh, B.D.,M.Th. Research Scholar, Henry Martyn Institute for Interfaith Relations, Hyderabad, was the Special Guest and he shared the word of God on the theme of "SEEDS TO BLOSSOMS" Cultivating Hope and Love in Solidarity. The Presidential message was read by Fr.J.Benadict Barnabas, President, YMCA Madurai. YMCA and YWCA Choir members rendered special songs. Vegetable seeds were distributed to all the members who had attended the meeting as a mark of cultivating Hope and Love. Mr.R.Arul Raj, Secretary, YMCA Madurai, organized the event and he proposed a vote of thanks. Board of Directors, Members, friends and Staff from YMCA and YWCA attended the meeting.

The YMCA Choir, directed by Mr.E.Samuel Thomas, Member, YMCA Madurai, with 33 Members performed excellent numbers on the occasion.

**YMCA Christmas Carol Service** was held on Saturday, the 16th December 2023 at the



premises of YMCA School for the Hearing Impaired, Visalakshipuram, Madurai. Mrs.J.Shamila Doris, General Secretary, YMCA Madurai welcomed the gathering. The Rev.T.Jebin, Professor, Old Testament, Tamilnadu Theological Seminary, Arasaradi, Madurai was the Guest Speaker and he shared the Christmas message. Fr.J.Benadict



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Barnabas, President, YMCA Madurai, conducted the service. Mr.E.Samuel Thomas, Director, YMCA Choir, and members melodiously rendered Christmas Carols. During the offertory, promising Bible Verses were given to the congregation. Mr.R.Arul Raj, Secretary, YMCA Madurai proposed a vote of thanks. YMCA Madurai Board of Directors, Members, Friends and staff participated in the Carol Service.

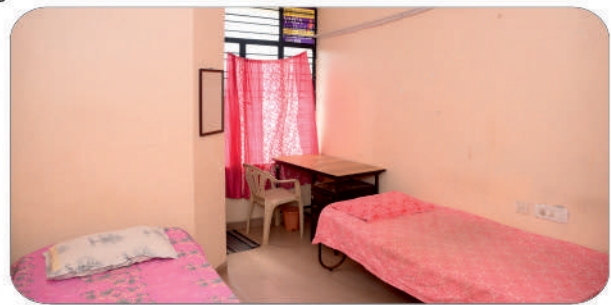


**YMCA Christmas Carol rounds** were organized during December 2023. YMCA Madurai staff and inmates of the Boys' Home visited the houses of YMCA Board of Directors, members and shared the Joy of Christmas through carols.

**Bible Study Fellowships** were conducted at the YMCA Chapel, International Centre, Ellisnagar, once in a month for YMCA staff and Secretaries. We are thankful to Mr.T.G.Solomon, for conducting the study.

### YMCA WORKING WOMEN'S HOSTEL

YMCA Women's Hostel at the Service Centre for the Hearing Impaired, Visalakshipuram, provides a clean and comfortable accommodation for students, working women, members and guests. Single room, double room, four- bedroom, AC room and dormitory facilities are available with hygienic and homely food at the Hostel. Around 55 women from different walks of life happily stayed at the hostel during the year. The income generated from this facility supports the YMCA School for the Hearing Impaired.



During the year, with sponsorship from US YMCA, the two dormitories were converted into four double rooms. The dedication of the newly renovated rooms was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 by Rev.S.Suyambu, Former General Secretary. Dr.Sabrin Sonjeev Ross, Vice President YMCA and Mr.Jeyasuresh Jeyaraj, Former President and Chairman of the School, inaugurated the rooms in the presence of members of the Special Schools Committee and the staff. The General Secretary Mrs.J.Shamila Doris, welcomed the gathering, briefed on the project and expressed thanks to the US YMCA for their support.





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### YMCA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CENTRE



YMCA International Youth Centre, a project for self reliance, is indeed a source of generating revenue for our services through the rents received from the offices of the State Bank of India, Ellisnagar branch, SBI ATM, JCB and the South Indian Bank Regional Office.

The YMCA Café situated at the Campus serves as the sales point for the products made at the YMCA Bakery Unit at Visalakshipuram. It offers employment opportunities for persons with disabilities. Also, it provides a space for the persons with hearing impairment to meet with friends and support each other.

Monthly Bible study fellowship meetings were organized at the YMCA Chapel at the International centre.



### YMCA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & ELECTION 2023

The 139<sup>th</sup> Annual General Business Meeting of YMCA Madurai was held on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 at the YMCA KAMAK Higher Secondary School for the Hearing Impaired. The President, Fr.J.Benedict Barnabas, called the meeting to order and welcomed the members present. Mr.N.Livingston of Sathya Sagar, Member, YMCA Madurai, offered the opening prayer. Members sang a song of worship led by the YMCA Choir. One minute silence was observed as a mark of respect to the 8 members of YMCA Madurai who passed away during the year. The General Secretary, Mrs. J. Shamila Doris, presented the Annual Report for the year 2022-2023 and it was unanimously accepted and approved by the General Body. Hon. Treasurer, Dr.J.Sathiah, tabled the Annual Audited Statements of Accounts. The General Body resolved unanimously to adopt the 139th Annual Report and Audited Statements of Accounts. CA. M. Saravanan, F.C.A., was appointed as the Auditor for the year 2023-2024.

Mr.Gnana.Surabhi Mani, Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee, presented the report of





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the Scrutiny Committee on the election of four Directors to the Board of YMCA Madurai for 2023-2026. He declared that Fr.J.Benedict Barnabas, Mr.R.Devamanoharan, Dr.Janet Vasantha Kumari and Mr.A.Paul Joseph Kumar were elected to the YMCA Board for the term 2023 -2026 unanimously. The meeting came to a close with prayer and benediction offered by Rev.J.Thasayyan.



### YMCA WOMEN'S CONCERNS DESK

**National Girl Child Day** was observed at the School for the Hearing Impaired on **24<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. Special educators performed short skits to create awareness among special students about the importance of educating, empowering and protecting the rights of the girl children.

YMCA Madurai hosted the **YMCA Southern Regional**

**Women's Conference** from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16th January 2024 at the YMCA KAMAK Higher Secondary School for the Hearing Impaired, Visalakshipuram, Madurai. Around 80 persons participated in the Assembly. Mrs. Indirani Ponvasanth, Respectful Mayor of Madurai Corporation, inaugurated the Assembly. Rev. Margaret Kalaiselvi, Principal of the Tamilnadu Theological Seminary, delivered the keynote address



which was followed by a devotion by Dr.Leela Manohari Joseph, Former Bishop amma. Fr.J.Benedict Barnabas, YMCA President, welcomed the gathering. Dr. Janet Vasantha Kumari, Chairperson of the Women's Concerns Desk of YMCA Madurai, gave the Chairperson's address. Mr.K.S.Prem Anand, Chairman of the Southern Region of YMCAs, Mrs. Sivasankari, Chairperson of the Regional Women's Forum, and other leaders were present on the occasion.

The 3 day Assembly had the following sessions:

- A. 'Catalysts of Empowerment: Women Leading Sustainable Change' - Dr.Koshy Alexander Vaidyan, Secretary, Youth Empowerment & Gender.
- B. 'Building Resilience for Breaking barriers' - Dr.D.Janet Vasantha Kumari, Chairperson , Women's Desk, 'YMCA Madurai.
- C. 'Recent trends in Women Empowerment and Legal Provisions' - Adv.K.Samidurai, Senior Mediator, Madras High Court- Madurai Bench. Group discussions, thematic exposure visits, cultural evening, Pongal celebration etc., were arranged during the Assembly.



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Dr. Vincent George, President, National Council of YMCAs of India was present on the 16th January 2024 and gave the valedictory address.

**Women's Day** was celebrated at YMCA Madurai on **9<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. 65 staff members from various service projects of YMCA Madurai, participated with great joy and enthusiasm. Competitions on various games and rangoli were conducted. A debate on the topic "Is investing on education alone enough for women to accelerate progress?" was conducted and the staff team participated with much enthusiasm.



Ms. J. Shamila Doris, General Secretary, YMCA Madurai, welcomed the gathering and the guests.

Fr. J. Benadict Barnabas, President, YMCA Madurai, delivered the presidential address. He said women's empowerment is a human right. He quoted, Karl Marx's statement 'Great Social Changes are impossible without feminine upheaval' and Gandhiji's prayer which says, 'Make me more Womenly'. He wished every woman to be the seeds of change in the community. Dr. Janet Vasantha



Kumari, Chairperson, Women's Concerns Desk, YMCA Madurai, greeted the gathering and emphasized on the necessity of acquiring life skills by women. She appreciated the participation of men in the program. The Special Guest, Dr. Sudha Dheep, Obstetrician & Family Physician, Taj Hospital, who is also the Co-Founder, TOPKIDS

Foundation, talked about the internal well being of women. She stressed the need for Master Health Check up for women and men and shared about the precautionary measures to prevent cancer. She also shared information about the available vaccinations and stressed on the need for Pap Smear Test that helps to find conditions such as infections or inflammations in cervix which leads to cancer.



Mrs. D. Priscilla, Board Member, YMCA Madurai, and Ms. Judith Kirubakaran, Member of the Women's Concerns Desk, were also present on this occasion. Prizes were distributed to the winners in various competitions.



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### MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

The **Annual Conference of the Association of Secretaries of YMCA India** was held from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the YMCA Trivandrum, Kerala. Mr.G.Jebaraj, Secretary, YMCA Madurai, attended the meeting.



The **Annual General Meeting of the Southern Region of YMCAs** was held at YMCA Salem on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Fr.J.Benadict Barnabas, Dr.J.Sathiah, and Mrs.J.Shamila Doris attended the meeting.



**NAYDO Conference and Visit to YMCA of USA** - General Secretary Mrs.J.Shamila Doris was invited by the YMCA of USA to attend the NAYDO Conference on YMCA Philanthropy and to visit the YMCAs in Houston and Chicago from 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023. She attended sessions on Donor Retention, Role of Social Media in Fund Raising, Peer to Peer Fundraising and Board engagement in Fundraising which were useful. She



also visited the various projects at the Houston YMCA. She had discussions with Mr.Steven Ives, CEO of Houston YMCA, Mr.Rob Wilkinson, CEO of the B.Ryall YMCA and Ms.Sarah O Donnell, CEO of the Tri town YMCA and Ms. Swathi Staley of the Metropolitan Chicago YMCA. YMCA Madurai is thankful to Ms. Renata Ferrari, Senior Director, Global Advancement, Equity and Inclusion, YMCA of USA for giving this opportunity. This visit has strengthened the association of YMCA Madurai with the US YMCA Coalition partners.



The **National UNI-Y Assembly 2023** was held at the YMCA Campsite, Yellagiri from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023 on the theme 'Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders: Developing 'Vision 2030''. Ms.W.Jenisha, volunteer from YMCA Madurai, who is one of the Change Agents of YMCA India attended the programme.





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21<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of the Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs was held from 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Chennai on the theme “Journeying Together As a resilient community: Transforming lives through VISION 2030”. Fr.J.Benedict Barnabas, President YMCA Madurai, Dr.J.Sathiah, Former Treasurer, Mr.Robin Dante, Vice-President and the General Secretary

Mrs.J.Shamila Doris, attended the programme. Mrs.J.Shamila Doris attended also the Gender Equity Forum held from 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September and she was one of the speakers at the panel presentation on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion. She shared her experience as the only YMCA woman General Secretary in India.

It afforded an opportunity to meet many new YMCA people from various countries from the Asia and Pacific region such as National General Secretaries / Presidents from YMCAs of Japan, Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Australia, Indonesia, Philippines, Myanmar and Malaysia including the Secretary General of World Alliance of YMCAs Mr. Carlos Sanvee and the General Secretary of the Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs, Mr.Nam Boo Won.



YMCA Madurai could exhibit its services at the APAY General Assembly through posters, banner, brochures and its products such as candles, jute products, cloth bags etc., and share its work among the participants.

**The National Board Meeting** of the National Council of YMCAs of India was held at the New Delhi YMCA on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Mr.Robin Dante, Representative of the Board of YMCA Madurai, attended the meeting.

**The National Youth Assembly 2024** was held at Aizwal, Mizoram, from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 on the theme 'Seeds to Blossoms: Cultivating Hope and Love in Solidarity'. Ms.W.Jenisha, volunteer from YMCA Madurai, who is one of the Change Agents of YMCA India attended the programme. She said the assembly emphasized the importance of youth involvement in shaping the future and fostering unity amidst diversity. She is thankful to the Board of YMCA Madurai for the opportunity.



**National Executive Meetings** – YMCA Madurai is pleased to congratulate Fr.J.Benedict Barnabas, President YMCA Madurai, for his selection as the Member of the National Executive Committee of



the National Council of YMCAs of India. He attended the National Executive Meetings held on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 at the Bangalore YMCA, on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2023, on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023, at the NCYI Office, New Delhi, and on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 at the YMCA South West India Regional Office at Aluva. His valuable insights were well considered in the meetings.

## VISITORS

Our former volunteer Ms. Svenja Ebinger and her husband Mr. Wilhelm visited Madurai YMCA from 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023 for a week. They were very happy to visit the YMCA Madurai projects and spent valuable time with the children at the school for the Mentally Challenged.



Mr. Paul and Ms. Jessi, family of Ms. Patricia Schelt, Former volunteer from German YMCA paid a visit to the Madurai YMCA on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024. They were much pleased to visit the projects.



Rev. Jacob Knudson and his family from Denmark visited the YMCA Madurai from 5th to 16th January 2024. They happily visited the YMCA projects and donated a 10 Litre Wet Grinder for the Hostel at the School for the Hearing Impaired. We are much grateful to the family and their kindness towards our service projects.



A group of 48 students and 4 staff from the Blakilde School, Denmark, visited the services of YMCA Madurai in 2 batches from the 28th January to 6th February 2024. They enjoyed their stay at the YMCA Guest House with western and Indian food. They visited the service projects and were pleased with the cultural visits and cultural programs. They had donated outdoor play equipments to the Study Centre and Play School, Sports materials for the Sports and Wellness Centre, Beds for the Guest





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House and were interested in the renovation work of the Fitness Centre at the Sports and Wellness Centre.

Ms. Marlene Erlang and Mr. Magnus, our friends from Denmark YMCA, paid a visit to YMCA Madurai with their children from 28th of January to 6th January 2024 and they sponsored nutritional refreshments for the children at the Study Centre and Play School.



### CONCLUSION

I end this report with deep reverence and thanks to the Almighty Lord who has miraculously led, sustained, strengthened the YMCA Madurai in realizing this great mission. Together with the Psalmist David, I thank our Lord for His amazing grace and mercies which endure forever [Psalm 118:1]. YMCA Madurai, with 140 years of remarkable history, continues to carry on the mission for which it was founded in the year 1884. Over the years various dedicated Leaders, Presidents and General Secretaries have sustained the activities of the YMCA Madurai. Each and every one of them have played a tremendous role in shaping this YMCA and I salute them for their noble and gallant service.

I owe a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation to the dedicated team of Board of Directors of YMCA Madurai who have always stood as a strong tower of support. I record my deep sense of gratitude to all the Committee members and well wishers who stood with us. My special thanks to our dear President, Fr. J. Benadict Barnabas, who has been a source of inspiration and encouragement. I am exceedingly thankful to our Vice-President, Mr. Robin Dante, for his solidarity and support at all times. I am greatly indebted to Dr. J. Sathiah, Former Hon. Treasurer and Mr. R. Devamanoharan, present Hon. Treasurer for their diligent and scrupulous support in managing the finance.

I owe my gratitude to you, the members of the General Body, for your prayers and participation.

I take this opportunity to thank my colleagues, the professional secretaries of YMCA Madurai, for their devotion and co-operation in implementing the various projects and programmes. My appreciation to the Project Heads, the Fundraising team, the Accountants, and the Staff members of all the projects for their committed participation in the mission of YMCA Madurai.

Our sincere appreciation and profound thanks to Auditor, CA. M. Saravanan, F.C.A, and his team for their professional support.



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- The National Council of YMCAs of India, New Delhi
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- Illinois Association of YMCA, USA
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- M/s. Jayaraj Automobile Agency, Madurai
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- District Government Departments in Madurai
- Other major Donors / Sponsors from India and abroad

With 140 years of outstanding history, the Madurai YMCA is still on its great journey to offer abundant life to the differently abled, less privileged, women, youth and the society as a whole. Our journey towards self reliance proves to be very positive and we hope to achieve many more milestones in the years to come. We solicit your continued prayers and patronage for establishing Glory to God, Peace in the society and Goodwill among human beings.

Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted,

**J. Shamila Doris**

General Secretary

On behalf of the Board of Directors

19th September 2024





**SARAVANAN & ASSOCIATES**  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To

The Members of "Young Men's Christian Association",  
Main Guard Square, Madurai.

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of "Young Men's Christian Association", which comprise the balance sheet as at March 31st 2024, and the Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the entity as at March 31, 2024, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the Accounting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) issued by ICAI. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in India and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the aforesaid Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Management is responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

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### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal financial control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. We are also responsible for expressing our opinion on whether the entity has adequate internal financial controls with reference to Financial Statements in place and the operating effectiveness of such controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Financial Statements, including the disclosures, and whether the Financial Statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal financial controls that we identify during our audit.
- We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.





## Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

We further report that

We have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.

- (a) In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Association so far as it appears from our examination of those books
- (b) The Balance Sheet, the Statement of Income and Expenditure dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account.
- (c) In our opinion, the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management are appropriate.

**For Saravanan & Associates,  
Chartered Accountants  
(Firm's Registration No. 008289S)**



**M. Saravanan, Partner,  
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**Place: Madurai  
Date: 26.08.2024**



**Young Men's Christian Association,  
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**SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES & NOTES ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24**

**a) General**

The Financial Statements have been prepared on the historical cost convention. These statements have been prepared in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles and the applicable mandatory accounting standards. The preparation required adoption of estimates and assumptions that can affect the reported amounts of revenue and expenditure and the assets and liabilities as well as the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Differences between the actual results and estimates are recognised in the year in which they become known or materialises.

**b) Fixed Assets**

The Fixed Assets are stated at their original cost of acquisition including taxes, freight and other incidental expenses relating to the acquisition and installation of the concerned assets. The figures have been regrouped, reclassified, recast, rounded off wherever necessary to conform Project wise Statements. The Net Block of Assets is arrived at after charging Depreciation.

**c) Depreciation**

Depreciation has been provided on Fixed Assets under Written Down Value method at the rates and in the manner prescribed under the Income Tax Act, 1961. Assets have been reclassified, regrouped, recast wherever necessary to conform Project wise statement. Depreciation is rounded off.

**d) Revenue Recognition**

Income from projects and interest on deposits are recognised on accrual basis. Whereas Donations, School Fees Income, Membership fees, Voluntary Contributions ( Foreign & Local) and Grants from Government are recognised on receipt basis.

**e) Employee Benefits**

Management Contributions to Provident fund, Pension fund and Employee State Insurance are charged to Income and Expenditure Account.

**f) Income Tax**

Income Tax Liability is not applicable due to the exemptions available under section 11 as the Institution is recognised U/s 12AB of Income Tax Act and the exemption is valid till the Asst Year 2026-27.

**g) Investments**

Investments in Fixed Deposits are readily realisable and intended to be held for more than a year.

**h) Borrowing Cost**

Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or Construction of an assets are capitalised as part of the cost of assets till completion. Other Borrowing Costs are recognised as an expenditure.

**i) Exclusive Method**

Exclusive method of accounting is followed for GST. GST collections and payments(including ITC) are accounted in a separate account and not charged to the Income & expenditure Account. The Balance in the account is classified either as Current Liability or as current Assets.

**j) Others**

i) The balances with the bank accounts are found reconciled with bank statement and fixed deposits were confirmed by the respective banks.

ii) No Contingent liabilities reported by the Management.

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*CA. M. Saravanan, Partner*

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**Place: Madurai**

**Date: 26.08.2024**



## ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

**YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION**  
MAIN GUARD SQUARE, MADURAI 625 001  
**CONSOLIDATED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2024**

INCOME	AMOUNT (Rs)	AMOUNT (Rs)
<b>Foreign Contribution received in YMCA Main A/c</b>		
National Council of YMCA USA, Chicago	2,90,805.00	
One World Team Berchtesgaden, Germany	2,64,870.00	
Stichting Doven School, Netherlands	6,64,050.00	
CVJM Weltweit , Germany	11,26,977.00	23,46,702.00
Bank Interest on FC		57,329.00
<b>Grant for Disability Project</b>		
Govt. Grant Received (DDAWO)		24,84,000.00
Local Donations Received		96,12,039.00
Interest from Bank		74,718.00
<b>Revenue from Activities (Projectwise)</b>		
YMCA Kamak Higher Secondary School for the Hearing Impaired	7,89,632.00	
YMCA Play School	1,69,500.00	
YMCA Special School for the Mentally Challenged	3,37,901.00	
YMCA St. Martin's Model Farm- Farm Income	58,510.00	
YMCA Appasamy Trust -Cultivation Income	1,00,000.00	
Other Income	20.01	14,55,563.01
<b>Revenue from Rendering of Services</b>		
<b>YMCA General Administration Account</b>		
(i). Taxable Supply (GST)	23,813.94	23,813.94
<b>YMCA Working Women's Hostel</b>		
(i). Taxable Supply (GST)	34,40,150.00	34,40,150.00
<b>YMCA International Guest House</b>		
(i). Taxable Supply (GST)	42,65,441.94	42,65,441.94
<b>YMCA International Centre</b>		
(i). Taxable Supply - Rent Income (GST)	66,08,776.00	66,08,776.00
<b>YMCA Sports &amp; Wellness Centre</b>		
(i). Taxable Supply (GST)	5,52,835.00	
(ii) Exempt Supply	18,34,374.10	23,87,209.10
<b>YMCA Skill Training Centre</b>		
(i). Taxable Supply (GST)	92,342.30	
(ii) Exempt Supply	14,11,188.00	15,03,530.30
<b>Excess of Expenditure over Income</b>		57,93,968.55
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,00,53,240.84</b>

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**YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION**  
MAIN GUARD SQUARE, MADURAI - 625001  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2024**

Particulars	Amount Rs.	Amount Rs.
<b>Sources of Funds</b>		
<b>General Fund</b>	4,70,54,598.56	4,70,54,598.56
<b>Long Term Borrowings</b>		
Loan From South Indian Bank	29,97,064.00	
Loan from Madras YMCA	25,00,000.00	
		54,97,064.00
<b>Non Current Liabilities</b>		
Rental Deposits	40,49,975.50	40,49,975.50
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Earmarked Funds	14,722.46	
Other Current Liabilities	13,45,964.43	13,60,686.89
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,79,62,324.95</b>
<b>Application of Funds</b>		
<b>Fixed Assets ( as per schedule)</b>	5,26,35,372.10	5,26,35,372.10
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Fixed Deposits with Bank	10,61,445.00	10,61,445.00
<b>Loans &amp; Advances</b>		
Advance for Capital Assets	8,76,528.00	
TDS & Other Receivables/ Adjustable	7,93,674.80	
Staff Loan	1,00,000.00	
Deposits with Statutory Bodies	4,73,406.94	
Sundry Debtors	3,96,360.00	
Other Current Assets	1,20,250.00	27,60,219.74
Cash in Hand		2,335.40
Cash at Bank		15,02,952.71
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,79,62,324.95</b>

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**YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION- MADURAI**  
CONSOLIDATED Fixed Assets & Depreciation Schedule For the year ended 31.03.2024

S.NO	Description	Opening WDV 01.04.2023	Deletion	Adjustments	Total	Additions		Deletion	Total	Depreciation	WDV as on 31.03.2024
						Before Sep	After Sep				
1	Land & Development	629,950.00			629,950.00				629,950.00		629,950.00
2	Building, Furniture, Equipments, Etc	47,428,338.48			47,428,338.48	677,411.06	22,118.74		48,127,865.44	4,805,204.45	43,322,660.99
3	Plant & Machinery	4,880,632.86			4,880,632.86	54,097.00	436,996.36		5,371,726.22	772,984.21	4,598,742.01
4	Vehicles	521,324.07			521,324.07				521,324.07	78,198.61	443,125.46
5	Computer	125,332.95			125,332.95		216,725.00		342,057.95	93,478.18	248,579.77
6	Live Stock- Goats	95,850.00	95,850.00		-				-		-
7	Renovation of Living block Boys Home	3,077,015.40			3,077,015.40				3,077,015.40	307,701.54	2,769,313.86
8	Roof Top Pantry Unit(Work in Progress)	623,000.00			623,000.00				623,000.00		623,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57,381,443.76</b>	<b>95,850.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,285,593.76</b>	<b>731,508.06</b>	<b>675,840.10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,682,939.08</b>	<b>6,057,566.99</b>	<b>52,635,372.10</b>

( Note : Figures in this Schedule have been regrouped, reclassified, recast, rounded off whenever necessary to conform Project's wise statements)



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## YMCA Vision 2030

In July 2022 the YMCA made history. At the 20th World Council held in Denmark, YMCAs across the globe voted to adopt YMCA 2030 - our first-ever shared strategy and plan. Vision 2030 serves as a roadmap for every YMCA's strategic goals. Closely aligned to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, Vision 2030 empowers communities and young people worldwide to build a just, sustainable, equitable and inclusive world.



## YMCA Vision

Our vision is a world where every person lives in harmony with self, with society and with creation.

## YMCA Mission

The YMCA's mission is to empower young people and communities worldwide to build a just, sustainable, equitable and inclusive world, where every person can thrive in body, mind and spirit.

## The Four Key Pillars of Impact

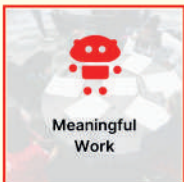
### Community Wellbeing



The YMCA believes that every person should have the means to grow and thrive in body, mind and spirit while taking care of their individual and collective well being.

By 2030 the YMCA will co-create, provide and advocate for high-quality, relevant and sustainable health and well being solutions to young people and communities worldwide.

### Meaningful Work



The YMCA Movement believes that all young people deserve the right to learn, engage in flexible dignified and meaningful work, and build sustainable livelihoods.

The YMCA commits to creating, expanding and advocating meaningful, just and equitable education, training, employment and entrepreneurship opportunities in the transition to the new economies.

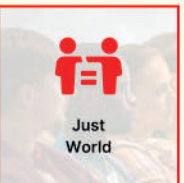
### Sustainable Planet



The YMCA believes that we should all commit and take action for the protection and regeneration of our Planet, preparing for a Just Transition to a world where humans live in full harmony with nature.

The YMCA commits to become a Greener Movement, an active youth voice on climate justice and champion of youth-led sustainability solutions.

### Just World



The YMCA believes in the power of young people and communities to promote and advance justice, peace, equity and human rights for all.

The YMCA will become a global voice in the fight against systemic discrimination, inequity, injustice and racism in all its forms, amplifying the voices of young people and communities where it is active to ensure that everyone's voice is heard.



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- YMCA J.P. Kennett Boys' Home
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