

# Joy in Service

## SCHOOL FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED



## SCHOOL FOR THE MENTALLY CHALLENGED



## BOYS HOME



## PLAY SCHOOL



## EVENING STUDY CENTRE



## YMCA KAMAK Higher Secondary School for the Hearing Impaired

YMCA KAMAK Higher Secondary School for the Hearing Impaired established in the year 1971 offers quality education for the poor children with hearing impairment with residential facilities for both boys and girls. At present there are 158 students from 3 to 21 years of age are studying in the special school and 45 children studying in integrated programmes. Specially trained teachers educate the students with utmost commitment and sincerity.

For the past 6 years, the school has scored 100% result in X standard Government examination. YMCA Madurai has developed well equipped infrastructure and facilities for the students from poor families. Total communication is followed as a method of communication and teaching. Equipments such as group hearing aids, voice lights forms part of the training and activities, conducted for the students.



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## Our vision :

To work with children , women and youth from poor communities without discrimination on the basis of community, caste or religion.

## Special points of interest for future

\* Planning for the construction of living block for the semi-orphaned and destitute boys at our YMCA Boys Home.

\* Initiation of skills training in DTP,Tally for the graduates with hearing impairment.

*Many of our alumni are successfully placed in jobs at government and private sectors.*

# Story of Bhavana

Bhavana is a 8 year old girl with hearing Impairment from Vadipatti near Madurai. She is doing her 3rd standard in YMCA school for the hearing impaired in Visalakshipuram, Madurai. Her father Kannan is an unemployed irresponsible man. Her mother Kavitha is uneducated and doing daily wage work. She is the bread winner of the family. Bhavana's younger brother Gowtham(6) is studying second standard in Government School. Her parents were closely related before marriage which could be one of the reasons for her impairment. Her mother **Kavitha** says, "Bhavana was born as a normal child. when she grew up, I had some suspicion on her hearing and took her to the Government Hospital. They told me that she has problem with hearing. I was very shocked and sad. I did not know what to do".

Bhavana's mother took her to Meenakshi Mission Hospital for further confirmation with the support of her relatives.



***Bhavana with her brother Gowtham***

There they confirmed her disability and the doctors in Meenakshi Hospital advised her to take treatment for Bhavana which would cost nearly 25 lakhs. But due to her family's economic situation she could not provide treatment for her daughter.

Kavitha's illiteracy and innocence saddened her. By the guidance of her neighbours she applied for Government ID certificate for Bhavana. When she was in Collector's office, she met a lady who introduced YMCA School for Hearing Impaired in Madurai to her and suggested her to admit her daughter Bhavana in YMCA School. "I immediately rushed towards to YMCA school and admitted Bhavana in 1st standard in the year 2012. YMCA was so considerate to admit my daughter with no fee for school and very minimum charges for food" says Kavitha happily.

Bhavana's father is a drunkard. He would not give any financial and emotional support to his family. He ill-treats his wife and beaten up her daily demanding money to drink. Because of his continuous abusement she got wheezing trouble. Finally, he fought with Kavitha, he left his family and lives with another woman. Kavitha's struggles to bring up her children and livelihood continues.

"Since my husband left I am living under the shadows of my mother in law, who is also my grandmother. She is very kind towards to us. When I admitted Bhavana in YMCA school I was scared that she would not mingle with other children. But she adopted the situations and started mingling with other children and enjoy going to school. She likes to be in school than in home, She is comfortable with school and hostel. Earlier when she was at home she used to spend her time only in television, she would not talk to anyone and not play with her neighbor friends. She used to isolate herself when she was in home.



***Bhavana with her Family***

But now she likes to play with her brother Gowtham at home. I am proud to see my daughter is comfortably playing with her class mates and adjusting with her peers. I am very much happy that she is having good nutritious food and comfortable accommodation and enjoying her life with best learning" says Kavitha "I am happy that Bhavana has a place to learn and live. As long as I live, I shall take care of them. After me, God is there for them" says the hopeful grandmother Rani.





*Bhavana in her classroom*

“Bhavana used to be very calm and serious. The family situations at home might have affected her. Now she is happy and active. She talks with her friends and hostel mates. She is obedient and has a very good handwriting. She is motivated to study well and I am sure she will have a good life at the YMCA School,” Says her class teacher Mrs. Sara.

### ***What Our Donor Speaks...***

*“I was so delighted to see the joy in the eyes of children at the YMCA, when I donated them bed sheets and new dresses with my friends. I feel my family is a part of YMCA now.”*

**- Mr.S.Srinivasan, Debts Recovery Officer, Madurai  
Donor of YMCA Madurai**

*“I started sponsoring one YMCA child with hearing impairment. Now I am sponsoring three children. It gives me lot of happiness and I look forward to sponsor more children in future”.*

**-Mr.K. Senthilnathan, Premier Systems & Peripherals,  
Sponsor of 3 children from YMCA**

**• Without your support these children would become dropouts and work only for daily wages.**



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**• With your investment, 80% of our children with hearing impairment go on to Higher Secondary and College education**

***“Your investment with our children is laudable”***

***“With your gift  
YOU transform  
lives”***

***Our immediate needs for serving our children:***

1. Sponsoring food, accommodation of children.
2. Educational materials.
3. Outdoor play equipments.

### ***Latest Event at YMCA Madurai - New toilets for the HI students***

The long expected toilets for the children with hearing impairment were dedicated for the children on 25th March 2015. Our sincere thanks and good wishes to our dear philanthropist Mr.C.Basker, VNC Groups, Karur for his munificent donation to construct this toilet block. Our thanks to Mr.Gokul Basker and to our dear friend PDGR.Rajaram for gracing the occasion. Children were so happy to have this new facility.



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Young Men's Christian Association is a voluntary, international, ecumenical movement that reflects the cultural identity of the nation in which it exists. YMCA in MADURAI serves the poor, less privileged and the differently abled through its services in and around Madurai.

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## ***General Secretary Speaks...***

*Dear friends,  
Greetings.*

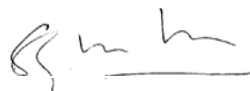
*I am much delighted to greet you through this newsletter. God, has been so gracious in all our services and it is indeed a miracle that you have been associated with our activities. We are thankful to you for your commitment, magnanimous support and participation in delivering quality services for the poor and differently abled children.*

*Hearing Impairment is a invisible disability. YMCA Madurai felt the need to respond to this disability and initiated a special school early in the year 1971. Over the years it has metamorphosed into a higher secondary school. For the first time in history, 22 of our students have appeared for the XII standard Government examination in April 2015 and are awaiting their results soon.*

*The services of YMCA Madurai are variegated and we not only cater to children with hearing impairment but also children with intellectual impairment, orphaned and poor first generation learners to give them good education and a meaningful life. All our services are supported by friends and well wishers like YOU. Our vision is to offer rich facilities for the children who cannot afford to enjoy such facilities just because they are born in poor families.*

*This issue highlights the activities for the children with hearing impairment with a special story of Bhavana. You are most welcome to visit our children and experience the joy of your giving. May God bless you.*

With thanks and regards,



**Rev.S.Suyambu  
General Secretary**



**Thank You**

