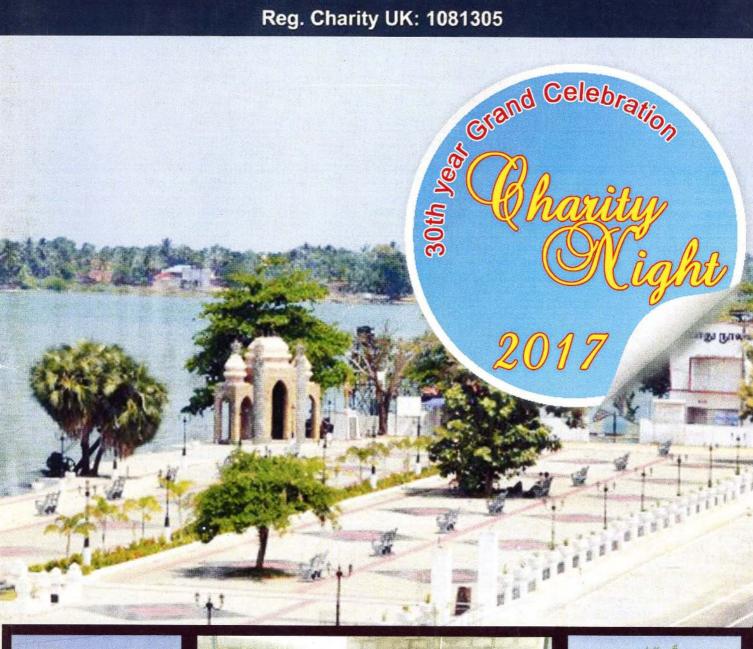
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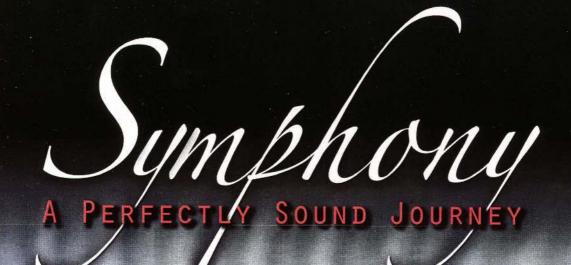








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On behalf of the Executive Committee Members of Batticaloa Underprivileged Development Society (BUDS), I would like to extend a warm welcome to all those who have gathered here today to celebrate BUDS' 30th Charity Night.

BUDS was formed in the year 1986 with the objective of providing assistance and support for the Eastern University which itself was in its infancy. BUDS' very first president was Mr. S. Sabaretnam who is currently living Australia. In the initial stages, BUDS provided support in the form of books and basic necessary equipment to the Eastern University.

As the university became fully functional with the assistance of state funding, the BUDS committee decided to steer its focus towards other worthy causes. These included financial support for the educational needs of poor children as well as other social and cultural causes organised to help the underprivileged.

The year 2000 was a significant year for BUDS as the Charity Commission welcomed BUDS' request and the amendments to its constitution, to become a registered charitable organisation in England and Wales. This was an impressive step forward for the committee in helping it achieve its ambitious objectives.

The year 2004 was marked with great sadness by the TSUNAMI, devastating Sri Lanka and specifically the Eastern Province to extremities. Thousands of people lost their lives and many more were rendered homeless losing not only loved one but also their entire belongings. BUDS took an immediate action and played a pivotal role in unifying the different organisations of the Eastern Province under a UNITED umbrella to effectively serve those that were in dire need back home. The Tsunami Disaster Relief Coordinating Committee (TDRCC) was formed to head the relief efforts. The associations that came together with BUDS to form this united TDRCC were ADVRO, St. Michaels College Alumni Association, Shivananda Vidyalaya Old Boys Association and Vincent's School Old Girls Association.

With the combined efforts of the members of all the organisations, a collection of a little over £130,000 was raised. These funds were then implemented effectively into several worthy projects including immediate and emergency relief in the form of cooked food, clean drinking water, dry rations, clothing, educational assistance for displaced children, kitchen utensils and the construction of permanent housing for those who were effected. As BUDS continued to grow it was necessary to create a local branch of BUDS directly within Batticoloa. In September 2005, this was initiated to facilitate BUDS UK at ground level and help deliver its services with more efficiency. It was then awarded the Registered Charity Status in Sri Lanka in November of very same year.

Immediately after the Tsunami, the BUDS local branch served a very purposeful role when the ethnic conflict saw an escalation and innocent people were caught up between the warring factions. Thousands were displaced from their homes and Batticaloa took in a sea of refugees who were put up in schools and other government buildings for shelter and protection. The local BUDS branch was able to assist these refugees in a time desperate need.

A recent addition to the support services that BUDS provides, is the CHILDREN FOSTER CARE PROJECT. The worthwhile programme supports orphaned children at the homes of their own relatives. The concept is to provide and develop a better alternative to caring for these children in orphanages, allowing them to finally be free of the stigma attached. They would be able to grow up around family and enjoy the warmth of such an environment. I am pleased to say that this project is now in full operation and successfully moving forward.

Finally, I would like to give a special thanks to the organising committee of this event for their dedication and invaluable support in making this event a successful reality.

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Message from the Secretary

It gives me great pleasure to write this message as the current Secretary for BUDS(UK). The new committee was elected in January 2017 and like all the charities face we had big challenges to face too.

BUDS reaching 30 years this year, I am proud to be in the committee to continue the good work which was done in the past. BUDS provided help and assistance to many people in need in Batticaloa district, such as supporting Orphanages, Foster care Programme (AEDU), Health Organisations like Batticaloa Medical Association, Educational organisations and the poor people who were displaced due to war, poverty and natural disasters specially widows and children.

In April 2017, our team myself, the President, and the Vice President visited Batticaloa and we were present for the election of a new committee for BUDS branch of Batticaloa. Among the requests for various projects the UK Branch agreed to fund a building for the Valvagam, Society of Differently Able People in Vavunatheevu, Battilana under the supervision of BUDS branch there. In September 2017, this building was completed and the special school children have started to use this space for their learning activities. The cost of this project was about £.1250.00. In the mean time, we have continued to support Children Foster Care project in Batticaloa district.

My main aim in the forthcoming years will be empowerment of younger people into BUDS UK to uplift this charity with great team working, collaboration with other organisations which shows interest in development of education, health, and various investment in projects to support the livelihood of poor people in Batticaloa district.

I like to thank everyone from the past who have continued to support this prestigious organisation and the current committee who helps me in executing my duties as secretary to achieve our aims. We aim to help the underprivileged with no affiliation to any religion or political party but united with everyone to perform our charitable duties in Batticaloa district.

Wishing all of you who are here today to enjoy this evening and for helping to raise funds for BUDS(UK) charity. Enjoy this evening of music and dance.

Dr Kantha Niranjan MBBS MRCS FRCP(Lon)M.Sc(Lon) Secretary BUDS(UK) 2017

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MESSAGE FOR THE BUDS MAGAZINE.

Poet Samuel once wrote "Let me live by the side of the road and be a friend in need to man". I have no hesitation to add that BUDS – a registered charity in England and Wales, has now grown and known all over the world, especially in the East of Sri Lanka for its charitable dedications.

I am very happy to add that I came to know all of you personally, in my last visit to U.K. recently. I was completely absorbed by your efforts displayed in trying to support in all possible ways, especially the down trodden masses in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka. I appreciate the untiring efforts of all BUDS members, to uplift the morale, economic shortcomings, and the general well being of the poor masses in the Batticaloa District which was once completely devastated by the man made and natural disasters.

Still we have a long way to go – Your continuous struggle to improve the living standards, education and economic status of the deserving individuals in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka, would definitely be Blessed by God above. My sincere wish for all members of BUDS in England and Wales is that we may not be able to change the difficult situations of masses in the East overnight, but you can show them, that there is always an organization to be trusted and depend upon when crisis brews.

That's what a true friend does.

May God Bless all your efforts. Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Message from the Phancellor

I am pleased to send this message to your souvenir to be released on the 30th anniversary. 30th Years of service to the underprivileged is a considerable period of time and commendable by any means.

Today event is a milestone in the history of BUDS. Though I have associated with BUDS since its inception I could not actively participate because of my commitment elsewhere. Your unwavering service during the post-tsunami period was praiseworthy. Another example highlighting your service is the family health centre established at Ramakrishna Mission, Kallady with your assistance is functioning efficiently and helping hundreds of patients in the viscinity.

Many left the motherland due to various reasons but only a few care and have not forgotten for those who are in dire need back home. In that context, your service is well appreciated and hope this will continue. I would like to reiterate that in selecting the beneficiaries and identifying the implementing authority you will exercise utmost care.

I hope your services will continue and you go on to stretch your list of exceptional accomplishments. I wish you all the best for this great evening

Dr Vivekanandarajah

Chancellor of Eastern University Srilanka

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Message from the Former President

It is a great pleasure and privilege for me to provide a message on BUDS' 30th anniversary. BUDS was initially formed in 1986 to provide support and assistance to the Eastern University which itself was in its infancy. BUDS initially was able to provide support in the form of books for the Library and equipment for the laboratory. In the later years once the University started to get state funding, BUDS has decided to divert its charitable works to the underprivileged and children who desperately needing financial assistance to improve their education. In addition BUDS also began to provide financial assistance to the Orphanages.

In 2001 BUDS members have decided to register BUDS as a registered charity and according to the Charity Commission's requirement, its name was changed from Batticaloa University Development Society to Batticaloa Underprivileged Development Society and was registered under the above name.

The year 2004 TSUNAMI caused devastation to many part of Sri Lanka and especially the Eastern Province suffered the worst. Thousands of people lost their lives, their homes and their belongings and became homeless. BUDS immediately took action with the like minded organisations such as ADVRO, St.Michaels College Alumni Association, Shivananda Vidyalaya Old Boys Association, Vincents School Old Girls Association and raised funds and materials for the people who were affected by the Tsunami.

Since the inception of BUDS, many presidents have set up their own objectives and achieved them for the long term benefit of BUDS. Similarly, during my presidency, I was fortunate enough to take a leading role in opening a BUD's branch in Batticaloa in order to carry out its charitable work more effectively and efficiently and I cannot be able to achieve this without the full support of the Executive Committee members who were at that time and I thank them for their support. In particular, I wish to mention Mr. Sabaratnam Thevarajan who was the first secretary to the BUDS Batticaloa branch and worked tirelessly to register the Batticaloa branch as a Registered Charity at the Provincial Level.

I wish BUDS all the best in achieving its goals and I look forward to seeing it thrive throughout future years.

N. Jeyabelan

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Hon. President BUDS-UK

Dear President



GREETINGS FROM BUDS-BATTICALOA

The members of BUDS Batticaloa Branch have great pleasure in sending this greeting in the happy occasion of the celebration of their 30th Anniversary.

BUDS-UK deserves the glowing crown for this 30th Jubilee when taking into account their precious deeds in the past, may it be the education, childcare, rehabilitation, reconstruction or livelihood activities. In every corner they have set their foot prints. These activities are an inducement to others to help the destitute community in times of peril.

It is time to BUDS-Batticaloa to share the joy with BUDS-UK. They are proud to be the implementing arm of their Parent Association. They are also very much grateful to BUDS-UK for the support being extended by them in fulfilling the needs identified in the community by BUDS-Batticaloa.

With the generosity of BUDS-UK, many benefits are enjoyed by the community in Batticaloa, Ampara and Trincomalee Districts. In collaboration with AEDU-Batticaloa, the Foster Care Programme is implemented and a Self-study Centre was run in Panichayady, Batticaloa and it was handed over to the society.

In 2014 BUDS- Batticaloa has completed the Project "Enhancement Of Educational Performance In Batticaloa West Education Zone" implemented in 3 Divisions of Batticaloa West Education Zone.

The Project intended to improve the performance in G.C.E. (O/L) examination – 2014 and benefitted 953 students. In this project BUDS Batticaloa obtained additional support from World Vision, Paddipalai ADP as well as Kovil trusties and parents. We are much proud to note that this Project paved way for some other organizations to carry on similar Projects in the Zone later years thus our Project being a pilot project.

During the year 2016 financial assistance had been provided to the following Children Homes:

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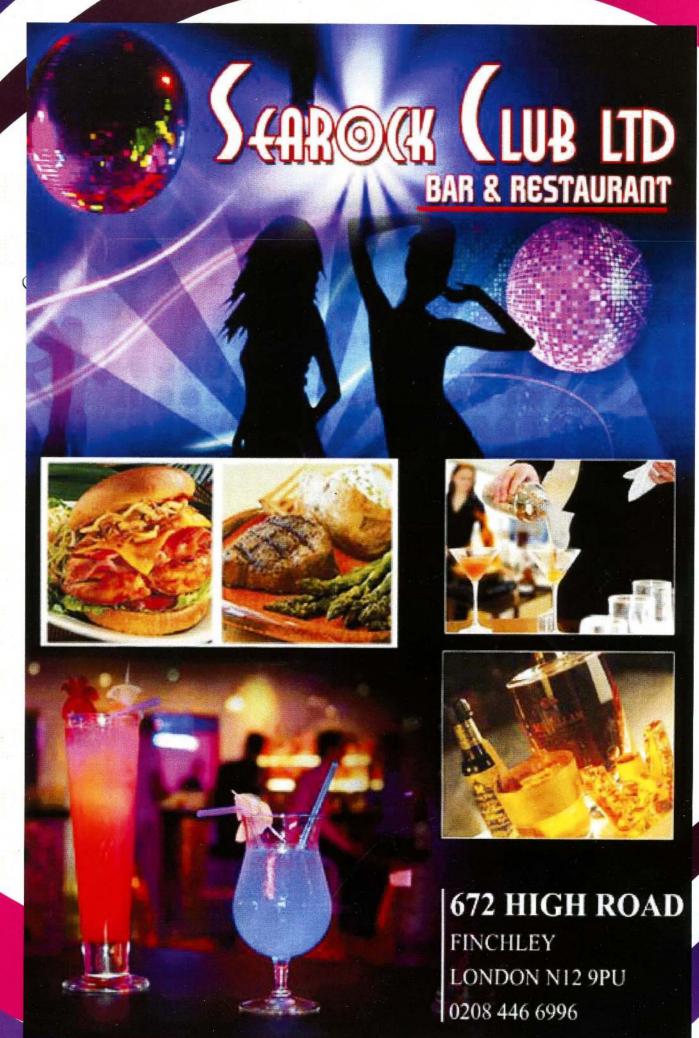
The other children Homes were requested to submit income generation projects in order to find funds themselves in future. Accordingly, Thirugnanasampanthar Kurukulam at Kaluthavalai, and Assisi Boys Home at Kurukkalmadam submitted project proposals. They were recommended by us and forwarded to BUDS-UK. In addition, for Foster Care programme, Rs.8,999,715.00 was spent through AEDU during the last 13 years.

The present Executive Committee of BUDS Batticaloa is functioning since 23.04.2017, they implemented a worthy Project named "Costruction of Valvaham Center, Vavunatheevu" for handicaps in the Manmunai West Division at a cost of Rs 250,000.00 was handed over to them.

We wish you all success in your endeavors in future and also assure you our fullest co-operation.

Best Wishes.

K,Sathiyanathan Former President & Members BUDS - BATTICALOA, 05.11.2017



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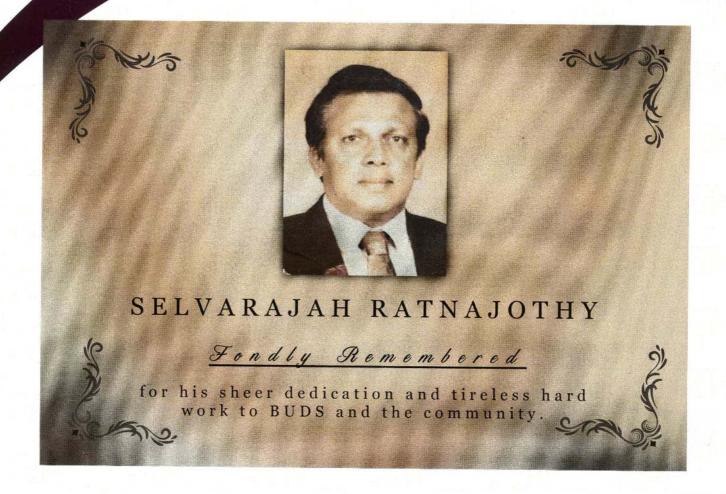
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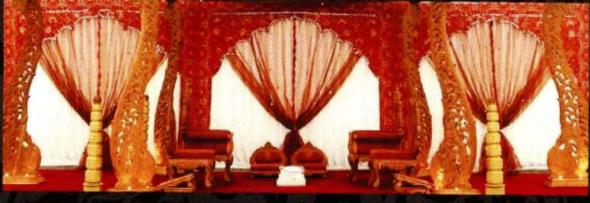
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