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PCI Mission Statement:

To serve the underprivileged by mobilizing resources for food, clothing, shelter, and education.

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From Our Kitchen and Helping Orphans Pursue Education

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From Our Kitchen Notes

Our Serve on January 3, 2016, marked the start of our seventh year. There have been several groups who have participated so far this year. The February 14th meal was in honor of Sudhakar Nayak the brother to Malathi Ram and Uma Nayak. He died February 1 peacefully in his sleep. Team A provided the main course of Hearty Creamy Chicken Soup, vegetables, fruit, chips and beverage. Lucky's Coffee Shop provided desserts and it marked the return of the Army Junior ROTC of Mount Pleasant High School to help with Team A. Larry Malone sponsors chips for Sunday Serves.

Team B has had support from Rama Arumugam who sponsored the main course of chicken fajitas with rice. Jay and Veni Muthukamatchi provided sodas for this serve. Rohini and Team have provided bananas for a couple of years for Team B and have committed to continue for 2016. Desserts have been sponsored by Ajitha Menon and Friends. Also, Boys and Girls Club led by Claire Gollegly have assisted with a serve and gracefully sponsored a main course of baked chicken with mac and cheese earlier this year.

Other support for the two teams comes from Seeds of Greatness monthly donation for one serve and the many volunteers who help with preparing meals, transportation of the food, and equipment to put on a Sunday Serve, and serving the meal to the homeless or those in need of a meal.



Sudhakar Nayak and Malathi Ram
The families of Malathi Ram and Uma Nayak

PCI Gala

Premiere Charities "A Night Out for a Cause" in November 2015 was PCI's seventh fund raising event and the Gala was by far the most successful. PCI met the goals. Generosity from gala goers matched funds for the van and From Our Kitchen volunteers will use it every Sunday. Funds will purchase a generator and make well improvements for Balagurukulam Orphanage. Lastly, expenses for the weekly Sunday Serves will be supplemented.

We are happy to announce the name of the matching fund donor: Edgar Wilde. He has been a supporter of PCI for years. The van committee is looking to purchase the vehicle in March. It will be outfitted to meet the needs to store and transport equipment supplies and food.

In February the Kripalu's visited Balagurukulam and presented a check to Endrum and Ranjith to purchase the generator and make improvements to their current well. PCI was also able to purchase a Smart Board for the school that will expand the learning capabilities for the children.



Having a great time at the Gala.

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From Our Kitchen supports weekly Serves to provide seasonal meals _____\$_____

Helping Orphans Pursue Education supports: _____\$_____

In Memory of Name: _____ Amount donated: _____

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Volunteer Focus

From Our Kitchen spotlight is Jay Muthukamatchi and Veni Jayakumar and their daughters Karthi and Priya. Jay, Veni, and the girls came to work with FOK through a connection at the University of Delaware. Jay was interested in working with the homeless, but wasn't sure how best to do that while working full time and allowing for time with his family. After Jay learned more about FOK and Premiere Charities, he and his family decided it would be a good fit. In particular they like the flexibility – participation can be anything from making a financial donation; donating food or sponsoring a meal; to attending one of the Sunday afternoon Serves and interacting with the people FOK serves.

Jay and his family enjoy volunteering and felt good after helping with their first serve. It was an opportunity to see how FOK directly interacts with the homeless community and how the money raised and food contributed go directly to them. Jay and Veni believe in giving back to their community, and share that commitment with their daughters.

Karthi, their oldest daughter, aspires to be a doctor and also donates her time with charities that focus on children's health.

Priya, their youngest daughter, loves working with animals and aspires to follow her love of exploration, perhaps by being an astronaut. Priya was especially impressed with how friendly and polite many of the people in line for food were at the Sunday Serve; she was giving out candy to the children and heard many "please" and "thank you's" from the children.

Jay was instrumental in getting members of Premiere Charities and FOK involved in the efforts to load 600 boxes of clothes in containers that were shipped to the those affected by the flooding in Chennai India mid December 2015.



Jay Muthukamatchi, Veni Jayakumar with their daughters Karthi Jayakumar, Priya Jayakumar.

H.O.P.E. Update

The children of Balagurukulam Orphanage had a surprise visit from Doctors Vinod and Chetana Kripalu and their daughters. The Kripalus' delivered a check from the

November 2015 Gala to purchase a generator and to upgrade the current well. They also had the opportunity to look at new technology to help with educating the children. With approval of the PIC Board in February, they purchased a Finger Touch and Pen Touch white board. This will let the teacher interact with information on the computer to teach the



children. A projector projects the computer's desktop onto the board's surface where users control the computer using a pen, finger, stylus, or other device. The technology will have all grade

levels curriculums to support the teacher.

The Kripalus' also took the children to Jumbo Circus. The children were also taken out for sandwiches. Dr. V. Kripalu said all enjoyed the outing.

The children sent jewelry back with Kripalu that they made as a thank you. They will be handed out to the women who attend the weekly Serves.

Photo: Children at the Jumbo Circus.