

Can you sponsor me!



BALA MANDIR
serving homeless children



A child needs love and affectionate care.
An unwanted child needs them even more.

Bala Mandir is a home for homeless children. It gives protection and care to any child who needs it, with no distinction of caste, creed or religion. The parentage of many of the children is unknown.

Admitted below the age of three years, the children are cared for until they grow up into useful citizens of the country. Bala Mandir serves a triple role: parent, teacher and community.

Bala Mandir strives to translate into concrete reality the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi. Personal interest is taken in the welfare of each and every child by trained and dedicated staff.

Bala Mandir was founded in 1949. Over the years hundreds of destitute and deprived children have passed through its portals, blossoming out into honest and upright young men and women.

FACILITIES

THE HOSPITAL



It helps to nurse back to health and life the children, who often arrive with many serious problems and need constant care. All infants below five years are accommodated here.

It is staffed by competent personnel, including pediatrician, physiotherapist, psychologist and a dentist.

THE DORMITORIES

Simple, but well ventilated and comfortable, more than 200 boys and girls are housed in the different dormitory wings. The emphasis is on community living and the residents work in groups to look after their own rooms and the premises.

THE KITCHEN



Caters to the nutritional needs of all the children. Under the supervision of a resident lady Superintendent, it provides carefully planned, wholesome balanced food to the children. International service organisations contribute enriched flour, soya bean oil and milk powder while fresh eggs come from Bala Mandir's own poultry unit.

THE SCHOOLS

The Nursery School was started in 1952. Recognised as a special school by the Government, it has over a hundred children.

The Primary School was started in 1956 and is open to children from the neighbourhood as well. It is housed in a spacious 16 class-room building.



The Sri Satyamurthi High School, opened in 1961, is recognised and aided by the State Government. It educates nearly 600 boys and girls, of whom about 100 are from the Bala Mandir.

MULTI—PURPOSE HALL

For Cultural activities, prayer, music, film shows, etc. Donated by the Deutsche Welthungerhilfe.

Vocational Training

CARPENTRY UNIT

Fully equipped work-cum-training centre with complete set of machinery donated by CARE. Apart from giving training to boys and girls, it also produces furniture and equipment required by the Bal Wadis (creches) in different parts of the state.

LAUNDRY UNIT

Donated by the Rotary Club of Madras and private donors. It meets the requirements of the inmates besides taking up work on a commercial basis.

SEWING UNIT

Gives training to girls in garment making.

OTHER VOCATIONAL TRAINING AVAILABLE

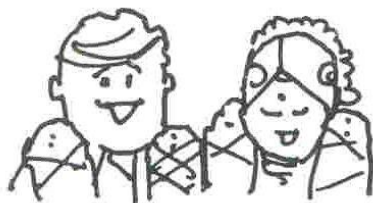
Photography, automobile, repairs, typewriting, electrical wiring, book-binding, composing, etc.

Rehabilitation

EMPLOYMENT

Like young birds taking off from the parental nest, boys usually prefer to settle down into jobs and careers. Every effort is made to equip them with suitable vocational and educational skills, so they are able to earn an independent living. There is an increasing tendency for girls also to search out careers.

MARRIAGE



It enables girls to find life-long partners, make their own homes and gracefully fit into the mainstream of the society. Applications for marriage are carefully considered by the management and the ceremony performed in a traditional and simple manner. Bala Mandir provides the bride with a small trousseau.

SPONSORSHIP & ADOPTION

Several children have been happily absorbed into families through adoption by suitable couples.

Foster parents in India and abroad undertake to sponsor one or more children at Bala Mandir. They not only pay for the maintenance of the child but also provide affection and care through visits and other contacts.

How you can help ?

Any help, small or big, in cash or kind, is always most welcome.

Generous contributions are provided by State and Central Governments, Service Organisations and individual donors in India and abroad.

We particularly welcome you to sponsor a child at Bala Mandir. See for yourself how wonderful is the gift of love.

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*The only
enduring gift...
Love.*



"One can judge an institution like this not so much by the building, but by the happy faces of little children. The bright and cheerful faces of the children showed how well they were kept and how much you (management and staff) bring that human touch in dealing with them."

Jawaharlal Nehru

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