PRESENTATION

Venerable Members of the Maha Sangha and Ven. Clergy of other Faiths,
The Distinguished Chief Guest,
Hony. President,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

Dear Elders, Brothers & Sisters,

On behalf of the Executive Council of the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society Limited, I, as its Hony. General Secretary, have great pleasure in presenting the 28th Annual Report covering the period 1st April, 2012 to 31st March 2013, at this Annual General Meeting of the Society assembled on this 29th day of November, 2013.

Neetha Dhammachari Ariyaratne
Hony. General Secretary,
Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society Limited.

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SARVODAYA SUWASETHA SEWA SOCIETY LIMITED

(A Government Approved Charity)

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Society Limited has a history of 38 years. With the intention of expanding the social welfare activities of the Sarvodaya Movement on a broad based scale and implementing Programmes more independently and more systematically, the following steps have been taken:

01. A separate service division was established in 1975 under the title of ‘Suwasetha Services Division of Sarvodaya’.

02. Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society Limited was constituted in 1986.

03. Suwasetha Sewa Division had been registered as a Voluntary Organization under the provisions of the Registration of Voluntary Service Organizations Act of 1981.

04. The Society was re-registered as a Voluntary Service Organization / Non Government Organization under the provisions of the Amended Act of 1998 under Registration No. L/62414.

05. After receiving confirmation of the Registrar of Societies that the Society had been lawfully registered under No S/1137 on 21.08.1986, the Society thereafter was known as the ‘Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society Limited’.

06. The Society was declared as an approved Charity by Notification published in the Government Gazette No 462 of 09th July 1987 by the Minister of Finance under authority of powers vested in him under Clause 31(9)(b) of the Inland Revenue Act No 28 of 1979.
GREETINGS FROM DR. A.T. ARIYARATNE

FOUNDER PRESIDENT

LANKA JATHIKA SARVODAYA SHRAMADANA SANGAMAYA

It is with great pleasure that I present my message for the 28th Annual General Meeting of the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society Ltd.

I am very happy to note the progress made by Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society, which is functioning as an independent Unit, together with the main Sarvodaya Movement for the past 38 long years.

The services rendered through Suwasetha programmes for the welfare of abandoned, helpless and orphaned children, are insurmountable. Deep in our hearts we remember the services for the protection and care of feeble elders and comforting them; and the full support to build up the living standards of the disabled persons in many areas of Sri Lanka.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha is marching forward to accomplish the Vision of Sarvodaya through Grama Suwaraj to build a society of no poverty and no affluence. Suwasetha is conducting its programmes to find solutions to the problems faced by children and youth in the present society.

All Sarvodaya Suwasetha workers attend to their duties as a family to serve the children and youth who are the backbone of the nation. I wish all of them more strength to carry on their dedicated services in the future.

With blessings of the Triple Gem.

Dr A. T. Ariyaratne
FOUNDER PRESIDENT
Lanka Jathika Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya
MESSAGE FROM THE HONY. PRESIDENT,
SARVODAYA SUWASETHA SEWA SOCIETY LTD.

MRS. KARUNA SPELDEWINDE

The Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society provides care, protection, rehabilitation, counseling, and vocational training to marginalized children, women and disabled persons at Centres run by the society and through its Community Based Rehabilitation Programmes conducted at the village level. It has continued to provide such services for the last 28 years.

In this era where moral standards and values of the society are diminishing very fast, more and more persons are becoming vulnerable and victimized. Child abuse and violence against women are increasing at an alarming rate. Therefore, the society needs more institutions like the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society to take care of them and provide welfare facilities.

However, the irony of it is that there is a dearth of donors who earlier made valuable contributions towards the running of these institutions. The reasons for this decrease are due to economic recession and the new concept of which encourages the providing of care to the needy in their own homes by their own families and not by institutions.

Therefore, it has become a difficult task for care providing institutions to provide services while maintaining internationally accepted standards and regulating measures imposed by the State.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society appreciates the donations received in cash and kind from individual donors and institutions through their social responsibility programmes.

I am glad that the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society has been able to win the trust and the confidence of all concerned Institutions of the Central Government and Provincial Councils related to Social Services, Probation, Child Development and Women’s Development. His Excellency the President of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Hon’ble Mahinda Rajapaksa’s visit to the Nutrition Centre of the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society is ample proof of this status.

The guidance provided by Dr. A.T.Ariyaratne, Founder of the Sarvodaya Movement and the Executive Council of Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society, constant attention of Dr. Vinya Ariyaratne, untiring efforts of Mrs. Neetha Ariyaratne and dedication of the entire staff of Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Organization contributed immensely towards the quality and standard of the services of all its institutions and programmes. I thank them all.

Karuna Speldewinde,
Hony. President,
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Chartered Accountants

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Seylan Bank, Moratuwa  
C/A No 90-156001-001  
National Development Bank, Colombo 2.  
C/A No. 101180000047  
Commercial Bank, Foreign Branch.  
C/A No 1401092205
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01 FOREWORD

During the past year Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society has been successful in identifying the needs of the period and implement fruitful programmes and projects to fulfill such needs. Accordingly, it is with great pleasure that I present the 28th Annual Report. It is not an easy task to submit a record of all services provided by the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society for the welfare of children, elderly, disabled, differently abled persons and children with special needs, who have become victims as a result of social injustice. However, this report contains a brief summary of all such activities.

During the period 1.4.2012 to 31.3.2013 the services rendered by Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society include running of a Home for Teenage Mothers (Ma Sevana), 1 Child Development Centre inclusive of a Nutrition Centre for infants, 3 Elders Homes, Home for Disabled Women, 1 Vocational Training Centre, Community Based Rehabilitation for differently able persons and children with special needs in 2 districts, 3 special educational units for children with special needs, 5 Pre-Schools, Child Development Centre for children living on the streets, and through these Centres valuable contribution is made for the social and economic development.

As in the past year, we were able to commence new programmes. The World Bank funded Gender Equity and Demographic Transition Programme the society was made to understand the importance of giving recognition due to the elderly. Although there is more to be done to the underprivileged people of the society, such programmes had to be abandoned sometimes due to restricted financial situation.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society provides services from infants up to elders. Vocational training is given to youth inmates in our Child Development Centres which enables them to become employable. Suitable partners were found for some girls and were given in marriage. Hidden talents of differently abled persons were identified and they were given the opportunity to improve those talents and make use of the talents for their well-being without becoming a burden on the society.

Teenage girls who have become victims of rape and become pregnant due to degradation of human and social values are given care and protection at Ma Sevana. Few teenage mothers were deinstitutionalized during the year. Some girls were given in marriage to suitable partners.

Due to the Worldwide economic recession donor financial contributions are diminishing. Therefore, great effort has to be made to find donors locally as well as internationally to maintain these Centres. It is with great pleasure that I mention here that although we could not find donors on long-term basis, we were able to find quite a few short-term donors who were ready to assist us.

The passing away of Mrs. Needra Doyle of Australia who helped the Balapitiya Boys’ Home through ‘Light of Lanka Foundation’ was a great loss to us. Due to this situation we find it difficult to provide certain services on a continuing basis at this centre.

Several training programmes were held to train our staff to take on responsibility of children with psycho-social problems who are referred to our Centres by the Courts and Probation Department and make necessary attitudinal changes required by the staff when dealing with such children.
Legal action relating to Sawan Sahana School for the Deaf is still pending. We are trying to solve this issue keeping with our accepted Sarvodaya Principles.

Services rendered by the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society have been recognized both locally and internationally. We had several distinguished State, Diplomatic and Volunteer visitors to our Centres during the year.

H.E. the President of Sri Lanka, Hon’ble Mahinda Rajapaksa, paid a visit to our Nutrition Centre at the beginning of the year 2013. It was indeed a memorable occasion to us. In addition, Hon. Ministers, Members of Parliament, Ambassadors for Japan and Netherlands also visited our Centre.

We thank all local and foreign donors who helped us to meet the needs of the Child Development Centres, Elders Homes and in repairing the buildings.

Neetha Dhammachari Ariyaratne,
Hony. General Secretary,
Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society Ltd.
02 OBJECTIVES AND AIMS

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society of the main Sarvodaya Movement was registered as an Independent Society in 1986. It was also registered under the Voluntary Services Act No 31 of 1980 and re-registered under Parliamentary Act No. L/62414 of 1998 and registered as a charitable organization under the Ministry of Social Services by the Registrar of Societies. We are happy to announce that Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society is one of the main social service organizations in the country today.

Aims of the Society

In keeping with the Sarvodaya Philosophy, Sarvodaya Suwasetha aims at providing a protective environment for the infants, children & youth who have been neglected, senior citizens and differently abled persons and children with special needs, thus ensuring a good future for them.

Objectives of the Society

Provide residential care, protective environment and rehabilitation services for malnourished and abandoned infants & children, neglected youth, senior citizens, differently-abled persons and children with special needs.

- Provide nutrition and residential care facilities for the severely malnourished.
- Provide residential care for orphaned, abandoned children.
- Provide residential care for sexually abused girls who are teenage mothers.
- Provide residential care and services for destitute / disabled elders.
- Provide vocational training for the disabled young females.
- Provide community based rehabilitation programmes for the differently abled and integrate them into the society.
- Conduct programmes for the street children.
- Provide basic facilities for persons affected by natural disasters and national calamities.
03. ON GOING PROGRAMMES

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- Ma-Sevana Home for Teenage Mothers, Lunawa 55
- Leela Jayasekera Memorial Child Development Centre 27
- Child Development Centre for girls, Kosgama 48
- Child Development Centre for girls, Wariyapola 59
- Child Development Centre for girls, Akuressa 20
- Child Development Centre for girls, Bataganwila 35
- Child Development Centre for boys, Balapitiya 24
- Child Development Centre for boys, Baddegama 14

(2) Children’s Services - Pre-schools/Early Childhood Development Centres:
- Suwasetha Pre-school, Moratuwa 15
- Jamini Pre-School and Day care Centre, Akuressa 68
- Pre-school, Kalutara 50
- Pre-school, Wariyapola 52
- Pre-school children living in the street, Borella 44

(3) Services for Senior citizens:
- Agnes Gunasekera Memorial Home for the Elders, Ratmalana 28
- Jayawardene Memorial Home for the Elders, Gampaha 09
- Suwasetha Home for the Elders, Hikkaduwa 30

(4) Services for Disabled:
- Dr Ananda Grero Memorial Resource Centre for Disabled Females, Thalpawila 07
- Vocational Training Centre for Disabled Females, Moratuwa 17

(5) Special Education Units:
- Day-care Centre for children with special needs, Ratmalana 08
- Day-school for children with special needs, Warakagoda 12
- Day-school for children with special needs, Thalpawila 25

(6) Special Programmes / Projects:
- Rehabilitation Programme for children living in the streets, Borella 108
- Rehabilitation Programme for the differently abled persons 732
- Gender Equity & Demographic Transition Programme
- Transition in the East Alliance Programme
- Sarvodaya Savan Sahana School for the Deaf.

(7) Relief & Welfare Programmes:
Persons who visit the Sarvodaya Suwasetha HQs seeking assistance for their various needs, are provided assistance for:
- Accident victims
- Assistance for differently abled persons
- Medical treatment
- Purchasing of school books
- Assistance for higher education.
- Emergencies and calamities.
04. **ORGANISATIONS / PHILANTHROPISTS & DONORS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED SUWASETHA**

- Department of Probation and Child Care Services.
- Department of Social Services.
- Sarvodaya Netherlands.
- Foundation Flash, Netherlands.
- Sarvodaya United States of America.
- Liliane Fund, Netherlands.
- Hope for Children, United Kingdom.
- MAST CARES Organization, United States of America and Sri Lanka.
- Ms. Jacalyn Bennett, United States of America.
- Ms. Elizabeth Smith, United States of America.
- Sugiura Bramchariya Foundation, Japan.
- Mrs. Keiko Atsumi, Japan.
- Japan-Lanka International Students’ Association, Japan.
- Mr. & Mrs. Yumiko Kasahara, Japan.
- PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Germany and Sri Lanka.
- Sarvodaya Germany and Ms. Heide Broll.
- Prof. H.T. Dijksterhuis, Germany.
- Kasih Bunda, France.
- Light of Lanka Foundation, Australia.
- Ms. Isabelle Spieler
- Mr. D.M. Ratnayake family members, Akuressa.
- Dr. (Mrs) C. Pallewela, Colombo.
- Feel for Life Association & Generation Hope, Australia
- Hildegard Simmel-Bubenhofer-Stiftung, Switzerland.
- Transition in the East Alliance.
- Mr. Steve Nation, UK.
- Principals, staff and students of Bishops College, Sujatha Vidyalaya and Musaeus College.

We extend our grateful thanks to the above organizations and individuals; and our sincere appreciation for support received from many friends in Sri Lanka and abroad whose names are not mentioned above.
05. Child Development Centres (Children’s Homes) and Associated Services

Residential protection is provided to children who have become victims and suffering due to social injustice at 8 Suwasetha Child Development Centres and at the Teenage Mothers’ Home. The Teenage Mothers’ Home provides special security measures. Children are referred to these Centres by the Department of Probation & Child Care Services, National Child Protection Authority and the Judiciary.

Children at these Child Development Centres attend school for formal education, while those who cannot be sent to schools follow informal education and vocational training programmes. In addition, they are given the opportunity to participate in sports, outdoor activities, religious and recreational programmes.

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05.1 Sarvodaya Suwasetha Nutrition Centre for Infants, Rawatawatte, Moratuwa.

There are a large number of children on this earth who do not even get the love, protection and parental care and attention which they are entitled. Sarvodaya Suwasetha Nutrition Centre for infants has provided care and nutrition to a large number of abandoned children since its inception in the year 1976.

In the last year this Centre provided protection and care for 45 children below 3 years who have been referred by the Department of Probation & Child Care Services and the Judiciary.

These innocent children who have been placed in this unfortunate situation due to various reasons are being cared for at this Centre by a committed staff consisting of a matron, trained nurses and health workers. In addition, Government Doctors, Volunteer Doctors, Medical Officers of Health and staff, Family Health Workers, also rendered an appreciable service to the Centre. We are also grateful to Dr. Wimal Guneratne (Paediatrician) who visits the Nutrition Centre regularly and on call.

During the past year, the Centre obtained the services of around 15 local and foreign volunteers. The support and coordination extended by the Sarvodaya International Unit in this regard, is very much appreciated. The Nutrition Centre was able to get the support of volunteers to accomplish many needs such as, foil for the roof, air-cooler, infant milk powder, dry rations, sanitary equipment, medicine, toys and other utensils required by the Centre.

The Nutrition Centre functions amidst financial constraints in providing nutritious food, infant milk powder, medicines and maintenance expenses. The support received as part funding by Foundation FLASH of Netherlands and the long term donor Kasih Bunda, France, is very much appreciated with gratitude.
Visit of H.E. The President, Hon’ble Mahinda Rajapaksa to the Nutrition Centre

His Excellency The President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Hon’ble Mahinda Rajapaksa paid a visit to the Centre on 2.1.2013, and he was warmly welcomed by the Sarvodaya family. Mr. Tissa Karaliadde, Hon. Minister of Child Development & Women’s Affairs, Mr. Jeevan Kumaratunga, Hon. Minister of Post, Mr. Eric Illeapparatchi, Ministry Secretary, Mrs. Anoma Dissanayake, Chairman, National Child Protection Authority and Mrs. Yamuna Perera, Commissioner, Probation Department, participated at this occasion.

His Excellency distributed gifts to the children and spent an enjoyable time with them.

Dr. A. T. Ariyaratne, Founder of the Sarvodaya Movement and Mrs. Neetha Ariyaratne engaged in a friendly conversation with His Excellency.

Hasanthi Madushika Bokumbure Gedara, the burnt victim, who was under the care of the Nutrition Centre, left for surgery at the Shriners Hospital, Boston, USA on 1.4.2012 for further treatment and returned after a successful operation on 23.6.2012. During her visit she was accompanied by a Caretaker, Mrs. Kusumawathie of Sarvodaya Puttalam.

Hasanthi Madushika’s treatment has to be continued further to improve her condition. To facilitate this, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith and her husband of America who has been supporting Hasanthi was granted Temporary Guardianship for 5 years by the Judiciary and she left for America on 17.5.2012 accompanied by the couple.

During the past year:

- Total number of infants at the Nutrition Centre : 45
- Admissions during the year – 1.4.2012 : 23
- New admissions during the year : 22
- Transferred after good nutrition : 22
  - Infants given for adoption : 11
  - Handed over to parents / guardians : 01
  - Transferred to other Homes : 10
05.2 Sarvodaya Suwasetha Ma-Sevana Teenage Mothers’ Home, Lunawa.

Due to the diminishing social values young girls become victims of abuse by family members, relatives and neighbours and become pregnant. During the past year the Centre housed 52 teenage mothers and 15 babies.

Ma Sevana was founded on 2.3.2001 to provide the required protection, care and guide them to face the future with self-confidence. Our main objective is to give these teenage mothers a family environment and education with protection, recognition and to guide the girls to face the future with self-confidence.

Informal education programmes are conducted for teenage mothers whose education is disrupted. Girls who possess adequate educational qualifications are transferred to other Suwasetha Girls’ Homes for them to pursue their formal education. This is done with the concurrence of the Judiciary.

With a view to strengthening the physical, mental and spiritual condition of the teenage mothers, the following programmes were implemented:-

- A special Psycho-Social Programme conducted by a Consultant-Psychiatrist to improve the mental stability of the girls.
- Conducting classes through trained teachers according to the National Curriculum of Schools to improve the educational standard of the teenage mothers.
- Vocational training provided to teenage mothers in the following fields:-
  - Dressmaking
  - Training in Juki machine operating
  - Bakery trade and cookery
  - Handicrafts and bead work jewellery making
  - Computer literacy & English language
  - Home-gardening
- A training course on jewellery making through computerized designing was conducted by Dr. M.H.M. Saheeb Kaleel of the University of Moratuwa. This gave the girls an opportunity to improve their computer knowledge and turn-out various types of jewellery.
- Aesthetic activities:
  - Singing and dancing;
- Participation at monthly meditation programmes conducted by Vishva Niketan Meditation Centre, religious activities and buddhist sermons guided them to live righteous lives.
- Participation at special events of the Sarvodaya Movement, Suwasetha and other ceremonies organized for the Sinhala / Hindu New Year and during the Christmas season, to create a different of atmosphere and experience for the children.
With the sponsorship of the Inner Wheel Club, Fixed Deposits of Rs. 15,000/- per girl, were opened to be used by them after deinstitutionalization in the future. Accordingly 17 fixed deposits were opened for the girls who are at this Centre during the year. Also, the girls received a gift pack of Rs. 5000/- each at the Sinhala / Hindu New Year celebrations in April 2012.

During the past year 8 Placement Committee Meetings have been held with the participation of Probation Officers, and many decisions were taken for the welfare of these teenage mothers and their reintegration into the society.

During the past year, a girl from the Ma Sevana Child Development Centre was given in marriage on 4.4.2012 at a ceremony arranged by Suwasetha.

Referring teenage mothers to maternity clinics, and continuous monitoring by hospital doctors and family health workers for teenage mothers and their babies enabled them to deliver healthy babies. The advice of Dr. Wimal Gunaratne (Paediatrician), was obtained in this regard.

During the past year:

- Total Number of Teenage Mothers at the Home : 55
- Number of Teenage Mothers as at 2012.04.01 : 20
- Number of infants : 15
- Admissions during the past year : 30
- Number of Teenage Mothers who have left : 22

Although, funds were not forthcoming due to World recession on donor funding, contributions received from foreign and local philanthropists are recorded with gratitude. However, we had to obtain Bank loans sometimes to continue the programmes and activities of this Centre.
05.3 Sarvodaya Suwasetha Leela Jayasekera Memorial Child Development Centre, Lunawa.

27 Children in the very vital childhood age group of 3 to 5 years were given protection at the Leela Jayasekera Child Development Centre, Lunawa, during the past year. They have been referred to the Centre by the Probation & Child Care Services Department and the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Nutrition Centre. They are cared for at the Centre until they reach the age of 5 years and then transferred to other Child Development Centres for schooling, given for adoption or handed over to their parents / guardians.

While pre-school education is given to these children in the mornings, they are engaged in aesthetic activities such as music, singing, dancing, indoor & outdoor activities and watching the television in the afternoons for their mental relaxation.

The children participated at World Children’s Day-2012 celebrations organized by the Department of Probation & Child Care Services and obtained the first place in group singing and dancing. They also participated in the Bak Maha Ulela organized by the Probation Department, Panadura and won many prizes.

Hiru FM Media selected this Centre for their Christmas Programme-2012, and the children participated at this event with the special approval of the Probation Commissioner, Western Province.

The Sinhala New Year celebrations were organized with traditional customs. The children were also given the opportunity to visit the Zoological gardens and to have an outing in the Children’s Park.

Visits were made to the Centre by the Ambassador for Japan, Chief Sanganayake, Japan, several distinguished visitors foreign & local and government.

During the past year:

- Total number of children in the Centre : 27
- New admissions during the year : 09
- Children given for adoption : 03
- Children handed over to parents / guardians : 03
- Children referred to school education : 04

Presently, there are no long-term donors for the maintenance of this Centre. The support of the Department of Probation & Child Care Services and small contributions received from foreign & local persons and institutions are very much appreciated.
05.4 Suwasetha Daru Sevana Child Development Centre for Girls, Kosgama.

This Child Development Centre which commenced functioning in the year 1979, was upgraded by the generous sponsorship of PriceWaterHouseCoopers of Germany in 2007. At present, there are 48 girls between the age group of 5 to 18 years under residential care.

All children attend School, 4 students sat for the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination and 1 student sat for the GCE O/L Examination. Tuition classes are conducted to assist the girls in their studies. In addition, opportunity is given in the Centre itself for aesthetic activities such as dancing, singing, handicrafts and fabric painting. A computer unit has been set up at the Centre for the development of computer knowledge.

The children are interested in education as well as in sports activities and they have been successful in many zonal and regional level events. At the World Children’s Day-2012 celebrations organized by the Western Province Probation Department, they won the first place in group singing and won prizes, trophies and certificates in a number of events.

They had the opportunity to participate in educational tours to Galle and Kandy which helped them to gain knowledge, to deviate from the routine life and enjoy themselves.

4 girls representing the School participated at a Girl Guides Jamboree at the Dharmaraja College, Kandy, from 17th to 23rd February, 2013 and displayed their talents.

In the past year, 2 Placement Committee meetings were held. The children’s future deinstitutionalization and connected issues were discussed at these meetings.

During the past year:

- Number of girls resident at the Centre : 48
- Admissions during the year : 15
- Handed over to parents / guardians : 10
- Referred for education abroad : 01

We extend our sincere appreciation to PriceWaterHouseCoopers of Germany for their continuous support towards this Centre. The Centre is managed by a 5-member staff.

05.5 Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Girls, Rambawewa, Wariyapola.

The Child Development Centre, Wariyapola, was commenced on 2.3.1988 in a large house and premises donated by the Van der Poorten family provided residential protection to 59 girls during the past year. 45 girls are following education in formal schools and 14 girls are provided with vocational training at the Vocational Training Unit.
14 Girls who have completed their formal education were referred to the Vocational Training Unit. Training on dress-making, sewing, artificial flower-making, dressing brides and home-gardening were conducted. This Centre comes under the supervision of the Probation & Child Care Services Department of the North Central Province.

The Department of Probation established a Children’s Society combining Wariyapola Sarvodaya Suwasetha Girls’ Home and Nawinna Boys’ Home in June 2011, through which the children were able to display their talents & skills and develop their knowledge & attitudes.

The girls participated in sports events conducted at Inter-School, Zonal and Provincial level and won in many events. They also participated in the World Children’s Day celebrations 2012 conducted by the Wayamba Probation Department and won prizes and certificates in several events and at the Arts competition. A choral group from the Centre took part in the devotional songs competition (Bakthi Gee) organized for Vesak festival by the Probation Department.

Through the sponsorship of the North Western Province Department of Probation, a one-day educational tour was organized for the girls on 15.6.2012 and they visited religious places of worship at Anuradhapura and on 25.12.2012 at Galgamuwa and Yapahuwa.

With funds allocated by the Department of Probation & Child Care Services, building of new toilets / bathrooms for the use of the girls and erecting of new fence around the premises, were commenced. The former Dental clinic was repaired and converted to a room with residential facilities for visitors.

The main sponsor of Wariyapola Suwasetha Child Development Centre, Sugiura Bramchariya Foundation of Japan which was founded by former Minister of Justice Sugiura San. He and Mrs. Keiko Atsumi of Japan visited the Centre on 2nd, 3rd and 4th November, 2012.

3 Placement Committee Meetings were held to take decisions about of the welfare of the resident girls.

The Centre has a 5 member staff.

During the past year:

- Number of girls resident at the Centre : 59
- Number of girls as at 1.04.2012 : 40
- Admissions during the year : 19
- Number left the Centre : 19
  - Handed over to parents / guardians : 13
  - Other transfers : 06
05.6 Suwasetha Ratnayake Memorial Child Development Centre for girls, Akuressa.

In memory of the late Mr. & Mrs. D.M. Ratnayake, this building was donated by his children for a Child Development Centre for girls which was inaugurated on 8.11.1989. The continuous support given by the Ratnayake family members to the Suwasetha Ratnayake Memorial Girls’ Home, is immensely appreciated. The Centre is managed by a staff of 4 members.

There were 28 girls who were given residential protection at this Centre during the past year. All the girls attend school. 3 girls are studying for the GCE (O/L) Examination, to assist them in their studies, tuition classes are conducted in the Centre itself.

While the children displayed special talents in school educational activities, they also displayed special talents at the competitions organized by the school, zonal and district level, and have participated at many events and have been successful in many competitions. They have won Inter-Dhamma Schools oratory contest and reciting of Pali Stansa competitions.

At the events held at the World Children’s Day 2012 organized by the Provincial Probation Department the girls were successful in many events. They obtained the 1st place in the Matara District in the dancing competition, and came second in singing competition.

They were taken on trips to Kataragama and Kalutara.

During the past year 2 Elders’ Committee Meetings and 1 Placement Committee Meeting were held and many important decisions were taken on the care and welfare of the girls.

The Centre has a 4-member staff.

During the past year:

- Total number of girls resident at the Centre: 28
- Number resident as at 1.4.2012: 20
- Admissions during the year: 08
- Handed over to parents/guardians: 06

During the past year:
05.7 Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Girls, Bataganwila.

This Centre commenced functioning in the year 1992, and was renovated and upgraded with generous contributions from MAST Cares, USA. Shelter and care had been provided for 35 girls at this Centre during the past year.

All the children attend school. 4 girls sat for the GCE (O/L) Examination – 2012, and one girl qualified to pursue studies for the GCE (A/L) Examination. Science, Mathematics and English tuition classes are conducted to assist the girls in their studies at the Centre itself. An additional class is conducted for aesthetic studies too.

Sinhala / Hindu New Year celebrations were held at this Centre on 19.4.2012 with 70 children from Bataganwila, Balapitiya and Baddegama Homes, also participating through which they learned about the culture and traditions, while the traditional games helped them to show their talents and skills.

Children successfully participated at the Zonal level Sinhala Language & Literature competitions in the last year, and they participated at the Inter-School General Knowledge and Dancing & Ballet competitions and won many awards.

At the World Children’s Day celebrations-2012 organized by the Southern Province Probation Department they obtained the 1st place in dancing and 2nd place in drama and acting. At the Inter-Children’s Homes sports competition, Edirimuni Dilhani of this Centre was selected as the best athlete in the Southern Province. Other participants of this Centre also won many prizes.

The girls participated at the Educational Tours organized by the school and 2 Tours organized for the inmates of the Centre, which included visits to a Forest Reserve, Zoological Gardens and religious places.

MAST Cares USA which sponsors this Centre has opened Bank Accounts for all the girls at this Centre and also implemented a Scholarship Scheme for them.

The Centre consists of a 5-member staff.

During the past year:

- Number of girls resident at the Centre : 35
- Admissions during the year : 16
- Number left during the year : 12
  - Handed over to parents/guardians : 04
  - Given for adoption/Foster Parent’s Scheme : 03
  - Transferred to other Homes : 05
05.8 Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Boys, Balapitiya.

The Balapitiya Centre commenced functioning in 1981 and provided shelter for 24 boys between the age group of 6-12 years during last year. The staff consists of 5 members. The Light of Lanka Foundation of Australia has provided a new building with dormitories, library and computer unit with all facilities for this Centre.

All the boys attend School. Tuition classes are conducted to assist them in their studies. One child sat for the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination held in 2012. A child has been selected as a School Prefect in his School and at the Dhamma School. They are talented in studies and as well as in sports.

They have been successful at many events organized at Inter-House and School. 3 boys were selected for District level Athletic Meet. The boys participated successfully at the World Children’s Day-2012 celebrations and won in many events. They have performed well in sports.

The children were taken on a tour to the Karaneliya forest reserve. The Sri Lanka Army General Services Force organized a musical evening for the benefit of the children. Families of the Army officials also participated at this event.

This Centre was maintained with generous contributions received from Light of Lanka Foundation of Australia. Mrs. Needra Doyle who headed this organization passed away on 18.11.2012. A religious ceremony in her memory was held on 18.12.2012. Since her death contributions from Australia have not been forthcoming and Suwasetha Sewa Society is running this Centre with difficulties.

The Centre consists of a 5-member staff.

During the past year:

- Number of boys resident at the Centre: 24
- Admissions during the year: 06
- Number left during the year: 01
05.09 Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Boys, Baddegama.

The Baddegama Centre which commenced in 1989 provided shelter for 230 boys up to date. In October 2007 this Centre was upgraded with all necessary facilities for the children with the kind sponsorship of MAST Cares.

All the children attend School and tuition classes are conducted to help the children in their studies at the Centre itself. The Vocational Centre building was converted to a study hall for the benefit of the children.

The children have shown their talent in studies as well as in other extra-curricular activities. They have performed well in many Inter-School and Inter-House competitions held. They also participated in the various events and competitions held on the World Children’s Day organized by the Probation Department and at the Sinhala / Hindu New Year festival.

The children participated in Educational tours organized by the School. They were taken on a tour to visit a forest reserve where they had the opportunity to view the natural beauty of the environment.

With the objective of creating a conducive environment to the children, cultivation of vegetables, fruits and flowers was encouraged. This provided fresh vegetables and fruits free of any poisonous matter for their meals. A 1 1/2-acre plot of land in the premises had been cultivated with tea which brought an additional income to the Centre.

Bank Accounts have been opened by MAST Cares for all the children at this Centre. The support provided by MAST Cares for this Centre is recorded with gratitude.

The staff of this Centre consists of 4 persons.

During the past year:

- Number of boys resident at the Centre: 19
- Admissions during the year: 04
- Transfers to other Centres: 02
Sinhala / Hindu New Year celebrations were held at the Bataganwila Centre on 19.4.2012 with 70 children from Bataganwila, Balapitiya and Baddegama Homes.

06. Sarvodaya Suwasetha Pre-Schools / Early Childhood Development Centres

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society maintains 5 Pre-Schools and Day-Care Centres adjacent to Child Development Centres. These Pre-Schools are under the care of specially trained teachers in early childhood development and come under the direct supervision of the Department of Probation & Child Care Services.

A good foundation is laid for the education of children in the community based on Sarvodaya’s vision and philosophy at these Pre-Schools to make them good citizens in the future.

High expenses were involved in running these Pre-Schools / Early Childhood Development Centres for many years. The admission fee and school fees have been increased from last year. Steps have been taken to give a fruitful and qualitative service to the children.

The educational activities have been conducted in such a way to eliminate any problems that can come up when admitting children to formal schools.

- We are proud to announce that Sarvodaya Suwasetha Jamini Pre-School and Day Care Centre had been selected as the Best Pre-School & Day Care Centre in the Matara District, in the year 2012 as in the previous year. Congratulations to the staff of the Centre for this achievement.
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<td>Suwasetha Pre-School, Rawatawatte</td>
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<td>• On World Children’s Day 2012- Exhibition of Children’s creations was held.</td>
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<td>Suwasetha Jamini Pre-School, Akuressa</td>
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<td>• Traditional Sinhala New Year celebrations held.</td>
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<td>• Organized meditation programme/ ‘Dansala’ on Wesak Poya.</td>
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<td>• Held the Annual handicrafts &amp; arts exhibition.</td>
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<td>• Visit to Dehiwela Zoological Gardens, Airport and places of interest in Colombo city.</td>
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<td>Suwasetha Akuressa Day-Care Centre</td>
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<td>02</td>
<td>• Provided protection to children up to 3 years of age by a specially Trained Pre-School Teacher and an Assistant Teacher.</td>
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<td>• The children are given care, protection and nutritious meals.</td>
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<td>Suwasetha Day-Care Centre, Kalutara</td>
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<td>• Organized New Year celebrations.</td>
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<td>• Organized a Variety entertainment show with the participation of Muslim and Sinhala children.</td>
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<td>• Conducted religious ceremonies, for Wesak and Poson festivals.</td>
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<td>Suwasetha Pre-School, Rambawewa, Wariyapola</td>
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<td>• Sinhala New Year celebrations with traditional games.</td>
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<td>• Vesak &amp; Poson Poya – Dharma Sermon and Vesak lantern competition.</td>
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<td>• On World Children’s Day 2012- organized sports meet and games.</td>
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<td>• Annual picnic – visit to Kelaniya temple, Dehiwela Zoological Gardens, Ratmalana Airport and tour of the Colombo city.</td>
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<td>• Organized the year-end concert on 16.12.2012.</td>
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<td>Suwasetha Pre-School, Borella</td>
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<td>• Sinhala New Year Festival celebrations held.</td>
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<td>• Conducted Religious programmes for Wesak.</td>
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07. Services Extended to Senior Citizens

Shelter has been provided for Senior citizens who have been placed in helpless situations due to various social reasons at 3 Homes situated in Ratmalana in the Colombo district, Hikkaduwa in the Galle district and Asgiriya in the Gampaha district. The Ratmalana and Asgiriya Homes accommodate females, while the Hikkaduwa Home accommodates both females and males.

With the objective of developing their mental and spiritual condition, monthly poya programmes and daily religious programmes are organized. They participate in indoor and outdoor games. They are also engaged in making lamp wicks, envelopes, fabric painting, sewing and handicrafts. On World Elders’ Day -1.10.2012 celebrations various programmes were organized for the entertainment of the elders.
Most elders attend to their day-to-day activities themselves, while the staff and the able inmates provide support to the bed-ridden and to those with physical disability. The elders engaged in the household work, such as, cooking and gardening. These activities make their living useful.

Medical Clinics for the elders who suffer from various mental and physical illnesses and programmes by Psychiatric-Consultants have been organized during the year. Also, training programmes have been conducted for staff on elderly care and legal position relating to looking after elderly by the Social Services Department.

The staff works with much commitment and patience towards these elders who are mentally and physically handicapped. The support of foreign and local philanthropists, is remembered with gratitude.

- The Western Province Social Services Department organized ‘Suwasevabhimana’ Award Ceremony Celebrations on September 22, 2012 and the Suwasetha Elders’ Home Ratmalana was successful in obtaining the 3rd place. Also, in appreciation of the efficient management and services rendered, gold and silver medals were awarded to the Centre.
## Services Extended to Senior Citizens

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<td>Agnes Gunasekera Memorial Home For the Elders, Ratmalana</td>
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<td>• Meditation and other daily religious programmes for spiritual uplifting.</td>
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<td>• Programmes for school and dhamma school children on the value of elders.</td>
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<td>Jayawardene Memorial Home, Gampaha</td>
<td>2006.07.14</td>
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<td>• Health clinics conducted for mental &amp; physical illnesses.</td>
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<td>• Students of Schools organized a day of entertainment.</td>
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<td>• Medical &amp; Dental Clinic conducted by Seenigama Guna Jaya Foundation.</td>
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<td>• Counseling services to elders by Mental Health Unit.</td>
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08. **Suwasetha Home for Disabled Females, Thalpawila**

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. D.S Kaluvitarana and Justice Ananda Grero of Matara, Mrs. Srimathie Grero, donated a building for a Home for disabled females. The Centre was commenced on 23rd October, 2004. The Home provides shelter for 7 women of whom 6 use wheel chairs. However, they attend to their daily needs and also assist in household work and cooking. Sewing and handicrafts make their lives meaningful.

Several programmes have been organized such as, Sinhala & Hindu New Year celebrations, Christmas festival, monthly meditation programmes, poya day dharma sermons, and many health clinics were conducted.

To commemorate the World Elders’ Day-2012, the inmates were taken for an outing to the Matara Temple and to the beach in the evening for relaxation. They had the opportunity to visit the Kataragama and Tissamaharama religious places.

The staff consists of 2 members.

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09. **Sarvodaya Rehabilitation Programme for Women & Children living on the Streets - Borella**

This Centre which commenced functioning from the year 1987 up to now, with the objective of providing welfare facilities for good living has implemented several programmes for the welfare of women and children living on the streets. Not only for the families living on the streets, but also for the women and children from poor and helpless families who face various problems, are given special attention and several activities and programmes implemented to strengthen them to be partners of the development process of the society.

An enormous service was provided to children up to 18 years and women and mothers who have been suffering from extreme circumstances, under this project. Projects and programmes are implemented with the monitoring and assistance of the Probation & Child Care Services Department and Hope for Children, UK.

Through the intervention of the Non-formal Education Unit of the Education Department a literacy education unit was provided to 32 children from low income families. In addition to formal education, aesthetic activities such as art, singing and dancing were conducted to give them an opportunity of developing their talents.

Boys in the age group of 14 – 18 years, who have completed their school education or who are not attending school, are referred to follow a welding course or electrician course at the Vocational Training Centre. While 12 boys have been trained during the past year, arrangements have been made to give certificates to all students who have completed the leadership and practical training.
Through these training courses the foundation is laid for the young beneficiaries to rise up with self-confidence to play a significant role for the development of the country.

**Day Care Centre**

The Centre offers another service of care, protection and tuition classes to children who cannot go home after attending school as their parents are away from home. These children are provided with the mid-day meal as well.

Activities conducted during the past year:

- Sinhala / Hindu New Year celebrations were conducted at the Centre with the participation of children and their parents.
- 2012 Wesak cerebrations were held with religious programmes, singing of Bakthi Gee (religious songs) and making of lanterns.
- This Centre was used as the Resource Centre by the National Social Development Institute for the Social Services Diploma Course conducted for beneficiary-students and 2 students who followed this course were given the opportunity of 6 months practical training.
- In August 2012, a Medical Clinic was conducted for children and their parents by a special team of doctors from the Nawaloka Hospital. After diagnosing their weaknesses and illnesses they were referred to the hospital for medical treatment.
- To commemorate the International Women’s Day on 11th October, 2012 a special lecture and cartoon programme were organized at this Centre. Over 100 students from many schools participated. The lecture focused on special attention for protection of girls, nutrition, health, education and discipline.
- A special programme was held to celebrate International Women’s Day under the auspices of Dr. Bob Hassan, Executive Director, Hope for Children Organization.
- The children had the opportunity to participate at a party held at the residence of the British High Commissioner and to spend a day at the Special Children’s Park in Panadura.
- The number of persons living in the streets of the Colombo city has reduced. However, there are poor families from the outstations who are lodging in certain areas of the city who needs support and assistance. Our objective is to pay special attention and extend our services to these families and children.

**Number of children at the Borella Day Shelter during the past year:**

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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‘Sarvodaya Suwasetha Anaagatha Fund’

Under the leadership of Ms. Renu Warnasuriya, repairs were effected to the roof of the Centre and painting of the walls by a team of volunteers. Also, the Centre was provided with a computerized library. In addition ‘Sarvodaya Suwasetha Anaagatha Fund’ was launched for the welfare of the children. The children who are pursuing higher education attend tuition classes in the Centre itself through this Fund. We are very grateful to Dr. Vinya Ariyaratne for introducing this team to the Borella Day Shelter.

10. Services rendered to Differently-abled Persons

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society initiated this programme of assistance for the welfare and rehabilitation of differently-abled persons to eliminate the wrong attitudes of the society towards such persons and give them recognition to make them also partners of social development. This programme has benefitted not only the differently-able persons but also their families.

10.1 Community Based Rehabilitation Programme

The Sarvodaya Suwasetha Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Programme which commenced in 1985 is being implemented in 11 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Galle District and 14 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the of Kalutara District with services extended to 700 differently abled persons.
Programme Activities:

- Home education & training: 456
- Supply of rehabilitation equipment: 24
- Referral for health services: 12
- Referral to education: 07
- Referral to Government and Non-Government Institutions for services: 29
- Awareness programmes for Govt. Officers: 23
- Training of volunteers and co-ordination: 13
- Volunteer meetings: 32
- Village committees - establishing and strengthening: 26
- Steering committee meetings: 29
- Medical Clinics: 28
- Intervention of School and Pre-School Teachers: 22

The CBR Programme was successfully implemented during the past year with the support from Sarvodaya Netherlands.

10.2 World Bank – Civil Society Fund 2011 / 2012 – Gender Equity & Demographic Transition

This programme was implemented under the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Community-Based Rehabilitation Programme in the districts of Galle and Kalutara and was completed in the year 2012. Through the World Bank programme, Gender Equity and Demographic Transition activities were implemented in the Galle and Kalutara Districts. The objectives of the programme were as follows:

- Discussions between the elders and the society.
- Elders are a resource in the society
- Nature of problems and issues faced by the elders.
- To impress on the society the necessity to eliminate negligence towards elders.
- To protect their rights and to build up their image.
- The importance of preparing the ageing group to face their position in the society in the future.
- Making use of the elders’ knowledge / experience / talents.
- Integration with groups of children / youth / women’s groups to eliminate their loneliness and confirm their independence and contentment.
The following programmes were held during the past year:-

- Staff training programmes  2
- District level awareness programmes  3
- Divisional level awareness programmes  4
- Village level awareness programmes : Galle district  14
- Village level awareness programmes : Kalutara district  23

District Secretary, Addl. District Secretary, Divisional Secretary, Social Services Officer, Social Development Officer, Samurdhi Officer, Grama Niladari, Child Development Officer, Health, Education, Security and Heads of All Divisions of the relevant Government Departments, participated at the above mentioned Awareness Programmes.

In addition, 14 Cultural Programmes were conducted with the participation of elders, youth, women and children of the districts.

12 programmes were conducted to improve the talents of the elders and their living conditions with the participation of about 1090 elders.

At the conclusion of the programme there were about 33,050 beneficiaries.

10.3 Transition in the East Alliance (TEA) Programme

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Community-Based Rehabilitation Programme is one of the partners of the TEA Programme and commenced implementing the activities from mid-October, 2011. 4 Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) will implement the programme with a target group of differently able persons / children with special needs, elders, and persons requiring mental health services.
Objectives of this Programme, are as follows:-

- To empower and strengthen the CBOs to provide their services to target group by themselves and to be self-reliant.
- To strengthen the target group to protect their rights and to open avenues to obtain micro-finance to improve them economically.
- To ensure their access to health and protection.

During the year 2012, conducted CBO strengthening programmes; Established a Revolving Fund of Rs. 200,000/- for the CBOs for self-employment programmes; and Sarvodaya SEEDS conducted training programmes on micro-finance for the target groups. To change the attitudes of the community with the support of the Village Health Centres, displayed boards, chart-boards and distributed leaflets.

10.4 Liliane Fund

Liliane Fund of Netherlands has its Co-ordinating Office for Asian countries located in India, and the Suwasetha CBR Programme received support from this Institution for a long period of time. The persons with special needs who are below 30 years of age receive assistance for their schooling, purchasing of school books and transport expenses for attending clinics, surgeries and rehabilitation programmes. During the past year, 62 persons with special needs received support through the CBR Programme.

- Assistance for hospital treatment - 18
- Assistance for school transport - 30
- Intervention for medical tests & medicines - 10
- Assistance for equipment - 04
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11. Suwasetha Vocational Training Centre for Disabled Women, Moratuwa.

This programme is conducted for women with impaired hearing & speech and mobility disability between the age group of 16 to 35. To enable them to earn a living without being a burden on others, 3 training programmes are conducted at the Suwasetha Vocational Training Centre.

- **Sinhala Stenography, Typing and Computer Course**
  During the past year, 5 students were enrolled to follow this training and 2 students have been successful in securing Government employment. The course has a duration of 2 years which includes 6-months training in office training. In addition, they are provided the opportunity to sit for the stenography and electronic typing subjects at the GCE (O/L) Examination.

- **Operating high speed Juki Machines**
  The duration of the course is 9 months. The girls are trained on all aspects of operating high speed juki machines. They have been successful in securing employment in the garment industry. No educational qualifications are required to follow this course.

- **Scientific dressmaking Course**
  Girls who possess basic educational qualifications have been selected to follow this 2-year training. The syllabus has been drawn up taking into consideration their physical and mental capability. At the end of the training, all trainees are given sewing machines by the Department of Social Services.

In addition to the above training courses, the girls follow classes in music. The girls participated at the Annual Sports Day organized by the Lions Club and they won several prizes. They have also participated at exhibitions and had the opportunity of displaying and selling their products.

The girls were taken on a picnic with the sponsorship of Ms. Isabella Spieler of Switzerland. Her concern towards these girls, is very much appreciated.

It is recorded with gratitude the opportunity given to the girls to use of the Sarvodaya HQs library for relaxation. The trainees joined the Suwasetha Singing Group and participated at Sarvodaya HQs special functions. They also participated at spiritual programmes conducted by Vishva Niketan.

A Training Programme for Instructresses was conducted with the support of the Department of Social Services.
12. Special Education Units

The present society is becoming more concerned about the mentally retarded children. With the objective of making such children useful citizens and creating a conducive social environment, 3 Special Education Units have been established.

The children are given mobility training, development of language & communication skills, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, dancing, music, swimming, daily living activities, literacy training and other activities, conducted by a trained Instructress at the Units.

The Units provide facilities to these children to engage in activities such as painting, making of cloth carpets and home gardening.

Training Programmes and Workshops have been conducted for the Instructresses to enable them to provide a good service to the children with special needs and disabled persons.

21 Parent / Teachers meetings have been held during the past year.
## Special Education Units

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| Special Education Unit, Ratmalana.   | 2005.09.01   | 08                  | • Mobility training, communication training, activities with water and sand, dancing & singing and swimming.  
• Participation at a 2-day camp organized by the Dehiwela YMBA.  
• Participated in dancing and recreational activities.  
• Visit to Zoological Gardens.  
• Watching a film.  
• Participated at many sports events. |
|                                      |              |                     |                                                                            | Suwasetha Sewa Society.          |
| Ariyawansa Weerakkody Memorial Day Care Centre, Warakagoda. | 2002.07.01   | 12                  | • Vocational training for livelihood development, which include fabric painting, making of cloth door-mats, lamp wicks & envelopes.  
• Home-gardening.  
• Religious activities, and Sinhala New Year celebrations.  
• World Children’s Day-2012 was celebrated.  
• Participated at sports competitions. |
|                                      |              |                     |                                                                            | Sarvodaya Netherlands.           |
| Ananda Grero Memorial Daycare Centre, Thalpawila, Matara | 2005.08.08   | 25                  | • Training on daily activities.  
• Participated at Art competitions.  
• Attending speech and language clinics.  
• New Year celebrations and sports competitions.  
• Conducted Awareness Programmes for parents and children. |
|                                      |              |                     |                                                                            | Sarvodaya Netherlands            |
13. **Sarvodaya Suwasetha Savan Sahana School for the Deaf, Rawatawatte.**

The School for the Deaf commenced on 2nd February 1984 to provide school education for children with impaired hearing and speech. Apart from school education, training in computer skills, dancing, and various programmes are conducted for them. These children have performed well in their studies, as well as other activities, and have participated in sports and won many trophies for the school.

Presently Legal action has been sought, to solve an administrative problem which has arisen.

14. **Staff Training Programmes**

With the objective of training the staff attached to Child Development Centres, several Seminars and Workshops on protection and care of children and legal implications, management principles including various relevant subjects were conducted by the Department of Probation & Child Care Services with the participation of House Mothers of Child Development Centres. The knowledge they gained from these training Workshops helped them to maintain the Child Development Centre more efficiently.

Also, with the objective of training the staff attached to the Units of Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society on their responsibilities in handling the duties assigned to them, several one-day Workshops were conducted by Resource Persons with expertise in the relevant subjects during the past year. The topics discussed included children’s nutritional values, primary health care, psychosocial aspects, protection of children and legal implications, principles of administration and finance and Sarvodaya vision and philosophy. Through these programmes, support was given to the officers to expedite their services and to maintain the activities of the Centres methodically.

Several Workshops were conducted by the Social Services Department and the Elders’ Secretariat especially on the protection and providing facilities for Senior Citizens and Elders. Many House Mothers and health workers participated at these workshops.

15. **Appreciation of Service Awards and Special Programmes**

15.1 **‘Sarvodaya Netherlands Neetha Award’**

In recognition of the unstinted services rendered by Mrs. Neetha Ariyaratne, Hony. General Secretary to abandoned and malnourished babies, youth, elders and differently able persons, Sarvodaya Netherlands decided to honour her by the presentation of the ‘Sarvodaya Netherlands Neetha Award-2010’ and Euro 500 for Suwasetha programmes.
The ‘Sarvodaya Netherlands Neetha Award’ for the year 2011-2012 was awarded to the Manager, Community Rehabilitation Programme, Mr. Sunil Danwatte, in appreciation of his long and committed service of over 30 years from the inception of the programme with the objective of rehabilitating differently able persons and children with special needs to attain the ultimate goal of reintegrating them into the community.

15.2  Celebration of Mrs. Neetha Ariyaratne’s 70th Birthday

To celebrate the 70th birthday of Mrs. Neetha Ariyaratne, Hony. General Secretary of Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society, the affectionate ‘Mother of Sarvodaya’, Sarvodaya Suwasetha and the Sarvodaya Movement organized a series of religious and other programmes. Also, at the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Headquarters, 15 Buddhist Monks were invited to conduct a Pirith chanting followed by a Dana (Meal). Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne, President of the Sarvodaya Movement, family members and a large number of well-wishers, participated at this event.

The Sarvodaya Movement in appreciation of Mrs. Neetha Ariyaratne’s invaluable services, organized a Special Family Gathering whereat a memento was presented to her. In the evening of the same day, a Bodhi Puja (An offering to Lord Buddha) with chanting of Gathas (Stanzas) to invoke blessings on her for long life was organized by the Vishwa Niketan Peace Centre.

16. Relief Programmes

16.1 Tsunami Scholarship Scheme and other Relief Programmes

19 school going children who had been left orphaned and helpless after the devastation caused by the Tsunami, were given a scholarship of Rs. 1,500/- each per month. The progress in regard to education of these children was supervised once in 3 months and it was revealed that there had been students studying for the GCE (O/L) and GCE (A/L) Examination, among them. While 10 scholarships were given by JLISA of Japan through the Project Coordinator, Mr. Chinthaka Gunatilleke, Dr. Connie Pallewela offered financial assistance to 09 other children. The concern of Mr. Gunatilleke and Dr. Connie Pallewela towards the education of these needy children, is very much appreciated.
16.2 Relief & Welfare Programmes

Lanka Jathika Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya organized social and welfare programmes throughout the country and Suwasetha had the opportunity of contributing towards these programmes. Also, support in various ways have been extended to persons who have suffered from social injustice.

The following relief services have been rendered by Suwasetha Sewa Society in the best possible manner:-

- Support given to the sick and the victims of accidents.
- Assistance to re-build destroyed houses of the poor.
- Contribution for funeral expenses of the poor.
- Supplying of milk food for infants.
- Providing wheel chairs and equipment to differently-able persons.
- Support for the needy for higher education and provision of educational materials.
- Providing assistance to Sarvodaya employees in distress.

Total number of direct and indirect beneficiaries from the above Programmes:

- Child Development Programmes - 340
- Elders’ Homes - 67
- Special Education Units - 45
- Pre-Schools & Day Care Centres - 229
- Vocational Training Centre - 17
- Home for Disable Women - 07
- Borella Day Shelter Programme - 108
- Tsunami Sponsorship Programme - 19
- Community-Based Rehabilitation Programme - 732

![Bar chart showing beneficiaries]
17. Working Group

On the advice of the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Hony. President and Hony. General Secretary, the Board of Management which consists of the Director, Accountant, Project Manager, Project Coordinator, Field Officers, Administrative Assistant, Accounts Clerks, Clerks, Counselors, House Mothers, Nurses, Asst. Nurses, Health Workers, Drivers and other workers totaling a staff of 120, provide their services under the valuable guidance of the Executive Council of the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society Ltd.

17.1 Senior Administrative Staff

1. Ms. Bianca Abeygoonawardane : Director
2. Mr. Sandun Ariyaratne : Manager Administration
3. Mrs. Aloka Fernando : Accountant (From 1.11.2012)
4. Mrs. Darshika Dias : Assistant Accountant.
5. Mr. Yasas Jayawardena : Technical Officer

17.2 Officers in Charge of Special Units and Projects

1. Mr. Sunil Danwatte : Manager – Special Projects
   Community-Based Rehabilitation Programme

2. Mrs. Kumuduni Senewiratne : Projects Co-ordinating Officer
   Community-Based Rehabilitation Programme

3. Mrs. Kusum Wijesinghe : Manager – ‘Children living in the Street’ -Project
17.3 **House Mothers**

2. Ms. T.M. Indika : Suwasetha Nutrition Centre, Moratuwa. (Senior Nurse)
10. Mrs. K.P.S. Wijetunge : Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Boys, Baddegama.
11. Ms. Indrani Pelpage : Suwasetha Vocational Training Unit, Moratuwa.
THANK YOU

The officials of the following Government Departments / Institutions have been closely associated with us to serve the community:-

- Department of Probation and Child Care Services
- Department of Social Services
- National Child Protection Authority
- Department of Education
- Department of Health & MOH Officers
- District Secretariats
- Divisional Secretariats
- Government and Non-Government organizations

- Sarvodaya Head Office
- Sarvodaya District Centres and
- Sarvodaya Independent Units, Executive Council and Staff of Suwasetha - are remembered with gratitude.

Neetha Dharmachari Ariyaratne,
Hony. General Secretary,
Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society Limited.