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WHO ARE WE?

Tamil Special Children UK (TSC UK) was formed as a WhatsApp group on 9th October 2017. The group began with just 4 parents who came together to provide each other with a support system for raising their special children. In August 2020, TSC UK was registered as a charity.

The purpose of our charity remains to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by working with the Tamil community who are socially excluded on the grounds of their learning disability/difficulty, to relieve the needs of such people and assist them to integrate into the Tamil society, in particular by:

- raising the Tamil community's awareness of the issues affecting people with learning disabilities/difficulties, both generally and in relation to their social exclusion
- providing workshops, forums, advocacy and general support for Tamil people with learning disabilities/difficulties, their families and carers. "Learning disability" means any developmental disability of the mind and any associated condition howsoever caused and whether mild, moderate or severe



TSC WORKING GROUP

The TSC Working Group stands as the charity's pillar, composed entirely of parents to our TSC children. Balancing full-time jobs and caregiving, they dedicate immense effort to orchestrate our year-round events and clubs, embodying the spirit of commitment that is the heart of our community.

EXTERNAL EVENTS

Many of our TSC children have also had the opportunity to perform at other events that were organised outside of TSC. We're very grateful to every events organiser that has given our children an opportunity to showcase their talents!



SPORTS MEET

On the 3rd of June 2023, the grounds behind Manjal Restaurant in Loughton came alive with the sporty spirit of 200+ TSC UK members. The atmosphere was electrifying and competitive streaks were spotted as each family arrived wearing team colours.

Whilst members were registered by the younger TSC sibling community, the Working Group seamlessly organised their teams to begin the event. From potato & spoon races to balancing cups challenges, the teams battled it out on the grounds with endless encouragement from our host, Karthik Durairaj. Shortly after, the teams prepared for a kuthu dance-off under the guidance of Swapna Velayudham, whose energy was incredible.



Every child was a winner as they received their medals from the Guests of Honour. After a lovely meal, the children exhibited their talents and showed off their dance moves. As usual, it was heartwarming to see new families find a support system for their children and themselves - a notion which encapsulates what the Sports Meet is all about. With smiles found all around, it was evident that the TSC Sports Meet 2023 had a meaningful impact on everyone who attended.

A heartfelt thank you to our sponsor, Lyca's Gnanam Foundation, whose support was instrumental in making the TSC Sports Meet 2023 a grand success. From providing the venue, a fabulous buffet, a surprise visit from actor Silambarasan TR and the presence of Mr & Mrs Subaskaran and their leadership team, Lyca made this event unforgettable.

Finally, special recognition must be given to our inspirational Working Group who worked tirelessly to ensure that the event ran smoothly. The 2023 Sports Meet was a great event driven by teamwork.

TSC SIBLING COMMITTEE

The TSC Sibling Committee was set up on February 1, 2023, and is composed of the siblings of our TSC children. The charity walk in 2023 was the first major event led mainly by the Sibling Committee. Alongside organizing events, our primary goal is to raise awareness about TSC by building connections with universities, collaborating with young influencers, and establishing partnerships with various groups. Additionally, we are in the planning to hold our own student-focused fundraising event in the future.

If you're a sibling aged 18 or above of a TSC child and are interested in joining, please feel free to message us via our instagram page!

**A BIG THANKS TO OUR
SPECIAL GUESTS, MEIVELLI
TV, PATHIKAI AND OUR
DANCE TEACHER SWAPNA!**



CHARITY WALK

On the 1st of July, 2023, TSC hosted a charity walk at Harrow Recreation Ground. The event, coordinated by the Sibling Committee (a group formed by siblings of TSC children) and supported by the Working Group (formed by parents of TSC children), brought together a community united by a shared sense of purpose.

A group of talented individuals added a touch of brilliance to the day: Mathanki Jegatheeswaran, Ahinth Vijayatharan, Sugani Suganthan, Danoosh Nathakumaran, and Gajinaath Jeyakumar. A special note of gratitude extends to these esteemed special guests - their presence and contributions added immense value to the event, and their commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of our special children is sincerely appreciated.

The success of the day was owed to the dedication of numerous volunteers who generously contributed their time and energy in support of the cause, reflecting a shared commitment to making a positive impact within the community.



The children enjoyed the day's festivities, embracing a variety of performances, singing, and dancing. Laughter echoed throughout the park, creating an atmosphere of warmth and inclusivity. Along the path, dance breaks added a lively touch to the charity walk.

We then gathered for a delightful picnic, strengthening the bonds that make our charity a joint-family family (kootu kudumbam). Gratitude was expressed towards the special guests, volunteers, and everyone who played a role in making the day a success.

This charity walk was more than a stroll through the park; it was a collective journey of unity, resilience, and hope. The turnout and shared experiences highlighted the power of teamwork in creating positive change. In the tapestry of our charity's journey, this event will be remembered as a thread weaving together diverse talents, unwavering support and different generations.



PERFORMERS COLLAGE



APOORVA VARNANGAL

We are delighted to share the remarkable success of our first inaugural large-scale fundraising event, Apoorva Varnangal, hosted on the 5th of November 2023 at Nakshatra Hall, Feltham. This event marked a significant milestone for our charity, serving as a testament to the dedication and passion of our community since its establishment in 2017.

Apoorva Varnangal, meaning 'Unique Colors' in Tamil, was not just a fundraiser but a celebration of talent, inclusivity, and a vision for the future. It took over a year of meticulous planning, and we are thrilled to announce that it exceeded all expectations, with a fully sold-out venue, a long waiting list and an overwhelming turnout from our supportive community.

The primary focus of the event was to provide a platform for our special children and their siblings to showcase their unique talents to a wider audience. The range of performances was awe-inspiring, featuring group and solo dancing, singing, veena performances, drama, and more. The audience was treated to a showcase of abilities that left everyone thoroughly entertained and deeply moved.

Apoorva Varnangal was not just about showcasing talent; it was a momentous occasion where we publicly unveiled our long-term vision. We aspire to create a home for our special children in the foreseeable future, fostering a sense of community where they can live happily and thrive. The response from the audience was overwhelming, with many hearts touched by the prospect of a brighter future for our special children and their families.

We also took this as an opportunity to honour those individuals and organisations who have been integral to TSC's successful journey since its inception.

To add excitement to the evening, we organised a raffle thanks to our generous sponsors. The anticipation of potentially winning an amazing prize was so great, and the funds raised through the raffle ticket collection were impressive. This is a significant achievement, and it brings us one step closer to achieving our dream of providing a secure and nurturing home for our special children.

As the night continued, the dance floor opened up, accompanied by delicious food from Ruby Catering. Our children danced the evening away, creating memories that will last a lifetime. The success of Apoorva Varnangal 2023 would not have been possible without the continual support of individuals, families, event staff, and sponsors. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this event a reality and for helping us take a giant leap towards our vision.

The profits generated from Apoorva Varnangal 2023 will be instrumental in advancing our mission. We are already looking forward to Apoorva Varnangal 2024, where we hope to build on this success and continue making a positive impact in the lives of our special children.

Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey with us.

**TSC INTERNAL CLUBS:
TSC COOKING CLUB**

TSC YOGA CLUB

TSC DANCE CLUB

TSC ARTS & CRAFTS CLUB

TSC FATHERS' GROUP

TSC DAUGHTERS' GROUP

**TSC SPOKEN ENGLISH FOR
PARENTS**

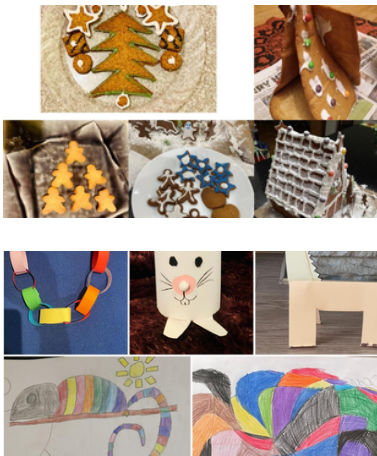
**TSC SUB GROUP: DR JAMES,
PSYCHOLOGIST & ABA
THERAPIST**

**TSC SUB GROUP: SHRIDEVI,
PSYCHOLOGIST**

TSC SUB-GROUP: MEIVELI TV

FATV PROGRAMME

**TSC MONTHLY INFORMATIVE
SESSIONS FOR PARENTS**



CHRISTMAS PARTY

We rounded up a busy and successful 2023, with our annual Christmas party which took place on the 23rd of December at Roding Valley Hall. This event, unlike the other in-person events we held throughout the year, was internal (only for TSC families). The event was attended by a number of new families which is always great to see as it shows that TSC is constantly expanding.

The event gave many of our children the opportunity to speak and showcase their talents on stage, including singing, dancing and piano playing. For some of the children, this was their first time performing onstage and they all did brilliantly.

After the children had finished their wonderful performances, much to their delight, there was a surprise visit from Santa, who proceeded to hand out presents to all the TSC children as well as the TSC children's young siblings.

Santa's visit was followed by a game of musical chairs for both TSC children and their siblings. The activities had worked up the appetites of the attendees who enjoyed their dinner afterwards.

After everyone had eaten and the games had concluded, the stage was opened up as a dance floor to finish off a fun final TSC event of the year!



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

As we reflect on the past couple of year at Tamil Special Children (TSC), we are filled with immense gratitude towards the numerous individuals and organizations whose support has been invaluable. Their contributions, ranging from teaching, training, providing stage and media opportunities, to volunteering and sponsoring various events, have been instrumental in our efforts to empower and uplift children with special needs. This acknowledgement is a small token of our appreciation for their unwavering support and dedication.

Teachers

Our heartfelt thanks to the teachers who have dedicated their time and expertise:

Bageshree Baskaran from Ragavardhani Music School, whose musical guidance has been inspirational.

Swapna Velayudham from Nrithyam, for enriching our students' lives through dance.

Training

(Chronological order)

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DATA Charity

Enfield Nagapooshani Ambaal Temple

Manor Park Shiva Temple

Saiva Munnetta Sangam

The Federation of Saiva (Hindu)

Temples UK

The Mayor of Redbridge

Unity

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Kovil

Media Opportunities &

Coverage

(Chronological order)

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Oru Paper

BI Tamil Radio

TamilStudiesUK (TSUK) &

PSSM Tamizh Europe

Social Media Setup

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Subaskaran & Lyca's Gnanam Foundation for sponsoring our sports meet.

Sports Meet Volunteers

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Charity Walk Councillors

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Suresh Krishna

Charity Walk Special Guests

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Danoosh Nanthakumaran

Gajinaath Jeyakumar

Mathanki Jegatheeswaran

Sugani Suganthan

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Easy Shipping

Gemcare

JKNS Education

Life Line

Prammas

Tamil Coordinating Committee UK

Vanakkam London

Charity Walk Facilitators

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Harrow Recreation Ground

Syd's Pizzeria & Coffee Shop

Christmas Party Service Provider

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Additional Fundraising for TSC

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Freedom Circle

Lyca's Ferocious Dragons team

Nrithyam

Selvarajah Ehalaiyan

All names are in alphabetical order unless stated otherwise

FUNDRAISER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

As we turn the page to continue celebrating the success of our inaugural fundraiser event, Apoorva Varnangal 2023, we wish to extend our profound gratitude to each sponsor, volunteer, helper, service provider, raffle sponsor, and special guest. Your collective effort not only made this event memorable but also significantly contributed to the foundation of our continued mission. Each contribution, big or small, has left a lasting impact on the lives we strive to support and enrich.

Fundraising Programme Sponsors

We are immensely grateful to our esteemed sponsors whose generosity laid the groundwork for an exceptional fundraising event:

Platinum Sponsors

Bodiclinic (Dr Sathish Muthulingam)
Premanathan Sivasamy
UK Wills & Probate Ltd (Roshan Cruz)

Gold Sponsors

London Education Management

Silver Sponsors

Abi Convenience store
Gani Beauty
Mugesh & Sajeev Ravikumar
SS Trade UK
Suriya Jewels Ltd
V&V Kent Properties Ltd

Bronze Sponsors

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Chitra Laxman
Commercial Way Food
Gem Care 1 Ltd
Goodmayes Technics Autos
Lotus Estate Agent
North Elmham Stores
Palm Beach
Rajeen Chandramoorthy
Riya Tutoring
Sangee textile
Snappy Snaps Mansion House
Sparrow Food & Wine
Westmead

Fundraising Programme Service Providers

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Fundraising Programme Volunteers

We honour the spirit and hard work of our volunteers, who gave their time and energy selflessly:

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Nikesh Niranjan
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Vijayaraghavan
Rajalakshmi Sudhakar
Selvarajah Ehalaiavan
Shriram Nanthagopal
Varsha Ravichandran (MC)

Fundraising Programme Raffle Sponsors

(In order of prize)

Our heartfelt thanks go to the donors of the raffle prizes, which were a highlight for many attendees:

1 sovereign gold coin by Suriya Jewellers
Bridal makeup voucher by Be Health & Beauty
5 sarees by Sangee Textile
Kanchipuram silk saree by AK&Style
Beauty salon voucher by Anuja's House of Beauty
Voucher by Krishna Sarees
Saree by Shivi collection
Meal for 2 by Indian Rasoi Restaurant
Men's wedding dhoti set by Adshiya Silk
Voucher by Venisons
Handbag by Rebaca Shopping
2 sarees by an anonymous donor

Fundraising Programme Special Guests honoured at our 2023 Fundraising Programme for their support in the past 6 years

(Chronological order)

We pay tribute to our special guests, whose ongoing support has been the backbone of our achievements over the past six years:

Nadarajah Mohan
Bageshree Baskaran
Rajaratnam Uthayaraj
Sampanthan Sivapathaviruthayar
Jeevah Haran
Dr.Puvanendran
Dr. Anton James
Devanand Mahadeva
Nikhil D. Mahadeva
Rajitha & Sam pratheepan
Prema & Allirajah Subaskaran
Renolda Antonyraja
Swapna Velayudham
Shridevi Sudharsan
Paramalingham Vivehanandha

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And finally, we send out a cascade of thanks to everyone who has touched the life of Tamil Special Children in any way. To those who have liked, shared, followed, and engaged with our social media posts, to the familiar faces that have graced our events, and to the silent supporters who have cheered us on from the sidelines—your collective spirit fuels our mission. Your actions, small and large, weave the fabric of our community, creating a tapestry of support that envelops our special children in warmth and encouragement. Keep the magic alive with every click, visit, and word of support. Here's to more shared smiles and successes—thank you for being the heartbeat of TSC.