

Mercy Boys' Home

Renovation and Expansion of Mercy Boys' Home



The Home

On 24th May, Feast of our Lady Help of Christians, the newly renovated and expanded Mercy Boys' Home, Prashad Nagar was blessed by the Rt. Revd. Bishop Francis Alleyne OSB., Bishop of Georgetown. Before the blessing, Sr. Noel Menezes RSM, thanked the many benefactors who helped to finance the renovation/expansion of the hostel for the boys and the construction of the floor for the Sisters. The main and special thanks was extended to Mr. Hommy Khosrowpanah, London, who financed almost the total cost of the renovation and also to Mr. Massimo Gini, London, for his continuing support over the years. Much gratitude was expressed to Mrs. June Mendes, member of the hostel committee, for so generously giving of her time, advice and substantial help. All members of the committee, as well as the architect, Mr. Albert Rodrigues, the contractor, Mr. Victor Lewis and their workers were also remembered. After



The boys' living room

prayers and a meaningful talk by the Bishop, the blessing of the Home took place.

Many benefactors and friends graced the occasion, among them Mrs. Janet Jagan, former President of Guyana, some members of the diplomatic corps and Sisters of Mercy. After the ceremony all were invited to tour the building at which they were very pleased and impressed.

The Mercy Boys' Home was opened in March 2000 to accommodate boys leaving St. John Bosco Orphanage at 16 and having neither relatives nor place to live. Presently, there are eight boys living at the Home which continues to be supported by generous benefactors.



Sisters' kitchen/dining room

Boys on the job!!!

The eight boys presently at the Home are all working:
Joel D'Andrade (the coordinator at Hughes and Stoby, a legal firm),
Christopher Crandon at Dr. Dionne Fries, Optician,
Damion Fagundes at Guyenterprise,
Wilton and Julian Welch and Linden Hazel, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital,
Reaza Ishmael at Direct Imports,
Anthony Archer, previously at Carnegie School of Home Economics, presently immobilised because of surgery on his leg.

Sr. Noel and Sr. Celine Marie live at the Home and help to give guidance and support to the boys - all of whom were once their boys at St. John Bosco Orphanage.



Some of the boys.

Rizwan Ishmail Graduates from La Salle College High School, Philadelphia



Rizwan Ishmail, one of the former boys at Mercy Boys' Home, was among the 253 graduates of La Salle College High School graduating on the 4th June, 2005. He was the beneficiary of a scholarship from the Rotary Club, Philadelphia, through the kind offices of Mrs. Rebecca Anwar who, over

the years has been a guide and support to Rizwan. He has also been extremely blessed in the loving care by his host family, Dr. and Mrs. Jack Fitzsimmons. His good fortune continues in his being accepted for ongoing education at Cabrini College, Radnor, PA due to the kindness of its President, Dr. Antionette Iadarola. The Sisters and boys at the Home are very proud of Rizwan's success and are grateful to all who helped him along the way: The Rotary Club, the President, Brother Rene Sterner, F.S.C., the Principal Mr. Fred Assaf and Faculty of La Salle, also to Dr. and Mrs. Fitzsimmons and last but not least to Rebecca and Iqbal Anwar.

Visitors at Home

Over the past months the boys were delighted to meet old friends from Fordham University and new friends from College Misericordia, Dallas, Pennsylvania, together with Fr. Michael as well as their friends from St. John Bosco Orphanage days.



Rizwan with Dr. and Mrs. Fitzsimmons

*Thank you
To all our many
benefactors and friends,
here and overseas, may
God bless you
abundantly for all your
kindness.*