


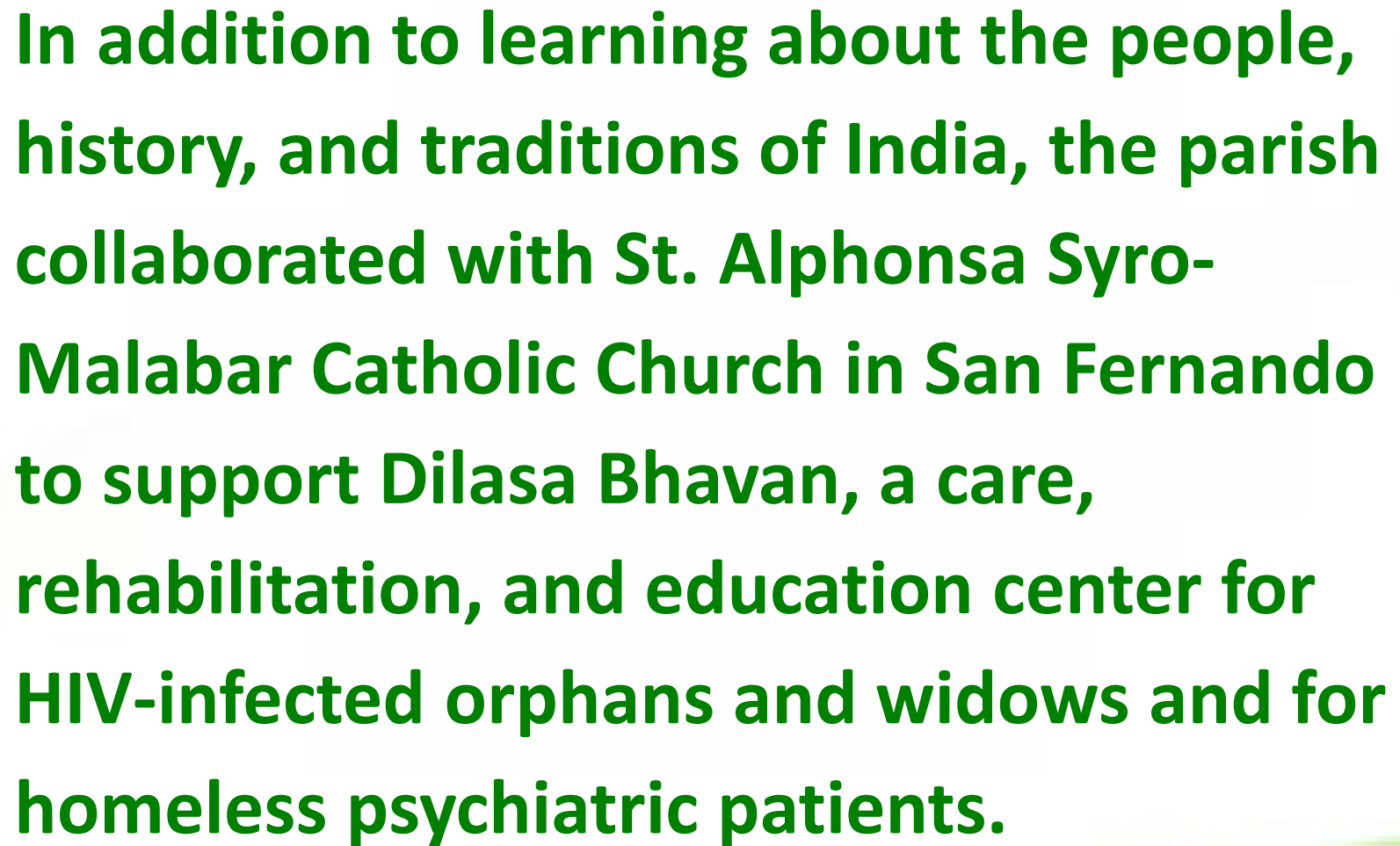
# India

## Cultural Outreach Project






**Each year the parish identifies  
a need in a country where  
many in our community have  
roots. The 2015 Cultural  
Outreach Project celebrated  
the culture of India.**



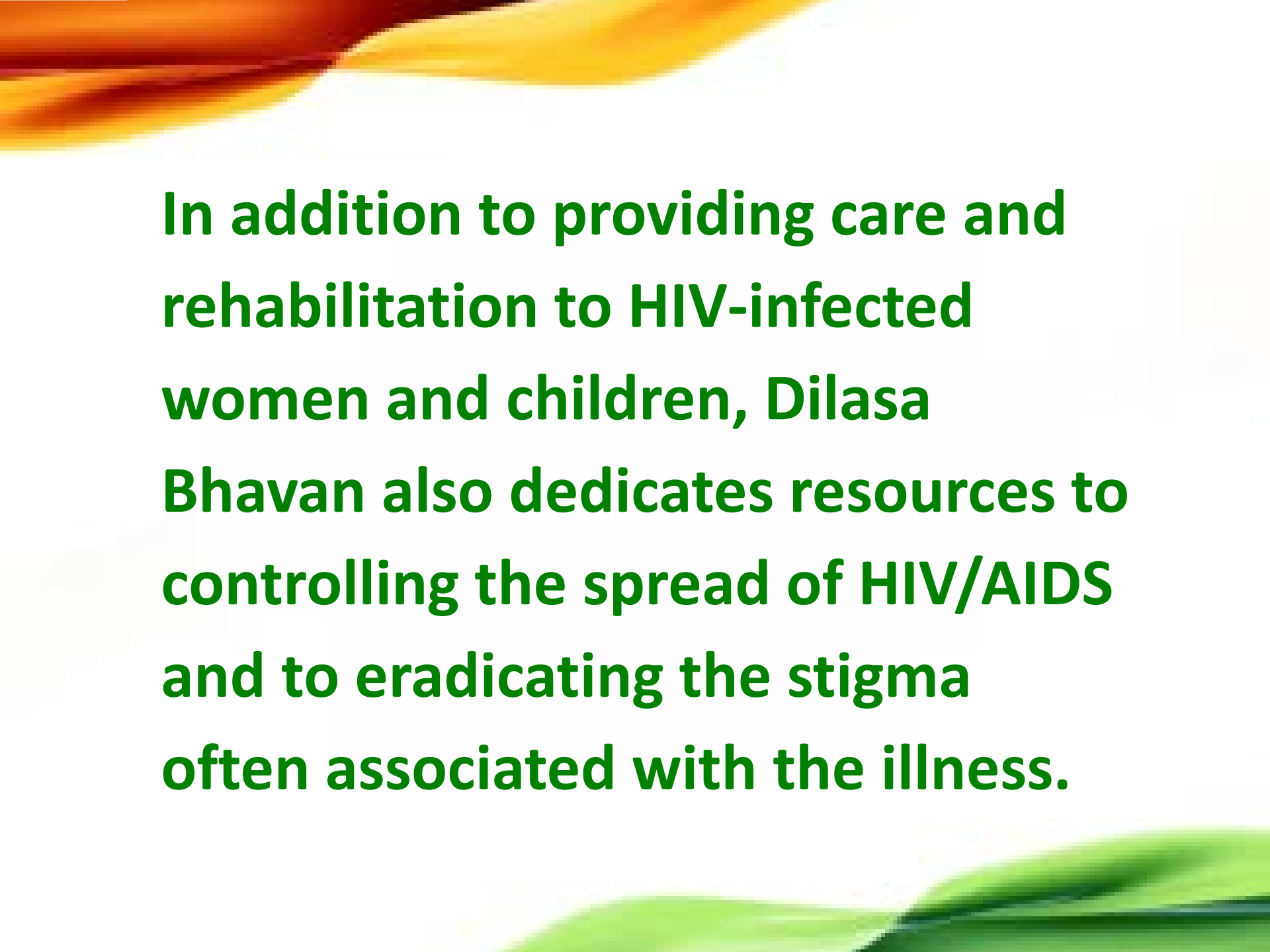
**In addition to learning about the people, history, and traditions of India, the parish collaborated with St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Church in San Fernando to support Dilasa Bhavan, a care, rehabilitation, and education center for HIV-infected orphans and widows and for homeless psychiatric patients.**



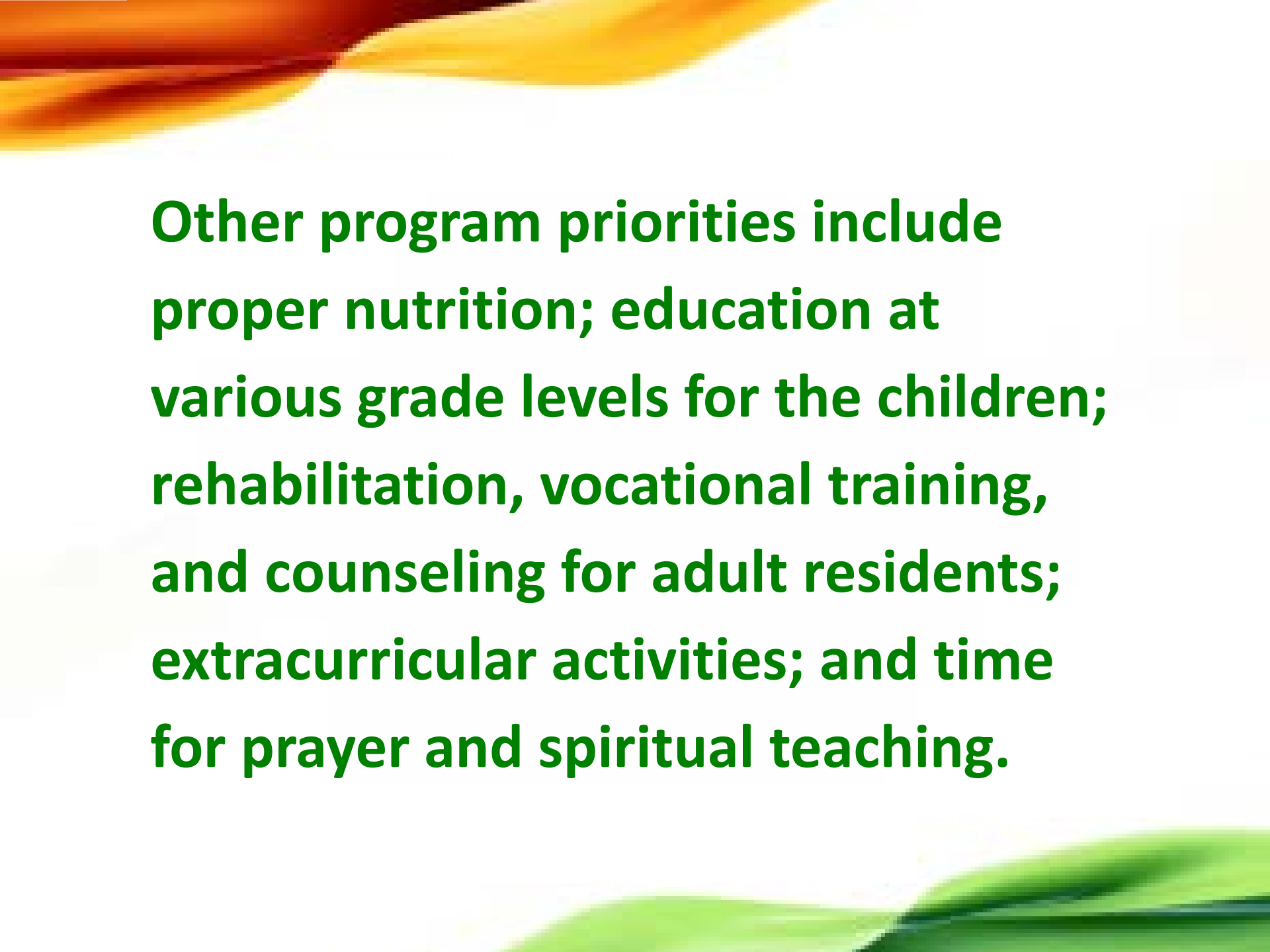
**Located in midwest India,  
Dilasa Bhavan is sponsored by  
the Missionary Society of St.  
Thomas the Apostle. The  
current facility opened in  
December 2008.**



**The word Dilasa Bhavan in the  
Marathi language expresses  
the vision of this home –  
Divine Invitation to Love and  
Serve the Abandoned.**



**In addition to providing care and rehabilitation to HIV-infected women and children, Dilasa Bhavan also dedicates resources to controlling the spread of HIV/AIDS and to eradicating the stigma often associated with the illness.**



**Other program priorities include proper nutrition; education at various grade levels for the children; rehabilitation, vocational training, and counseling for adult residents; extracurricular activities; and time for prayer and spiritual teaching.**



**Dilasa Bhavan**



**Boys with  
HIV/AIDS  
at Dilasa Bhavan**



**Girls with  
HIV/AIDS  
at Dilasa Bhavan**

# Children Enjoying Their Meal





**Study Room**



**Children  
Playing  
Cricket**



## **GALA FUNDRAISER DINNER**

**The parish collaborated with St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Catholic Church in San Fernando to sponsor an elegant fundraiser dinner on Saturday, April 25, 2015. Guests enjoyed a wonderful Indian dinner and entertainment.**



**Fr. Kevin Rettig,  
Pastor,  
welcoming remarks  
and  
opening prayer**



**Fr. Kevin Rettig and guest, Fr. Martin Joseph**



**Chenda Melam, percussion with cylindrical wooden drum**



Chenda  
Melam,  
percussion  
with  
cylindrical  
wooden drum



**Semi-classical  
devotional  
dance**

# Semi-classical devotional dance





**Choir performance**



**Indian Classical Dance**



## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

### **Caterer**

Royal Delhi Palace, Canoga Park

### **Emcee**

Mike Tupaz, SJW parishioner



**SJW Parish**  
SJW School  
Filipino Community  
Hispanic Community  
Vietnamese Community  
English and Spanish Charismatic Prayer Groups  
Confirmation Students  
Religious Education Program



**St. Alphosa Syro-Malabar  
Catholic Church Community, San Fernando**

**St. Vincente de Paul Society**

**Trustees**

**George Chacko and Robert Chellakudam**



**Special Thanks**  
to the Performers and their instructors

**Event Photography**  
Ron Pauckert