

Dear Friend,

The **Person-To-Person** programme started around 50 years ago for CMC's poor patients. Three wise men, Dr. P. Zachariah, Rev. A.C. Oommen and Canon David Marriot, lovingly translated the relationship between donors, patients and CMC into Person-To-Person or 'PTP'. Over the decades, tens of thousand of people from all over the world have been linked through PTP. **Generous** individuals from Friends of Vellore (FOVs) in India, UK, Germany, Sweden, Australia, USA and many countries have supported patients from all over India, through the **diligent care** of doctors, nurses and healthcare workers at CMC. CMC is known not only for the best quality of care but also for the best education. And our patients are some of our most **respected teachers**.

From hand-written notes to typewritten applications and now paperless clicks on computers, PTP has **evolved and grown** over the years to meet emerging needs. The PTP office has been guided by the able leadership of our doctors and support by strong women – Susan, Geetha and Mary. Now, with Mary's retirement, the baton has been handed over to the Development Office. Their **baptism by fire** was a successfully organized 60-day campaign for PTP, raising over ₹50 Lakhs (\$65,000 or £50,000) from 466 generous friends! This will help over 800 patients admitted in the main hospital campus. My sincere thanks to you, PTP supporters, for your thoughtful generosity.

Dr. J. V. Peter
Director, CMC Vellore

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No. of patients	Total no. of patients	Average per patient (to nearest)	From PTP	Paid by others	Subsidy by unit	Total Hospital Bill
Med. I	18	935	134	378	1448	
Med. II	19	534	71	246	852	
Med. III	24	705	171	261	1217	
Sur. I	30	707	169	783	1660	
Sur. II	40	717	169	991	1873	
Sur. III	43	719	159	835	1873	
OL I	36	609	357	474	1440	
OL II	48	642	194	508	1344	
OL III	21	555	171	423	1148	
OL I	43	509	48	269	826	
Ortho. I	81	421	74	139	634	
Ortho. II	24	676	148	257	1082	
U.L.S.S	61	423	105	420	1149	
Dermatology	3	570	96	191	857	
ENT	75	370	17	3	390	
Dental	5	429	145	197	770	
Plas. Sur.	5	538	-	158	696	
Neu. Sur.	21	790	138	876	1784	
Neu. Sur.	71	802	85	746	1633	

Your contribution to PTP helps families like Niraja's...



Niraja* is a 19-year-old girl from a small town near Vellore. After school, she did a six-months course in Home Nursing. Her parents were delighted when she got a job as a home nurse in Bangalore! Her father works as a gardener to support his family and the second family income was most welcome. Just as she was settling into her new life in Bangalore, she had an episode of fits and fainted. Her parents brought her back home for a few days of rest. She did not want to lose her job and went back to Bangalore. However, soon she had another episode of convulsions and fever.

This time her family brought her to CMC's main hospital. She was not able to move her left hand or leg. Her vision was also affected. Despite her troubles, she was very worried about her father – how would he support the family and pay her hospital bill? She was diagnosed with tuberculous meningitis and treated by our Neurology & Infectious Diseases Departments. CMC's charity schemes like PTP helped to cover her costs. She is better now, and visits CMC for regular checkups.

*patient details shared with consent & name changed to protect their privacy