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CMC@125: From one bed to healing millions

When Dr. Ida Scudder opened her one-bed clinic 125 years ago, she believed compassionate care could transform lives. That belief lives on, in every ward and classroom, in the students shaped by service, and in the communities we continue to serve.

125 years of service and renewal

This anniversary year was a time to reaffirm the purpose that shaped our beginnings and to honour those who continue to carry it forward. Through free health camps and speciality clinics, we reached nearly 4,000 people across neighbouring villages, slums, and even the Central Prison, Vellore.

The Luminary and Heritage Lecture Series brought together alumni and friends from across the world to celebrate our shared legacy of service, faith, and learning.



A new chapter in education & service

In partnership with the Azim Premji Foundation, the Chittoor Campus marks a new step forward in medical education and equitable healthcare. Launched at the 'Foundation on the Rock' ceremony in August 2025, the teaching hospital will train doctors grounded in compassionate, community-focused medicine.

A place of healing for every child

A brighter future for children is emerging at the Ranipet Campus. Supported by Mr. Prem Watsa (Fairfax Financial Holdings) and Mr. Ajit Isaac (Qess Corp), the construction of the Paediatric Speciality Centre, which began in August 2024, has now reached the fourth floor.

Originally planned before the pandemic, the project now faces increased costs. We need your support to raise an additional ₹120 crore to complete the centre and ensure a healthier future for children.



Dear Friends,

As we mark 125 years of CMC Vellore, we remember our founder, Dr. Ida Scudder, whose single act of compassion has become a legacy of healing that continues to touch millions. Across every season of joy and challenge, it is your trust and support that have sustained us. Healing, learning, research and community outreach at CMC Vellore all carry your touch of generosity.

Thank you for your partnership. I invite you to be a part of this ongoing story.

Dr. Vikram Mathews
Director, CMC Vellore



When the *Mist Lifted*

At 8 years old, Selvi (name changed) lost her mother and was abandoned by her father. Raised by her grandparents, she fought her way through school, but recurring illnesses led to a heartbreaking diagnosis: blood cancer (B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia).

Her grandfather sold one of his two cows to start treatment, but the cost was far beyond what they could afford.

The Emergency Fund made her treatment possible. With timely care and support, Selvi's long struggle with cancer began to clear, and hope quietly returned.

The Lifeline called the Emergency Fund

The Emergency Fund began in 2008, when the young Velu needed a double heart valve replacement. Staff of CMC's Low Cost Effective Care Unit (LCECU), visitors, and local school children raised nearly half the cost, but ₹80,000 remained short. Just then, CMC Vellore's newly formed Development Office received its first three donations, giving Velu the Lifeline he needed to survive.

Since then, the Emergency Fund has become a lifeline for hundreds of patients, supporting around 200 each year. Last year, nearly 600 friends contributed over ₹1 crore, enabling treatment for 195 patients. This year, we aim to reach even more.

Five Friends. One life.

When FIVE FRIENDS each give ₹20,000, you raise ₹1 lakh to give one patient a new chance at life.

Create your circle of FIVE today.

SCAN the QR Code and CHANGE a life.



Riffat finds *her Rhythm*

Five-year-old Riffat (name changed) has fought illness since birth, Type 1 Diabetes, a rare genetic immune disorder, and severe lung damage. When her family brought her to CMC Vellore, our Paediatric team provided lifesaving care with help from CMC Vellore's Person-to-Person (PTP) Fund. After years of fragile health, she's learning to live with joy again, drawing, playing, and singing through it all. Each year, 900 friends help us support 3,000 patients through PTP, proof that small acts, multiplied, can change lives. When you give to PTP, CMC Vellore multiplies your gift by up to 5 times.

Become a PTP Champion today so children like Riffat can continue their treatment.



The alumni promise

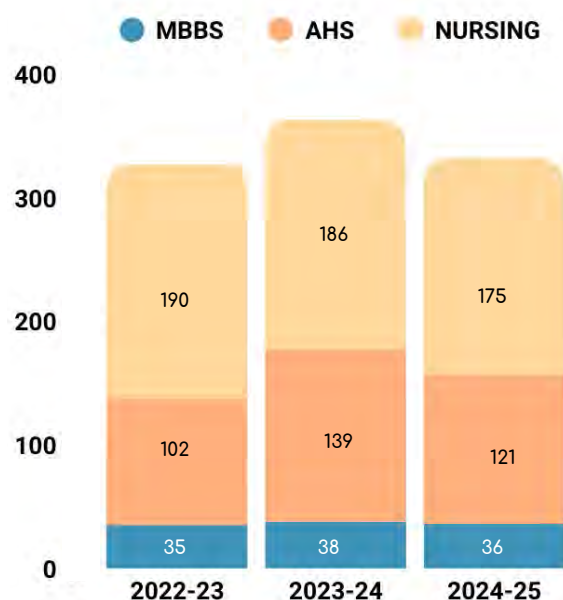
Carrying CMC Vellore's values and spirit in their hearts, our alumni shine wherever they are. Their bonds are rekindled at alumni reunions, and they continue to strengthen CMC Vellore's mission and shape the future.

This year, the MBBS Batch of 2000 funded a new tennis court at the Ranipet Campus for their 25th year reunion.



The Batch of 1975, celebrating their golden jubilee, raised over ₹60 lakh to equip an operating room in the Town Campus OT renovation, and pledged another ₹40 lakh in ongoing support. As students, this batch saw the brand-new Operation Theatres; fifty years later, these same operating rooms are being renovated for a new generation.

The Nursing Batch of 1975 established a scholarship for a deserving student, and members of the Occupational and Physiotherapy Alumni Association (OPTAA) gathered to celebrate shared milestones and plan for the future.



Each year, about 350 students at CMC Vellore receive scholarships, ensuring that financial hardship never stands in the way of learning or service. Through careful review by the Scholarships Committee, each grant ensures a deserving student can continue their studies.

Support for: ₹ 90,000 (MBBS)
 ₹ 75,000 (Nursing)
 ₹ 85,000 (AHS)
 per student per year

Dreams find Light

Siddharth (name changed) grew up in a small village of forty houses in eastern India, a place without electricity until he was in tenth grade and far from the nearest health centre. Sent to a mission school nearly 300 km from home, he persevered and eventually became the first doctor from his village at CMC Vellore. Supporting his siblings stretched the family's means, but a CMC Scholarship eased the burden, allowing him to continue his studies while his younger brothers and sisters remained in school. Now completing his medical training, Siddharth will soon serve in a mission hospital in central India, giving back compassion to the communities that raised him.



Scholarships help students continue their journey of learning and service.

Be a *Student Champion* today. Your gift keeps a student learning and carries CMC Vellore's healing mission forward.

Partnerships that transform lives

As CMC Vellore marks 125 years of service, our CSR partners continue to widen the circle of care. Since 2019, over 150 companies, foundations, and family trusts have supported key initiatives across our campuses.

The Azim Premji Foundation, Fairfax Financial Holdings, and Quess Corp remain committed partners in advancing healthcare and education. The Federal Bank Hormis Memorial Foundation is helping build the Pharmacy College and supporting cancer patients. The ICICI Foundation's donation of a Halcyon Linear Accelerator enhances cancer treatment. The Vaha Foundation strengthens Mission Thal-Zero, a programme for genetic blood disorders such as thalassemia. The MRF Foundation supports the establishment of three new operating rooms, Kotak Mahindra Bank supports the Ophthalmology Department, and DP World and RBL Bank fund early cancer detection and treatment for women.

Part of a larger circle of care



The story continues

From the beginning, CMC Vellore's mission has been clear: to bring healing, education, and compassion for those who need it most. Over 125 years, through the dedication of our staff and the generosity of friends like you, we've reached millions with care and hope. Thank you.

Stories like Selvi's and Riffat's serve as a reminder that every contribution, whether large or small, transforms care into healing and generosity into hope. This work is too vital to be approached with anything less than our full dedication. And we cannot do it alone. With your partnership, we look forward to transforming more lives with greater impact and celebrating more milestones together.

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