



Serendip Children's Home.

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SUPPORT COMPUTERS4SCHOOLS!

Our old friend Johannes is organising another charity walk by heart2heart, this time a 122 mile route through the Cotswolds, to raise money for Serendip to supply computers (second hand) to northern Sri Lanka.

one of us have got more than one computer in our homes but most of the schools in the North & East do not have even one computer for students." Please visit his website <http://www.h2hwalk.org/>

Starting on November the 2nd ("All Soul's Day") it will last for five days. As Johannes says *"We chose the "computers 4 schools" programme through "Serendip Children's Home" in Sri Lanka because children had no part in the ethnic conflict in that country, but yet were made victims. Their education was ruined along with their schools destroyed. Every*



This is his third year of walking, and we hope he will raise sufficient funds as in the last two years. The **target is £8,000** but whatever is raised will be gratefully received. If you can donate something please go to <http://www.justgiving.com/Johannes-Shanmugam7>. If you want to take part in some way please e-mail us at info@serendipchildrenshome.com.

'GREEN SHOOTS': NOT FORGETTING THE CHILDREN

One of our first missions was to help the children, especially the orphans, who had suffered more than anyone by conflict. Many have lost parents and some even a home. Many more had their education stopped and the younger ones barely started. Given the trauma of just a few years ago and the 'missing' years of education anything that can help educate the children is a blessing.



We are pleased to announce that, due to one of our Canadian supporters (Mr Mahendra Mohandass) donation of £300 a month, 500 children from the **Mannar** district will benefit from remedial (extra) schooling organised via one of our partners, the Don Bosco foundation. As soon as we announced our support the parents and students of the area grabbed the offer with both hands and with the help of local teachers launched the classes straight away! The children are largely picked up by a school bus and brought to the classes.

These classes are especially important to improve their knowledge in Science, Mathematics and English and develop their academic performance. For the older youth it should help them obtain work or higher studies in the future. We shall report back to you, as always, on the children's progress.

NEW PATH': HELP THE WIDOWS!

We reported in the last newsletter that we

hoped to launch a new project in **Nedunkerny** in the north of Vavuniya to help some (and one day all) of the areas widows (many lost due to war) by funding self-help schemes i.e. self-employed livestock breeders, small scale farmers etc. In this way they can help feed and clothe their children rather than rely on handouts. We are delighted to announce that due to your generosity we raised £3,000 at the annual Serendip BBQ which will launch the project by supporting a number of widows. We hope to expand this soon and we shall report on both the launch and, hopefully, the next set of widows to receive our assistance.

Another, similar scheme, is to be launched in the **Batticaloa** area with a partner in Sri Lanka, the Women's Development Center, in the villages of Munaikadu & Muthalaikudah. The project will be run, as with all others, under a Micro-Credit scheme i.e. a part of the funds provided will be as a loan, the repayment of which will be used to fund other widows.



COME TO THIS YEARS DINNER & DANCE!

After last year's successful **Dinner & Dance** we intend to follow that with more of the same! As before there will be musical entertainment as well as a dance at the end. We hope you can make this our most prestigious event of the year. It will be held on the Friday evening (6.30 pm) of **December 7th** at our usual venue, Chingford

Assembly Hall, Station Road E4 7EN.

The cost is only £20 (£10 for children over five but cheaper family tickets are available if you contact us) for which you get a 3 course meal inc. wine/soft drink, live entertainment and DJ. You can **purchase tickets** by contacting us at info@serendipchildrenshome.com or 07799756158. Alternatively you can purchase tickets via Justgiving at <http://www.justgiving.com/trisha-selvaratnam0>. You're not only enjoying the entertainment but funding a great cause. If sadly, you cannot make it why not make a donation towards one of our many projects?

Joesphine Marshall Foundation

One of our founders, Josephine Marshall, recently passed away. The Board agreed as a mark of respect to form a foundation in her name with a view to raising money to support projects she would most approve of. One such was pre-school provision which is quite sparse in Sri Lanka. The foundation, with the help of Josie's family has, in the two weeks it was formed, already **reached its target** of £1,200 to construct a pre-school building in the Wann! Thanks to all who contributed.



DO YOU WANT TO HELP?

As you can see we have many projects on the go. Some of them are funded by individual sponsors. If you want to sponsor your own project please contact us or if you just wish to donate to our existing ones please go to <http://www.justgiving.com/serendipchildrenshome>

HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

If you would like to **help us** in our charitable work why not **join** our facebook group on

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/serendipchildrenshome/>

Visit our website on <http://www.serendipchildrenshome.com/>.

Or why not give us a **donation** via <http://www.justgiving.com/serendipchildrenshome>

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GIVING IN MOTION...



Dear Friends

If you can help us on a regular basis, please complete the standing order form below. Your £12.50 per month will be used to support a child within our Care in the Community project. But whatever you can do we will be grateful.

Thank you.

Standing Order Mandate

To the Manager	
Bank Name	
Bank Address	
Bank Account Number	
Please Pay	
Payee Bank Name	NatWest PLC
Payee Account Name	Serendip Children's Home
Payee Sort Code	60-04-36
Payee Account Number	11637749
Payment Amount	£12.50 per month Other amount £ _ per month
Starting from (Date & Month) and thereafter monthly (If you would prefer an annual donation please specify)	
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