



SERENDIP LAUNCHES ITS BIGGEST SINGLE PROJECT TO DATE!

The local authorities in Vavuniya advised us that out of 4000 families in the Nedunkerny area there were over 600 war widows! Serendip launched its help for these war widows on International Women's Day in June of this year. Serendip has since provided the funds needed for an initial 75 widows to pursue 'self-reliant' schemes and is due to expand our funding to **cover another 150 widows in the very near future, making 225 in total.**



These schemes are self-employed businesses which provide the widows with a reliable and sustainable income. Such businesses include, for example, poultry farming, livestock rearing, home gardening and tailoring.

STILL NOT TOO LATE TO GET YOUR TICKET FOR OUR CLASSICAL TAMIL EVENING (DEC. 7TH)!

Don't forget to get your tickets for our annual Xmas event. It's guaranteed to be another fun, entertaining and informative evening. We are hosting a classical Indian Miruthangam and violin concerto and traditional Indian Bharathanatyam dancing. As always there will be live music, raffle, great food, and a DJ for you to dance the night away! All this to help raise money for a good cause, namely our widows and orphans. Held as always at our usual prestigious venue, Chingford Assembly Hall, Station Road E4 7EN, from 6.30 pm on Friday evening.

The cost is only £20 (£10 for children over 5 and free under 5) but there is a special family concession. You can get your ticket by going to <http://www.justgiving.com/trisha-selvaratnam3> or by contacting us at info@serendipchildrenshome.com or 07799756158. **Don't miss out and contact us now!**

JOHANNES DOES IT AGAIN.....

Our good friend Johannes has carried out a week long walk for the third year in a row! Walking from Cheltenham to Stroud (122 miles) he is raising finance to purchase computers for schools in northern Sri Lanka. He had a walking partner Steve, and both had a support worker, Tony, to assist them. They distributed flyers along the route to explain the reasons for the walk. This helps raise awareness of the plight of the vulnerable in Sri Lanka and also his support for the charity Help the Heroes as repayment to British society in taking him in as a refugee in his hour of need.



Every year he has hit his target but this year he needs even more than before! You can however help him to reach his £8,000 target for the deprived of northern Sri Lanka, by donating something via <http://justgiving.com/Johannes-Shanmugam7>.

OTHER PROJECTS.....

GREEN SHOOTS (educational support for vulnerable children)



As part of our help to those children who lost out on their education due to the war and its aftermath, we are funding remedial (extra) classes for 500 children in the Mannar area. The programme will

be run in partnership with a local organisation who will ensure the infrastructure is in place e.g. teachers, transport, building etc.

Serendip will also soon be providing the funds for educational (pre-school) support for children in their formative years (2 to 5 years old) and remedial classes for older students (6-16 years) who lost valuable years of education, in 36 villages in the Mullaitivu District of north-eastern Sri Lanka. This will also be supplemented by childhood development programmes for mothers to enhance the quality of child care in the community.

STARTING OVER (self-reliant businesses)

We are working with the local authorities in the Wannu to expand such schemes. We have selected a few areas where resettlement has recently taken place and are now looking for sponsors. If you are interested in helping one of these schemes, large or small, please contact us below.

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>

serendip children's home.

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)	
Charity Name	Serendip Children's Home
Address	34, Brightling Road, Brockley, London SE4 1SQ
Signature:	
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