



Serendip Children's Home.

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BRINGING BACK AN OLD INDUSTRY

During 1980, in Eastern Sri Lanka, there were 50,000 handlooms in operation. It was said that, at the village called Kattankudy, there were 9,000 handloom machines alone. Items such as sarongs, sarees, towels, bed sheets, handkerchiefs and hospital bed spreads, were marketed all over the area. The industry declined after 1980, partly due to competition and the war. However, we believe there is again a growing market for those products.



Serendip believes that this can be exploited

by funding the purchase of power driven weaving machinery so that we can help a number of widows provide themselves with a regular income. The beneficiaries will be eight war widows on a full time, and three on a part time, basis. A further 23 women headed families in Arayampathy, in



Batticaloa will also see their income increased. An individual donor has come forward to sponsor the project in memory of her sister and we hope to start very soon. **Would you like to fund a similar project?**



SUPPORTING THE FUTURE

The future of any people are its children and their education is vital. This was disrupted by the war and the traditional focus on education within the family was temporarily lost. In a small contribution to re-introducing that ethos into local society, we will be financing a pre-school project in Mullaithivu & Kilinochchi. We will be supporting the salaries for teachers in 15 schools. There will also be a pre-school teachers training course.

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Whilst the region's children were denied a traditional education due to the war's disruption they also suffered emotional trauma. One way of combating this is to encourage the children to express their feelings through dramatic performances. Hence, we would like to **sponsor drama classes** in various areas of the north. **If you would like to assist contact us.**



'STARTING OVER' REPORT

The self-reliance project for widows in Nedunckerney is in full swing. 75 widows have been financed with another 25 to follow. A fuller progress report will follow in a future newsletter. All this help could not have been possible without the generous support of a Malaysian organisation supported by their government. Since launching the project local groups have identified further needy widows in the area. Presently, over 1,000 widows have asked to join the scheme. To do so we need more financial support. If you would like to sponsor one or more widows please contact us for further details.



HELPING THE 'FORGOTTEN' AREAS

Although not directly affected by conflict, there are areas, particularly in the rural parts of the Jaffna district, that are blighted by poverty. Many displaced persons have been relocated there but Serendip has not forgotten them! We are funding two projects in the area, targeting our core groups, widows and children.



The first is a self-reliance project for a group of 14 widows to set up small businesses, mainly small 'shops' and 'farms' (market gardening). The second is a Serendip pre-school class supporting local parents who cannot afford to send their children to existing ones. We believe every child should have a chance to reach their full potential and our aim is to help them begin learning at an early age.



LAST YEAR WAS THE MOST PRODUCTIVE YET!

In 2012 we supported projects for widows, orphans, remedial classes for children, pre-school teaching, comfort breaks and treatment for those in difficulty and illness e.g. cancer, visually handicapped, mentally challenged, children with speaking and listening problems, plus help for amputees. We also financed the digging of wells in the drier areas of northern Sri Lanka.

BE A PART OF THIS SUCCESS

All of the above costs money but fortunately we have been able to fund these projects through the generous contribution of individual and group sponsors. These are not charities, nor companies, but simply concerned individuals. If you would like to help sponsor a project please let us know in what area and what is your rough budget per month or in total.

Please contact us at trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com

HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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