



Serendip Children's Home.

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EDUCATION, EDUCATION, EDUCATION!!!

The majority of Serendip's early projects, coming so soon after war, focused on the welfare of children (especially orphans) and widows. Now we are expanding our work into other related areas such as education. In particular, we are trying to play 'catch up' with the children's education,

damaged by war and resettlement, by sponsoring pre-school, remedial and vocational projects. Below are just a handful of such schemes. If you like what we do please consider offering a donation or help by contacting us at trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com or 07799756158.



PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION

One of the most recent projects is the running of a training course for 47 teachers. The purpose of this training is to promote the 'Early Education through Teacher Training' course.



Teachers from 35 schools have attended the first part of the



training. On the completion of the second part, the teachers will receive a certificate accredited by the national Education Board.

Serendip also pays 15 teachers their salary as well as providing ongoing educational, sports and play materials for all the schools.



We are also engaged in building and repairing pre-schools wherever there is a necessity.

REMEDIAL TUITION

There are nearly 1700 O/L and 800 A/L students in Mullaithivu district. Due to teacher shortages schools always struggle to complete the syllabuses of all delivered subjects. Students generally complement their school learning with after school tuition by paying private teaching at tuition centres. However, there are more



disadvantaged students than well off in Mullaithivu district. Some students opt out of learning for example, science subjects, because of a lack of funds for private tuition. It was therefore proposed by the Mullaithivu Educational Development Trust fund that after-school tuitions be conducted free of charge for these disadvantaged students.

Serendip therefore pays the tuition costs for certain students in Mullithavu to 'catch-up' with those subjects that had not been previously taught to an acceptable standard. It is a joint project with an organisation called Assist RR.

COMPUTERS FOR SCHOOLS

A further 35 PC's are to be delivered to schools in the Wannu as part of the above project. Initially 14 new laptops were delivered to 7 schools. Our coordinators in Sri Lanka report that these have been put to good use. The initiator of this project Johannes Shanmugam funded it through his annual walks in October. He is hoping to carry out his fourth walk. If you want to help donate to his next event details will be supplied in the next newsletter.



VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Our Nursing Training project started in September. Twenty-five nurses are sponsored by Serendip with the support of a Malaysian Tamil Organisation.

Similarly, 40 students are selected to receive vocational training at Jaffna College of Vocational Training. All these students are from the war affected areas and come from under-privileged families. Some of the courses being taught include Civil Draughtmanship, Computer Application Assistant, and Radio & TV Servicing etc.

In a major new project, Serendip will be collaborating with a partner to improve the quality of English language teaching at the primary and secondary school level through the Open Resources for English Language Teaching (ORELT) initiative. This will involve training previously untrained English teachers in the Wannu.

PENCIL IN YOUR DIARIES!

This year's (fifth) annual Xmas event will be held on the Friday evening of the 6th December at our usual venue of Chingford Assembly Hall, Station Road E4 7EN, from 6.30 pm.

The key performance will be a theatre adaption of a play first staged in Sri Lanka. This tells the story of Tamil Widow's struggle for survival.

As always there will be live music, raffle, great food, and a DJ for you to dance the night away! All the proceeds will go towards a

major project, the details of which we will unveil in the next newsletter.

If you want to get your tickets early the cost is only £20 (£10 for children over 5, free under 5 and a special family concession). You can get your ticket by going to <http://www.justgiving.com/serendipchildrenshome/donate> or by contacting us (for the concession) at info@serendipchildrenshome.com or 07799756158. Don't miss out and contact us now!

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

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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	
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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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