



# Serendip Children's Home.

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## HELP JOHANNES & TRISHA, HELP SERENDIP!

We are delighted to report that our good friend Johannes Shanmugam of the Heart2Heart foundation (see <http://www.h2hwalk.org>) will be repeating last year's walk next month from Birmingham to London to raise funds for Serendip and the charity Help for Heroes. If you would like to support his efforts please donate on his special Justgiving page for our charity at <http://www.justgiving.com/Johannes-Shanmugam5>.

Serendip's Chairperson, Trisha, and some other supporters will be joining Johannes on the last day of his walk at St. Albans on Monday 7th November. We are looking for people to join us for the last leg to London or at least to send them off! Please meet at the War Memorial on Park Street AL2 2 (400 yds south of Park Street, St. Albans) at 9.00 am. If you would like to sponsor Trisha and our helpers please give generously at <http://www.justgiving.com/Johannes-Shanmugam5> or e-mail Trisha and pledge a donation at [trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com](mailto:trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com)



Johannes and others beginning last year's walk

Valwom Meendum

Some of our supporters will also be joining them in the last stages of his walk on Monday November 7th. Meet at Oxford Street by Marble Arch tube at 5.30 pm.

Last year's walk raised thousands of pounds for Serendip which we have used to fund our Valwom Meendum (We rise again) project. This is a cooperative of 30 widows making and selling stationary, candles and incense sticks and is based in the Jaffna district of Sri Lanka. With your help we can fund a new and similar project to help alleviate the suffering that still blights northern Sri Lanka. Please give to Serendip at <http://www.justgiving.com/Johannes-Shanmugam5>.

## GET YOUR TICKETS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE!

After 2010's Christmas special talent



show, we are focusing this year on holding a Dinner & Dance. Although ensuring attendees can enjoy a dance we will still be providing musical entertainment throughout the evening. We would love you to come to our event which will be held on the Friday evening (6.30 pm) of December 9th at the prestigious venue of Chingford Assembly Hall, Station Road E4 7EN. The event will be graced by an old friend of the Tamil community, Lee Scott MP.



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](mailto:info@serendipchildrenshome.com) or 07799756158. Alternatively you can purchase tickets via Justgiving at <http://www.justgiving.com/trisha-selvaratnam0>. If sadly, you cannot make it why not make a donation?

## PROJECT REPORTS

Two of our projects joined forces recently to hold a Sports Day for the children cared for in our Care in the Community programme. After the events the children and their mothers gathered in the Valwom Meendum building for a get together.

The Putiya Paathai (New Route) is soon to begin its work, providing the finance for small start-up businesses for widows, before Xmas. The widows are being selected from two areas; Pooneiraian and

Kaddaikadu in the Wannu.

A similar scheme in a different area is being considered and we will on progress in the next newsletter. The thirty cancer affected children received our help to cover treats for one year. This will be repeated next year. The children suffering with mental health issues are being helped on a monthly basis until further notice.

## HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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

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

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