



# Serendip Children's Home.

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## OUT WITH THE OLD.....

Serendip initiated at least 19 projects last year. Although primarily supporting our core beneficiaries i.e. vulnerable orphans and widows, many other people were assisted where the need was greatest.

Some examples of these 19 projects were:



**After-school tuition courses.** Given a loss of education in earlier years and a desire to improve the grades students can achieve, we have invested in an on-going project covering

Mannar & Mullaithivu Districts. Nearly 1500 children have been helped by this project. With greater funding we can help even more.

**Widows Livelihood project.** Covering the Jaffna, Mullaithivu, Kilinochchi, Batticoala, and Nedunckerney, over 250 widows were supported financially to start up their own businesses to generate their own income stream. By assisting these widows we are providing them

This year we have already launched five projects (with many others in the pipeline). This includes:

More after-school tuition classes for a further 300 children across three centres in Oddisuddan to assist them to pass 'O' & 'A' Level exams.



In Jaffna, 15 students are being trained as carers at the School of Nursing.

In Mankulam (in the Wannai) 45 students are being given training in vocational courses at

the Vocational Training Centre.

All of the above would not have been possible without the financial assistance of our



with a self-sufficient income that will remove the need for benefit/handouts. We want to expand this scheme further still to many more widows (there are up to 89,000 in northern Sri Lanka).



**Computer for Wannai Schools & other educational establishments.** Thirty seven reconditioned PCs plus 14 laptops were supplied by a local NHS and the H2H organisation. The latter's organiser Johannes Shanmugam initiated this project. More than 10 establishments received this equipment. A small number of teachers were also paid to teach IT to the students.



2013 was the busiest and most successful year for Serendip and we have already started to continue the good work this year.

## IN WITH THE NEW.....

generous donors. Whilst Serendip tries to build up general funds these are largely to cover shortfalls in projects. Without sponsors for projects we could not undertake much of this vital work.

We presently have projects awaiting a sponsor in:  
Teacher & vocational training

Computers for Schools (does your firm throw away their old computers?)

After-school classes

Pre-school upgrades

Support for sport centres

Building and repairing pre-school buildings

Sponsors for orphaned children

### CAN YOU HELP?

If you would like to get involved and/or help fund any of the above please contact us now at [trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com](mailto:trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com)

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

Registered Company & Charity  
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