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SERENDIP 7TH CHRISTMAS ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE

Serendip is delighted to invite you to join us at our seventh Dinner & Dance on Saturday **28th November** 6-11pm, featuring Live Music, Traditional & Modern Dance, Speeches, 3 course meal and drink, DJ and much more.....

This year we have a new, larger, venue in the prestigious **Sir James Hawkey Hall, Broomhill Road, Woodford Green IG8 0BG** (10 min walk from Woodford Underground Station). Due to popular demand it is now being held on a Saturday too!



Tickets are £25/adult (£10 for children - Free under 5) but buy now at an **early bird** price of **£20!** RSVP Trisha for tickets and discounted family tickets via 07799756158 or trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com.



CITY BRIDGE WALK

The charity's recent Bridge walk in London proved to be highly successful. Fifty of our supporters walked nearly 7 miles across the City of London and helped us to raise a magnificent £4,340. We thank everyone who took part in this event and donated generously.



PRE-SCHOOL

Pictured here is Karnan pre-school that was built recently and opened for the children in Kombavil village in Puthukudiyiruppu. It was our tenth pre-school we have built so far.

As you all know, Serendip has been building/repairing pre-schools in the Wannu. Our sincere thanks to all who jointly supported these constructions.



LIGHTING UP THE NORTH!

After our successful summer BBQ we managed to raise over £4000 for a new project, 'Lighting up the North', which involves providing solar lanterns for households.

As you know, after the war there are many families who are still living in darkness. Children's studying time at home is restricted to only a few hours in the evening. By providing a solar lantern per family we are hoping that these children will be able to learn longer and thus achieve better grades.

Pictured here are some of the families that have received solar lanterns. If you want to light up a families' life please donate by following this link <https://www.justgiving.com/serendipchildrenshome/Donate/>



CULTURAL LEGACY



As part of Serendip's participation in preserving Tamil culture, we are financially supporting many local schools in the Wanni, either as a one-off project or continuous support. One of them is Kilinochchi Maha Vidyalayam. It took part in a national competition covering the whole Island. A classical Street Drama & Dance

was performed by 12 talented students. There were 20 schools taking part from 9 districts from across the country. **The Kilinochchi school came first!**



NURSING TRAINING

One of our ongoing projects is to support students in obtaining a three year diploma course in nursing. We have been supporting these students from 2013 and in total 35 nurses have completed or are still studying/training, the course. Pictured here are 20 successful students at their capping ceremony last month. A second batch will be completing next summer. We are now taking another 15 students for the New Year.



AFTERSCHOOL EDUCATION & IT STUDY

Finally, we also promote afterschool education at schools. There are 29 schools that we presently support. Various subjects are taught including, the main academic subjects, plus ICT & English. The exam results of this summer indicates that the children have done well in their subjects and hopefully the afterschool studies helped.



OPEN UNIVERSITY

We have 34 students studying at the Open University of Sri Lanka (the three branches of Jaffna, Kilinochchi, & Mullaithivu). The two courses are in Entrepreneurship & Business Management and Social science. We are now recruiting a further 10 students for an Engineering degree and it is due to start in November.

FUTURE PROJECT

Autistic children in Sri Lanka do not receive any special consideration in their upbringing. We are researching the possibility of constructing courses and training for parents, teachers etc to help autistic children maximise their life potential.

THANKS

We would like to thank our partners (Tamil Forum of Malaysia), sponsors and donors in making our projects possible.

HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

If you would like to **help us** in our charitable work why not **join** our facebook group on <https://www.facebook.com/SerendipChildrensHome?fref=ts>
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 £10 per month will be used to support a child within our scholarship project but whatever you can spare will be most appreciate.

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	£10 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:	

If you want to make a one off donation please visit our website at www.serendipchildrenshome.com

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