



# NEWS

AND CURRENT EVENTS

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## FEED THE BODY FEED THE MIND!

Many children going to pre-schools in the north of Sri Lanka are ill-equipped to focus on their studies as they are often hungry having had little or no breakfast.

However, the cost of feeding these children, whilst beyond the means of their parents is quite affordable for us!



### NUTRITION PROJECT- 'BREAKFAST FOR KIDS'

We are therefore launching a Nutrition Project to ensure that these children receive a breakfast each and every pre-school day. This project will be launched amongst 10 selected schools covering 750 students. For only 10p per student per day these children can be fed and nourished and ready to learn!

Can you help?

The total cost of the project is then £750 per month. We are urgently looking for donors to meet this cost. Can you assist? If you can help us help the children please contact us now at [trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com](mailto:trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com).



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## AUTISTIC NEEDS!

We mentioned in our last newsletter our interest in tackling the Autism deficit in Sri Lanka. The needs of autistic children, especially in the north or east of Sri Lanka, are barely understood let alone tackled. Autism is hardly spoken or mentioned amongst parents, the average teachers and health workers. The primary problem is a lack of recognition and professionally trained teachers. We believe however we will be able to make long-term changes to these children's lives.

### TRAINING THE TRAINERS.....

We are addressing the latter by training teachers to help autistic children. We have recently completed a 30 days training program for 7 teachers (from north & east of Sri Lanka) in Chennai (in India).



The training is given by a specialised autism training school. The skills they have learnt will be invaluable back in Sri Lanka. More significantly this will be an ongoing project that will not only equip teachers to help but also parents and local educational officials who have a responsibility for autistic children.

Ultimately, we are hoping to equip and create the necessary Special Needs Centres in the north. To help support our Autistic Project we need your help! Once again if interested please e-mail us via [trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com](mailto:trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com).

## HELP IN PERSON



Our primary means of assisting the vulnerable and deprived in Sri Lanka is to fund projects on the Island that Serendip staff and volunteers deliver.

Now however you too can go over to Sri Lanka and help? Serendip has linked up with the Tamil Student Initiative (TSI) to embark on a whole new project.

This Volunteer Project will begin with a forthcoming working trip that will see us take 15 Tamil youngsters (mostly university students) to work with local children. Would you be interested in being a Volunteer? Contact us at [trishaserendipchildrenshome.com](mailto:trishaserendipchildrenshome.com).



## FINE ART CENTRES



Our fine art centres are progressing well. We are providing classes in violin, miruthgn, dance and vocals to children who have already shown interest in these disciplines.

Not only is this work part of one of our goals, namely to rescue our culture from oblivion, but it also supports those children growing past their (conflict) trauma and, ultimately, offers a career gateway.

**TRAINING THE WORKERS AND OWNERS OF TOMORROW!**

Providing and funding vocational courses is one of Serendip's ongoing commitments.



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## VOCATIONAL COURSES



Among such courses are Professional Cake Decorating, Beautician, and Professional Dress Making courses.

After completion of such course, most of the trainees either set up their own businesses or find employment in the relevant field. Since such mini-projects are a constant commitment of the charity we will always need our supporter's help. If you have an idea for a Course or simply want to help then contact us via [trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com](mailto:trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com).

## SCHOOL BAG PROJECT



Most of our projects are continuous and long-term. We however also deliver one-off help e.g. paying for special days out for mentally or physically challenged pupils.

This year we delivered some clothes and school bags to children plus some cash assistance for needy families as act of emergency relief. These families have been resettled in an ex-military occupied village called Kepapilavu (Mullaithivu). There are about 65 families who have been relocated in this village who were and are in need of desperate assistance.

Many of these one-off projects are funded by our supporters generous donations. Indeed, many young supporters have even donated birthday monies to such project!

We have at the beginning of the year delivered over 1,000 school bags to over 10 schools. If you would like to donate to this project, and there are many, many school children desperately in need of such help please contact us at [trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com](mailto:trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com).



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