



#### PROGRESSING OUR AUTISM PROJECT!

We are delighted to announce that the 'Sapphire Night' of entertainment hosted by the Sri Lankan Society of Imperial College raised over £18,000! Big thanks to all members and students who took part in the fund raising for Serendip. These monies will go to support the Autism project (and a Breakfast club for pre-schools).

Our project area for autism is Kilinochchi. We have identified:

In Kilinochchi District itself there are 26 special units. 255 children with special needs and their parents.

21 teachers and 16 teaching assistants and volunteer teachers.

We can continue with new vigour with our tailor-made training for teachers and teaching assistants at Autistic and Special Need centres. We are also setting up and equipping of classrooms in an Autistic Friendly way. Now we can also move ahead with the next stage of our project e.g. the provision of travel for, and other educational assistance to, autistic and other special need children.

# Why not view our Serendip Autism Project video on our Facebook Group?





### **FINE ART CENTRES**

We are sponsoring such centres in order to boost the popularity of traditional Tamil arts.

A 6th batch of students have started in one of our centres (Erlailai, Jaffna) learning Violin & Miruthangam. Each batch consists 25-30 students in each centre.

We encourage such students, especially children, to take part in local and national competitions. All students are making great progress not only in their disciplines but in their thirst to learn and become model members of their communities.

Some of our students are entering universities to study the same.

Although Serendip believe advancement in academic subjects is important, the benefit of teaching children fine arts is to bring out their latent talents and give them an opportunity to excel in their own field.



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### **VOCATIONAL COURSES**

The 7th batch of students taking the tailoring course are progressing well. Each year we have exhibitions and prize giving to encourage existing and potential students.

Alternatively, we have run beautician courses, smake-up (including bridal) and facial classes, Cake making and Icing courses.

We believe in empowering young women so they can make an employment career for themselves. We are attempting to do our best to help make that happen!



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## £5 ON WARDS...



### **NURSING TRAINING**

Our long standing training project sees its 4th batch of nurses from Holy Cross Nursing School (Jaffna) 'graduating' this summer with jobs awaiting them. New batches of student nurses will also enter the Green Memorial Hospital (Manipay) very soon.

Sponsor one-off livelihood small business project

### £250 EACH



### **ONE-OFF PROJECTS**

As always we continue to carry out a variety of one-offprojects. We choose those dependent on need but predominantly they revolve around schools and pre-schools. For example, help for children with terminal illnesses, Water tanks for preschools, and building playgrounds.

Our general aim is to help the most vulnerable citizens in the north & east of Sri Lanka as and when we can. If you have any ideas for one-off assistance and/or would like to offer a donation to that or any of the above project please contact us now at trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com.



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