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# Serendip Children's Home.

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## TIME TO PARTY WHILST HELPING THOSE WHO CANNOT!

Serendip's annual Christmas 'party' will take place this year on Friday 9th December. We host the event to help raise money for our growing number of projects (see below), to allow our friends and sponsors to catch up on the year and to have a good time!

The event will be held at our usual prestigious venue at Chingford Assembly Hall, Station Road, London E4 7EN, starting at 6.00 pm. Our special guests will include Lee Scott MP and Jean Lambert MEP

### Dinner & Dance



After last year's highly successful 'Search for a Star', we will this time, due to popular demand, be hosting a Dinner & Dance which will for once guarantee our guests will be able to have a dance!

There will be plenty of food and drink as always and we shall have various musical acts on throughout the evening to keep you entertained. The final offering will be from our special DJ from the popular website Thamarai.com. They say in their own words that "We can cater for Rnb, pop and cheese to bhanga, bollywood and Tamil music', in other words, something for everyone!



**You can get your ticket(s) at the giveaway price of £20 (£10 per child - under 5's free) by sending a cheque to 'Serendip' at our address at 34 Brightling Road, Brockley SE4 1SQ. Contact us for family concessions. Send now!**

## LATEST PROJECTS

### Valvoo Meendum

Apart from our long standing Care in the Community scheme our other existing project, the co-operative named 'Valvoo Meendum' (We rise again) making and selling stationary, candle and incense sticks on the open market, is giving 30 widowed women a livelihood and is going from strength to strength. Without your help these women would be living off handouts. Today they are self-sufficient and valued members of the community.

Another project, Putiya Paathai (New Route), aims to support start-up small businesses for widows. We have the funding in place and we are now actively looking for a partner in Sri Lanka.

### School scholarships

We have begun to sponsor some scholarships for talented orphaned children. This will pay for food, especially breakfast and books.

We are helping 20 children in Jaffna city, we are selecting a further 20 in Batticaloa, and will turn our attention very soon to a similar number in the Mannar district.



### Help for the suffering

Apart from natural causes there are a number of children now suffering with mental health issues due to the war. We have teamed up with a local organisation named Ark, based in Jaffna to supply them with funds to help 10 children.

Another group of sufferers are cancer affected children, often from a very poor background. As can be imagined the sort of treatment we may receive in the West, even in the Sri Lankan capital, Colombo, is far superior than anything these children can look forward too. Our help can give them a little happiness i.e. paying for days out and treats and a little hope.

### Can you help?

As you can see we are actively trying to better the lives of children and widows rather than simply complaining and bemoaning their plight. If we don't try and help who will? You can help the children by helping us. How? You could become a sponsor in our Care in the Community programme by looking after the health and education of orphaned children. This only costs £15/month. Please contact us at [info@serendipchildrenshome.com](mailto:info@serendipchildrenshome.com) and ask for a form!

If you can't make a regular donation why not a single one? You can tell us which of the above projects you would prefer the donation to go towards. Please send a cheque to our address at 34 Brightling Road, Brockley SE4 1SQ.

## 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/pages/Serendip-Childrens-Home/149069726272>.

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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