



NEWS

AND CURRENT EVENTS

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GIVING IN MOTION

Although Serendip runs some long standing projects we are always looking for new schemes to support. These are just some of our latest initiatives.



EMERGENCY APPEAL

Most of you will be aware of Sri Lanka's current dire economic situation. The more serious impact on the ground is the exorbitant rise in the price of food and increasing shortages, including fuel.

Everyone is suffering, particularly single parent households and especially vulnerable elders are among the worst affected. Although Serendip clearly can't help everyone, we do aim to provide dry food rations to some of the most vulnerable in the north & east of the Island. One of these groups are the island's elders.



DRY FOOD DELIVERY TO ELDERLY

Sadly, their need is huge since in every region we work within we have identified a very large number of, effectively, abandoned elders. So far, every two months, we provide a dry food package to selected elders.

Presently, we are already helping 210 elders, but we have twice of that amount still awaiting our help!

Since the present crisis is generating ever increasing poverty and shortages, we urgently need to increase our support. For just **£8 a month** will feed one person for the month or **£96 for a whole year**. Can you help? Please e-mail info@serendipchildrenshome.com under the heading **Elders**.



AT UNIVERSITY?

Many UK Universities have Tamil Student Societies. A number of have run events and have kindly donated the proceeds to our charity. Are you involved in one? Please contact us via info@serendipchildrenshome.com.

Sponsor students books & educational material on any of your special occasions

ANY AMOUNT YOU WISH!



LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT

One of Serendip's ongoing projects is to support families (mainly those with school going children), who have to live on lower incomes or even no income, to generate additional revenue. We are presently helping 5-6 families of women-headed households per month.

There are also a significant number of such families that have the added challenge of caring for a child with a physical disability or with special needs. Since the mothers cannot leave home to earn money, we aim to provide financial support to create home-based businesses e.g. small shops, livestock's, home gardening etc. This will cost around **£200 per business**. If you would like to assist, please e-mail us via info@serendipchildrenshome.com under the heading **Livelihood Support**.



Sponsor a child... food & educational material for as little as

£5 ON WARDS...



FUNDING

Apart from offering the charity a direct donation you might consider raising money from events. This could be from birthday or other celebratory parties or it might be from Tamil shows. Whether asking people to donate to Serendip, rather than giving a present or putting a donation into a collection tin, it will all go towards helping the vulnerable and increasingly destitute citizens in the north & east of Sri Lanka. Feel free to share with us your ideas via info@serendipchildrenshome.com



BREAKFAST FOR KIDS

The need for feeding preschool kids in some of the northern areas is growing as more and more school children arrive at school with empty stomachs. The lack of this nutrition negatively affects their concentration. The majority of them come from very poor families that are simply unable to afford the luxury of a breakfast. To feed one pre-school per month we require the sum of **£60**. If you like to help us, please e-mail info@serendipchildrenshome.com under the heading **Breakfast for Kids**.



VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

We support many other projects such as Yoga and fine arts classes, Karate practice, vocational courses for young adults etc. We sponsor extremely poor kids for an educational term. We also run therapy sessions and other activities for special needs kids.

Frankly, we are always in need of funds to continue our good work and any donation will be gracefully received and put to good use!

You can make a one-off payment via JustGiving <https://www.justgiving.com/serendipchildrenshome/donate>

You can set up a monthly standing order to our account: Serendip Children's Home
Sort code: 60-04-36
Account No: 11637749





EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

This is another of our one-off projects. Education is not of course simply about being taught by teachers but also the books and other educational material that assists pupils to learn and retain what they are taught. Unfortunately, many pupils are unable to afford to purchase the necessary materials.

Serendip identifies schools where predominantly the poorest of children study. We then provide educational materials to last a year. This improves the chances of those pupils prospering in their education and thus providing career opportunities which many rural children have been traditionally denied. It is a one-off cost of £12 per child. If you like to help one or more children in this way, please e-mail info@serendipchildrenshome.com under the heading **Educational support**.



Sponsor one-off
livelihood small business project

£200 EACH



JOIN THE ANNUAL WALK!

Covid prevented us carrying out most of our regular activities e.g. Annual Dinner & Dance, BBQ, and Walk. We are delighted to announce that we are holding our annual walk on **Sunday 18th September 2022**. This particular one will be a Canal walk in the Camden area. We will contact you again with more details and how you can raise money for Serendip. Please mark your diaries for now!



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.serendipchildrenshome?fref=ts>

VISIT our website on <http://www.serendipchildrenshome.com/>

or why not give us a DONATION via <http://www.justgiving.com/serendipchildrenshome>