



NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM SERENDIP

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A Note from Serendip

This has been a meaningful period for Serendip, filled with moments that remind us why this work matters. Whether it is a child taking their first steps in therapy, an elder receiving their monthly food pack, or a family turning on a clean water tap near their home, every small act brings hope. We are grateful to each one of you who walks beside us, giving your time, trust and kindness so that lives can quietly change for the better.



Mark your special occasion by sponsoring books and educational materials for students.

Helping Every Child Grow

Our work with children facing developmental delays remains at the heart of Serendip. Over the years, we have supported many children as they grew and moved on to vocational paths, while new little ones have joined our programme, each with their own story and needs. In the North of Sri Lanka, children with developmental challenges still have very few options for support. Many parents arrive exhausted and anxious, unsure where to turn.

Through regular therapy, structured activities and patient encouragement, we help children gain the skills and confidence they need. Parents often tell us how their lives change when their child begins to communicate better or becomes more settled. This work takes time and care, but the difference it makes is lasting, both for the children and their families.

If you would like to help please consider donation at www.serendipchildrenshome.com or reach out to us at info@serendipchildrenshome.com



Standing Beside Our Elders

Elders hold a special place in our communities. They carry memories, traditions and wisdom, yet many live their later years in loneliness and hardship. Some have lost their families, others have been left behind. In remote areas, their days are often spent wondering where the next meal will come from.

For more than four years, we have been reaching over 350 elders in the North, providing dry food packs every other month. Beyond the food, these visits bring comfort and a sense of being seen. No one should face old age in silence and neglect. Through this programme, supported by many of you, we are able to give them dignity and care, and remind them that they still matter.



**For just £10 a month,
you can bring comfort and dignity
to an elder's life.**

Helping Children Stay in School

Behind many of the children we support are mothers, grandparents or relatives doing everything they can with very little. Some children have lost one or both parents and are cared for by family members who struggle to make ends meet. In these situations, even a small amount can be the difference between a child continuing their studies or leaving school.

Our sponsorship programme provides books, uniforms and essential support so that children can stay in education. For the families, it lifts a burden. For the children, it opens a door to a different future. Each sponsorship helps a child take one more step forward.



**A little help goes a long
way in a child's
educational journey.**



Keeping Culture Alive Through Fine Arts

When children arrive for their Fine Arts classes in the mornings, their faces say it all. For a few hours, the weight of their daily struggles lifts and they become carefree. Most come from families who cannot afford extracurricular activities, and many even struggle to keep up with basic education because of poverty. Without Serendip, learning fine arts would simply not be possible for them.

In the rhythm of dance, the beat of the drums and the sweep of their movements, the children find joy and a sense of belonging. They learn about their culture, the stories and instruments passed down through generations, and the values that shaped their communities. Parents watch with pride as their children grow in confidence and perform on stage with grace. These moments strengthen identity, build self-esteem and keep children meaningfully engaged in something beautiful and lasting.



Clean Water and Safe Roofs for Families

When we visited the hill country earlier this year, we saw children in their school uniforms walking along narrow paths in the early morning light, carrying empty cans to collect water from distant springs. In the rain, families stood pressed into the corners of their small, fragile dwellings, trying to keep themselves dry as water dripped through the roofs. For these families, something as basic as clean water and a safe roof is still a daily struggle.

When a water project is completed and fresh water begins to flow near their homes, the relief on their faces is unforgettable. What should be a simple right feels like a luxury. The gratitude, excitement and quiet joy they express remind us how something so small can change lives in the most meaningful way.



Thank You for Being Part of Our Journey

Thank you for taking the time to read about our work. Every act of support, no matter how small, becomes part of these stories. If you would like to learn more or get involved, please visit our website or join our Facebook group. Together, we can continue to bring hope to children, elders and families across Sri Lanka.



Our summer barbecue and recent charity walk brought people together to support our work. It was heartening to see so many join in, and we hope to welcome even more of you next year.



“When they bring the food pack, it is not just the rice and lentils that matter. It is knowing that someone remembers us. That feeling keeps me going.”

— Elder supported through the dry food programme

“When the tap was fitted near our little place, it felt as if our lives had changed overnight. Until then we didn't even have enough water for our basic needs. My children no longer walk for hours to collect water, and we no longer depend on rain. It feels like a burden has finally been lifted.”

— Mother from a hill country community



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