

*“A man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help a child”*

Arobanam Children Fund

Charity No:1082803



Supporting Children in need

**Arobanam Children Fund Newsletter –November 2017**

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## **Grandad Wing Walk**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017, one of our founding members took to the sky in a bid to raise money for ACF-UK. At the tender age of 68, Joseph Jeyakumar, pictured below, embarked on one of the most courageous, heroic stunts of his life. Jeyam soared 500ft in the air at a speed of 135mph on a 1940s Boeing Stearman Biplane while standing on the wing of a plane. The Grandad of three was cheered on by his family and the ACF-UK Chairman.

*“My family said it was not safe, but I managed to convince them, and they have been very supportive. I had never done anything like this before. Hundreds of children have already been sponsored this year by people fundraising through marathons and I knew I had to do something to play my part. Please donate whatever amount you wish and spread the word. Let's try to make a difference to our children's lives”*

ACF-UK is extremely grateful for this brave fundraising act, and we thank Jeyam and his family for their continued support. The fundraising page is still open for donation, to make a donation to his online fundraising page please visit: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JosephJeyakumar>



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Together We Can Make A Difference



## **Special Meals**

We have been supplying special meals to our children for numerous years and in fact, it is one of our longest standing projects. For a minimum of £75, you can provide a meal for the children at one of our Homes and it can even be arranged on a significant day such as a birthday or anniversary. Please keep us in mind and consider making a donation towards this scheme

## **ACF is appointing a project coordinator**

Over the last year we have brought to your attention the difficulties that we have been experiencing in obtaining periodic updates from our partners in Sri Lanka. This has caused some sponsors to be disgruntled and in some cases, stop donating towards the sponsorship scheme.

This issue has been at the top of our priority list and we have been discussing at length with our patron, Father James. As a result, we have decided to appoint an official project coordinator to provide us with timely school reports and information for the children under the care of ACF.

In addition to this the project coordinator will be responsible for visiting all the ACF homes, monitoring progress of ongoing projects, obtaining financial reports and overseeing the special meals programme.

The project coordinator officially started the role this month. We thank you for your patience while we have been trying to rectify the issue, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Look out for an update in the first newsletter of 2018.

## **Higher Education update**



University students during a meeting with DWF

We are delighted that we have two more successful graduates within the ACF family.

Two university students have completed courses, one in Civil Engineering degree from Moratuwa University in May and the other in Estate Management in Sri Jeyawardnepura University in Colombo. This is a great achievement for children like, Anojan Vaniyasingam and Vaseekaran Subrananiam, who have faced many challenges and hurdles in order to receive a good education.

The good news continues as they have also successfully found employment in Colombo and is due to start as a full-time employee shortly.

*In next month's newsletter look out for an update on the 2018 Annual Event and more updates regarding the ACF project coordinator.*



**Arobanam Sponsorship Scheme**  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay: CAF Bank Ltd. 25 Kings Hill Ave, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

For the credit of: Arobanam Children Fund Charity Reg No: 1082803

A/C No: 00029004, Sort Code. 40-52-40

The sum of: (in words) \_\_\_\_\_

Pounds (£15/per child): \_\_\_\_\_

On the \_\_\_\_\_ (day), \_\_\_\_\_ (month), \_\_\_\_\_ (year)

And thereafter every month until further notice and debit my account accordingly.

Name of account-holder to be debited: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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