

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

Arobanam Children Fund

Charity No: 1082803



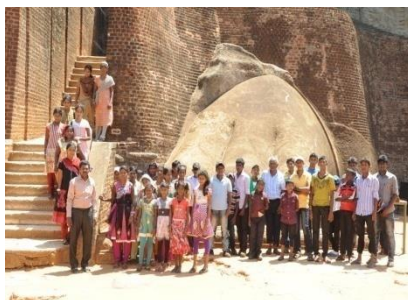
Supporting Children in need in North and East of Sri Lanka

Welcome to the Arobanam Children Fund Newsletter – December 2013

ACF is arranging day trips for our children to celebrate the festive season. We have already arranged a trip for more than 100 children from the Destitute Welfare Fund in Mannar. We are organising another one for our 160 Children in villages near Mankulam very soon.

DWF Tour

Foster Care children were taken on an educational tour where they visited Sigiriya for the day. They thoroughly enjoyed this experience and were able to enjoy a lunch and dinner during the trip.



Day Care Centres

All our Day Care Centers are run in partnership with Church of American Ceylon Mission (CACM)



Kathiraveli Day Care Centre

We have received pictures and further information about our new Day Care Centre in Kathiraveli.

There are total of 25 children aged between 2 and 5. The centre provides the children with two teachers who are keeping the children active and playful through out the day.



Vanni Day Care Centre

“Little Stepping Stones”, a Wandsworth based Children’s Nursery, has come forward to sponsor all 34 children in our Vanni Day Care Centre, Poovarsankulam. All we need to do is to provide funding to improve the toilet facilities at this venue. This is wonderful news to the children and us. We are forever grateful for their generosity.

Kopaveli Day Care Centre

Another Scotland based Company, Turbo-Sim Ltd. has volunteered to take over the Kopaveli Day Care Centre with 27 children from January 2014. We are extremely pleased to say we now have two centres commercially sponsored and hope this can be replicated in the future.

There are so many Day Nurseries in the UK . Please consider sponsoring a Day Care Center in Sri Lanka. You can display the photographs on your notice board. This will only enhance your business image. It only costs £7.50/child per month. A small price to pay to give hope to a child.

For further information, please contact one of our committee members at:
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Together We Can Make A Difference



Malai Makal Day Care Center in Kirimichchai

Arobanam Children Fund is now sponsoring 5 day Care Centers in Vaharai in Baticaloa and in Vanni. We aim to add another five in 2014 bringing the total to 10. Please help us to achieve this goal.



March Event

Our 19th Annual Charity Dinner and Dance will be held on Saturday 8th March 2014 at the Beacon Centre in Rayners Lane. Like every year, this will provide our sponsors and guests with a detailed update about the work we have been doing over the past year; however there may be a new twist. Please pencil this into your diaries and watch this space for more details.



On a sad note Dr. V.Satkunanayagam, a great friend of Arobanam has recently passed away. After having a stroke 15 years ago, which left him partially paralysed, he was tirelessly working to get sponsors for our children. He will be sadly missed by us all.



ACF are striving to open 10 day care centres by the end of 2014; with time not on our side we need your help now more than ever. Our poem advocates the urgency of our appeal.

Chilean poet Gabriela Mistral wrote these words:

*Many things we need can wait
The child cannot.
Now is the time
His bones are being formed.
His blood is being made.
His mind is being developed.
To him we cannot say tomorrow.
His name is today.*

Website Update

After a successful re-launch, our ACF website is now live, please. use www.arobanam.com

Sponsoring A Child

Sponsoring a child costs just £15 per month. That's only 50p a day ... the cost of a bottle of mineral water. Just think of the difference you can make to a child's life by giving such a small amount. You will be touching a child's heart in the most profound way possible, by helping to provide him or her with a better future. We have more than 210 children awaiting sponsorship.

PLEASE DON'T WAIT - complete a standing order form now. Furthermore, at no cost to yourself, if you complete our Gift Aid Donations (GAD) form it allows ACF to receive money from the Inland Revenue also. Don't delay – please contact us via the email addresses below for a form (due to temporary technical difficulties our website is not currently accessible).

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