

“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 – July 2013

New Projects with Church of American Ceylon Mission (CACM).

In order to assist some of the 87,000 widows, most of whom have young children, ACF teamed up with CACM to set up Day Care Centres in rural areas in Batticaloa. Last year we helped CACM to open two of these centres.

We have now taken on two more in the Batticaloa district in the East of Sri Lanka – Omadiyamadu and Kirititchai. This will bring the total number of Day Care Centres to four. In the near future we plan to support six more centres, funds permitting.



Omadiyamadu has 20 children and already has several great play apparatuses for the children to use



Kirititchai takes care of 19 children, has 2 teachers and a cook.



Flood Relief Distribution

ACF supported the flood relief distributions in the East of Sri Lanka and in Mankulam with the help of Fr. James, and sent £15,000 in donations. This relief included packages containing essential foods items and cleaning products.

Dry rations were sent immediately to families, who displaced by the floods, were living in camps. Others, who had lost their crops as a result of rain and flood, were issued with seeds, manure etc. to help with replanting, which in turn will help them earn money for their living.



For further information, please contact one of our committee members at:

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Together We Can Make A Difference

Chairman's Fast

Unfortunately, let down by the unpredictable British weather, ACF-UK lost £4,000 from our Dragon Boat Race Event in 2011;. This money had to be recovered and couldn't be taken from the ACF funds as committed in our website. In aid of this, our Chairman completed a sponsored fast and has raised **£3,523.00** so far! Well done!

Half Marathon Success

Our youngest member of the committee, Tina Jeyakumar, successfully completed the Reading Half Marathon in 2 hours and 10 minutes, raising a total of **£1,976.25**.

Thank you to all who sponsored and supported her along the way.



Annual Dinner 2013 in Surrey

Thank you to all who attended our 18th Annual Charity Dinner event which was held on 16th March 2013 in Surrey. With your kind donations and the successful American Auction we managed to raise **£2,122.00!**

Next year our annual Dinner Dance will be in Harrow. We hope to see many more guests.



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, we will update you as soon as this has been resolved).

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.*

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