

“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 – October 2013

Church of American Ceylon Mission (CACM)

This month ACF will begin sending funds to two more day care centres; Koppaveli and Kirimitchai in Baticaloa in eastern Sri Lanka, bringing the total day care centers, we are looking after to four. We will not be assisting with Omadiyamadu at the moment although there should be scope to help with this centre in the near future. The daycare centres deem beneficial and essential at this point in time and therefore these projects will be our priority. We still aim to open 10 such centres in the future. With your help we can get there.

Koppaveli will take care of 27 students. Funds will be used to supple the day care centre with a kitchen, furniture, water supply and toilet facilities. Furthermore the funds will also be allocated for improving the building infrastructure.

Kirimitchai will care for 17 children. Funds will be used to supply the day care centre with a kitchen, furniture, water supply and toilet facilities.

Please get ready to sponsor some of these children



Destitute Welfare Fund (DWF)

ACF have decided to fund a trip for all the foster children at DWF in Mannar. It has been a few years since their last outing, given the children thoroughly enjoyed their planned trip previously this will give the children something to look forward to.



Special Meals

As you may be aware with your help, ACF have been supplying special meals for children with your kind donation of £50. However we have become aware that this amount is not always adequate enough to fund a complete meal for the children due to inflated food prices in some homes. The minimum donation will still be £50 however we would like to stress that £75 would be more sufficient. We are still hoping you can donate this to provide these children with a special gift.



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

ACF Website Launch

Due to technical issues our ACF website has been down. We are currently working on revamping and updating the site. It will be up and running at the end of October. The website details will remain the same. Thank you for your patience on this matter.

Official from DWF visited ACF in London

Mr Ramakrishnan the secretary general of Destitutes Welfare Fund (DWF) visited London. Whilst on this trip he also came to visit the ACF committee. We were able to exchange views about our future commitments with the organisation. The visit was very informative and will help to improve our services to help the children in the Mannar /Adampan area.



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).

Mankulam Visit by Sponsors

A pair of our sponsors based in Canada took a trip to Sri Lanka in July. During this trip they visited our home in Mankulam to see the children whom they are sponsoring. They were able to see what the children did during the day and were able to interact and speak to them. Below are some photos they kindly shared with us during their visit.



ACF Summer BBQ

The ACF members organised a Summer BBQ to catch up and discuss how we are progressing and what more we can do as a committee to progress ACF further. As well as soaking up the sun and enjoying some great food of course!

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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