

“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 2014

Arobanam Children Fund web-site: www.arobanam.com

Rebuilding Arobanam Boys Home

Arobanam Boys Home was set up in Kilinochchi, Sri Lanka and was the first Home ACF supported and essentially where our work began. Even our charity's name was derived from this Home. The original Home housed 135/40 children from impoverished backgrounds and children who had lost their parents or families in the conflict.

Unfortunately, the Home was severely damaged by bombings and shell attacks in early 2009 and had to be shut down. The children that were able to escape became displaced. Over the last few years we have tirelessly worked to locate the missing children; later we found some have gone to other homes. We can now report that, following the government's approval to reopen Arobanam Boys Home, we now have 30 new children in the home supported by our contingency fund.

Further, the Home itself requires considerable rebuilding. The main dormitory needs a new roof and extensive repair work. If this is achieved, it will enable more children to be accommodated. So with your help we can restore Arobanam Boys Home to its former glory and provide a safe, healthy environment for the children to live and receive the education to secure their future.



For further information, please contact one of our committee members at:
Arobanam Children Fund, 29 Helmsdale Road, London, SW16 5UT
E-mail: Rama: vijayanathanr@yahoo.co.uk, Thenuka: thenup@hotmail.com
Together We Can Make A Difference

20th Anniversary Charity Dinner

Arobanam Children Fund is proud to host its 20th Anniversary Charity Dinner.

The evening will commence with a drinks reception and a guided photo tour of ACF's 20year journey. There will be a chance to mingle whilst enjoying the delightful snacks on offer.

Throughout the night, we will also take the opportunity to update you on our endeavours and achievements over the last 20 years. Furthermore, we will bring to light some of the challenges we still face today and share our plans for the future.

Some of the event highlights will include our ever popular American Auction, live music entertainment by an aspiring British Tamil songstress, an amazing South Indian/Sri Lankan dinner and our highly anticipated raffle draw which will close the evening.

So, please come and join us for a night of celebration as we could not have reached this special milestone without each and every one of you and your amazing support over the past 20 years.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Event Details

Ticket Prices: Single £15 - Family £30 - Under 12's Free.
To purchase tickets, please contact Rama - 07944 881770 or Thenuka - 07979837658 or send us an email - arobanamchildrenfund@gmail.com.

Free invitation for sponsors of ACF children.

When: Saturday 28th February 2015

Where: Oakington Manor School, Oakington Manor Drive, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 6NF. Ample parking on site.

Time: 6pm - 12 midnight

Raffle Prizes:

Our raffle tickets are on sale now. Ticket Price: £1.
Don't miss out on your chance to win one of the following fabulous prizes!

Seiko Kinetic Watch (RRP £250)

Panasonic Bread Maker (RRP £150)

£100 Voucher for Stepping Stones Natural Health Care (www.steppingstonesnhc.com for details)

Mystery prize!

Winners will be announced at our 20th Anniversary Charity Dinner on Saturday 28th February 2015.

Season Greeting!

We wish you a wonderful Christmas
&
Happy Holidays!

From All at ACF



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 300 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 Arobanam Children Fund to receive additional money from the Inland Revenue.

Don't delay ... please contact us for a form via the email addresses below.

**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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Sponsoring a child costs just £15 per month. That's only 50p a day ... the cost of a bottle of 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 296 children awaiting sponsorship in Mannar, Mankulam, Kilinochchi (including Arobanam Boys Home) and Batticaloa.

PLEASE DON'T WAIT - complete a standing order form now. Furthermore, at no cost to yourself, if you tick our Gift Aid Donations (GAD) section, it allows ACF to receive money from the Inland Revenue also. Don't delay – please contact us via the ACF email address if you need further clarification. Visit our new website: www.arobanam.com

Arobanam Sponsorship Scheme
STANDING ORDER MANDATE
To the Manager



Name of Bank: _____

Address: _____

City & Postcode: _____

Please pay: Lloyds TSB, New Malden Surrey KT3 4EX
For the credit of: Arobanam Children Fund Charity Reg No: 1082803
A/C No: 02144743 Sort Code. 30-94-77 Ref No. 78721-6-9477

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: _____ Sort Code: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Your Address: _____

I would like tax to be reclaimed on my donation under the Gift Aid Scheme. I am a UK tax payer and pay a sum of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that can be reclaimed on my donation.

Please tick: YES NO

Tel No.: _____ Email Address: _____

For future communication please provide your email address. It's the only way you can receive our newsletter.

Be assured that we will never pass your Tel No./email address onto third parties.

If you have any queries please call 01372 812 595.

When completed, please return to:

Mr V Ramakrishnan (Chairman), Arobanam Children Fund, 108 Manor Green Road, Epsom, Surrey KT19 8LN.

We will then send this form onto your bank. Please allow at least 2 weeks between the date you fill this form and the date of your first payment. Thank you.

The information you provide on this form is subject to the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998.