



THE RĀHULA TRUST

(Child Sponsorship Programme)

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PROGRESS REPORT FOR 2011

We are very happy to let you know that the Rahula Trust is continuing with its activities due to your generous support throughout the last 13 years. It has gone from strength to strength and we have been able to support many children during their education. Some students have completed their studies after finishing their university education. A few years ago we started sponsoring some children who were in medical colleges and universities as recommended by Ven. Santajeewa in Meegoda. Those students completed their studies and now have some stability and security in their lives. We congratulate them.

This year we were able to sponsor 25 new children, bringing the total number of children to 373.

£1000.00 was donated to the Madanwala Pirivena to improve the library facilities (Books and cupboards etc.)

£4000.00 was donated to Medaoya Vihara hall project to improve dhamma education.

Fund-raising and donations:-

Alan Mitchell at the St John's International School in Brussels has kind-

ly organised an Art Exhibition and Auction with his students and raised £2,592.00. This has become an annual event and we are most grateful to Alan for his continuing efforts to support the Trust.

Over £500.00 was raised by Pat Smith through her continued selling of her CD on the Practice of Buddhist Meditation.

This year Stewarts Law Foundation has kindly donated £2,000.00 to support the activities of the Rahula Trust.

Mrs. Kusum Parnawithana has donated £500.00 in memory of mother and Mr. Samantha De Silva donated £250.00 in memory of his late wife, Mrs. N. K. de Silva.

This year we have received Rs.24,400.00 (approx. £140.00) from the Abhayananda and Swarna Perera Trust.

Gift Aid: During the year we recovered £16,477.80 from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs under the Gift Aid scheme. This is a significant amount of money and we ask anyone who has not yet signed a Gift Aid form please to do so. It makes a sub-

stantial improvement in our income without costing the donor a penny.

We are sorry to report the passing away of some of our sponsors and well-wishers. Ms. Leela Asmadale, Mr. Peter Smith loving husband of Pat, and Mrs. Ann Parsons loving wife of Bob Parsons.

It is also sad to mention that Tom Kariyawasam, who monitored our projects and the sponsored children in Sri Lanka, is not well at the moment. His services have been greatly appreciated and we wish him a speedy recovery.

As always we wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the support we receive, both in money and in time, from so many generous people. Without your support the Trust could do nothing and we are deeply grateful for the many forms of support we receive. More sponsors are always needed, so if you know of anyone who might be interested in our work, please spread the word. Likewise, more money is always needed! If you are able to do any fund-raising on our behalf, we shall be very happy to hear of your plans and to co-operate in any way we can.



Mr. Tom Kariyawasam as a representative of the Rahula Trust presented books for the school libraries, pre-schools and distributed computers for the schools in different parts of Sri Lanka. Also he built a house for the family of the child he sponsors in Tantirimale.

Education Development Project- - Viharamahadevi Children Home



Samantha A/L 2010



Nirosha O/L 2011



Pavani A/L 2011



Dhanalakshmi
O/L 2011



Sakunthala O/L 2011

For the last few years the Rahula Trust has made contributions to continue with extra classes to teach English, Mathematics, Science and Computing to the children at the Viharamahadevi Children's (Girls) Home. We are happy to report that this project has been successful. The home's administrator has sent us this report.

ALL CEYLON BUDDHIST CONGRESS

VIHARAMAHADEVI CHILDREN'S HOME
BIYAGAMA

The continuing support of the Rahula Trust for this home is bearing rich fruit. We are very happy to say that Samantha passed her Advanced Level Examinations with three distinctions (A Grade). These results will enable her to enter university in Sri Lanka.

In addition, four students passed their Ordinary Level examinations with good results, which qualify them to start Advanced Level classes and to sit for exams in 2013. We are also glad to mention another successful result in music. Dilhani Nadhishika won 1st place in the All Island Interschool Esraj Competition in 2010. She is a very talented student who obtained 1st place in all the Provincial and District Levels. She has achieved this despite having to prepare herself for the Ordinary Level Exams.

The Principal of the Home has written to say, "All these good results achieved are due to the assistance and encouragement given by the Rahula Trust. If not for your support, we would not have been able to achieve such good results. We are very grateful for your continuous help given to us for a long period and we look forward for your general support in the future years too. Not forgetting Mr. Kariyawasam who paved the way for this achievement."

Once again I take this opportunity to thank the members of Rahula Trust on behalf of the members of our committee, the children and the staff.

With the blessings of the Noble Triple Gem,

C. N. Ranasinghe



Dilhani - Music



Takshila O/L 2011



Subhashini A/L 2011



Dhanushki A/L 2011



Udayangani A/L 2011

Progress Report - Ranchamadama Educational Development Project 2011

This educational project was started with funding from Rahula Trust London by Siddhartha Child Development Foundation in 2009. This was at a time when the children in the Ambilipitiya Educational Zone were going through a very difficult period due to lack of resources and leadership. The children were far behind in their knowledge in the core subjects – English, Mathematics, Science and Computing. Due to the combined efforts by Rahula Trust London and Siddhartha Child Development Foundation, the situation has been reversed to a great extent and the fruits of our combined efforts are now beginning to show. Executive Director of SCDF says:-

I am pleased to report to the Rahula Trust that 9 students out of 23 students at Ranchamadama Vidyalaya have passed the 'O' level examination achieving 4th place in the Ambilipitiya Educational Zone. These children now qualify to follow 'A' level examination. This is a great improvement from the past.

PROJECT COLOMBO COMPUTER DONATION TO SRI LANKA

Project Colombo was started by Jonny Morris to support education in information technology among underprivileged children in Sri Lanka. He and his wife, Kirraly visited the projects supported by the Rahula Trust and realised the need and value of computers for those underprivileged schools. With this Project Colombo he arranged for the collection of used computers in the UK. They were then cleaned and serviced. Eventually they were shipped to Sri Lanka and sent to places recommended by the Rahula Trust. The first consignment of computers was sent to the Siddhartha Child Development Foundation at the Trust's suggestion. They then arranged to send the computers to Ranchamadama School in Ratnapura. These pictures show how much they are appreciated by the school. We reproduce below a letter received from Mr. Nilani Weragoda, of SCDF, expressing his thanks for this donation.



Dear Mr. Morris,

On behalf of SCDF and all the beneficiary children in Sri Lanka I send my grateful thanks to you, Mr David Harris and all at Strand Marketing and the Rahula Trust for the most welcome gift of providing computers to needy children in Sri Lanka. You witnessed on your visit to Ranchamadama in Sri Lanka how SCDF, with the financial support from Rahula Trust, is engaged in working amongst the marginalised, underprivileged children in Sri Lanka in providing education, life-skills and other relevant inputs, creating an environment to improve the standard of education and living conditions of these poor and deprived children. Our project locations include remote areas inflicted with severe poverty and the border villages where the children and families have been affected by the war. We have also identified some slum/shanty areas in the Colombo district. So these large numbers of computers will be put into good use in all the needy areas. SCDF is competent to achieve its objectives with the help and generosity of benefactors like yourself and the Rahula Trust.

Three desktop computers, already given by Strand Marketing Limited via the Rahula Trust, are now being used by children in the Ranchamadama project funded by the Rahula Trust. The laptop you sent is used by the Wilgamuwa Coordinator who is stationed in Wilgamuwa, the educational zone with one of the lowest educational standards in Sri Lanka. There was some considerable delay in getting an electricity supply to the Ranchamadama location. This is why I could not send you photographs of the children using these computers. Please excuse this delay. The children are now happily using these computers. I send my grateful thanks to you and your staff and the Rahula Trust for this meritorious deed. At the first opportunity I will send you photographs taken when these computers are in use by the children.

I am confident that the next lot of computers you are arranging to send to SCDF will be installed at the most needy schools in the areas that SCDF is currently supporting.

I will keep you informed of developments at this end as soon as I am in a position to do so. I will do my utmost to extract the favorable responses I need from the relevant authorities to carry out this project.

I would like again to express my sincere thanks to you personally and to your able staff for the wonderful gift of computers you are arranging to send.

Thank you once again, Sir.

With Metta,

Nilani Weragoda(Executive Director)

SIDDHARTHA CHILD DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

The Rahula Trust Summarised Accounts Year ending 30th September 2011

	Total 2011 £	Total 2010 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Sponsorship	40,013	38,588
General Donations and Gift Aid	40,835	22,991
Investment income	1,067	953
Total incoming resources	81,915	62,532
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Costs of generating funds	525	521
Charitable expenditure	76,451	71,601
Management and administration	317	338
Total resources expended	77,293	72,460
Net incoming resources	<u>4,622</u>	<u>(9,928)</u>

The financial information has been extracted from the annual accounts. For further information please ask the Secretary for the full annual report and accounts and examiner's report.

Summary of Expenses for Projects in 2011

Sponsorship Sri Lanka	£54,727
Medaoya Hall Project	£4,000
Madanwela Library Project	£1,000
Anuradhapura & Matale Teaching Project	£7,763
Tawalama Pre-School	£1,190
Ranchamadama Project	£4,837
Sponsorship Nepal	£1,500
Nepal - Metta Centre	£1,000



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METTA CENTRE AND SPONSORSHIP IN NEPAL

Metta Centre and Samyak Youth Group have sent their annual reports showing their activities and developments.

The Samyak Youth Group sent us the children's individual school reports, and the Metta Centre wrote:

We are happy to inform you that we have taken two more new children into our Metta Centre. They are Rita Danuwar & Bipana Mahottara. They are far away from Kathmandu and very poor. One is from Humla. It is very difficult village. Two children passed out this year. There are altogether 13 children. 2 children are in grade 10, and 3 children are in grade 12.



PROJECT COLOMBO

If anyone has a working computer (PC or laptop) which they no longer require, please donate it to

Jonny Morris at Strand Marketing,
33 Drayson Mews,
London, W8 4LY.
Tel: 020 7938 0817.

They will clean it up, delete old software and files, and load it with licence-free applications, ready to be shipped to Sri Lanka. This is a very worthwhile project and the demand for computers is unending.