

child aid lanka

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**Annual Report
2012 -2013**

About Child Aid Lanka

Child Aid Lanka is a UK-based unincorporated voluntary association and a registered charity, charity number 1115204. Child Aid Lanka was first established in 1998 as an independent, apolitical, multi-ethnic association to raise funds to help the underprivileged children of Sri Lanka. It became a registered Charity in May 2006.

The Charity's objects are:

to relieve financial hardship, sickness and poor health, and to advance the education, of underprivileged children in Sri Lanka.

Child Aid Lanka is governed by a board of Trustees, elected by the members at the AGM, or appointed by the Trustees themselves. All Trustees hold office until the end of the AGM following their election / appointment.

Trustees

Elected at the AGM, 10 November 2012:

- Helen Perera (resigned 17 February 2013)
- Ian Blake
- Lakshman Somanathan
- Mano Dharmarajah
- Naomi Aruliah, Chair
- Philip Robinson
- Sarva Kumararajah
- Sean McQuaid, Treasurer
- Trevor Perera, Secretary

Mini curriculum vitae are presented on pages 6 & 7.

In addition to the commitment of its Trustees,

Child Aid Lanka relies upon the efforts of a large number of volunteer supporters – Child Aid Lanka's members, a wider network of friends and supporters and a small team of voluntary advisors.

Child Aid Lanka currently has 10 life members and 53 members:

Membership rules

To be a member of Child Aid Lanka you must:

- support the aims and objects of the Charity;
- be resident in the UK and be over 18;
- pay the membership fee:
 - annual £10.00 (unwaged £5.00)
 - life £100.00 (unwaged £50.00).

Annual membership runs from 1 December to 30 November:

- fees received before 1 September will be effective up to the following 30 November;
- fees received on or after 1 September will be effective from the following 1 December.

All Child Aid Lanka's fundraising activities are carried out by volunteers – it has no paid staff – so that as much as possible of the money raised can be spent on its projects in Sri Lanka (see page 5).

Child Aid Lanka's partners in Sri Lanka

Informatics Institute of Technology (IIT)

57 Ramakrishna Road, Colombo 06, Sri Lanka.
www.iit.ac.lk

Representative in Jaffna – Vasanthi Solomon.

Kaveri Kala manram (KKM)

Malayalapuram, Vanni (NP), Sri Lanka.

www.thevanni.com

UK representative – Dr Preman Jeyaratnam.



What Child Aid Lanka Does

Child Aid Lanka organises activities in the UK and seeks donations from individuals and organisations in the UK and across the world, to raise funds that it invests in initiatives to help underprivileged children in Sri Lanka.

Over the years, Child Aid Lanka has supported a range of projects that have helped a great many children in Sri Lanka. They have included child care centres and a trust for the Prevention of Child Abuse, medical facilities, vocational training schemes, tsunami relief, and providing solar power to an orphanage. Child Aid Lanka has provided financial support and donated items including books, computer equipment and medical supplies. Child Aid Lanka delivers these projects through carefully selected partners and community-based charitable organisations in Sri Lanka. Using personal contacts and working with organisations that understand local conditions, Child Aid Lanka can ensure that money and effort is directed effectively to those in need.

Child Aid Lanka's current priority projects are providing clean water and funding computer education.

Providing clean water

Child Aid Lanka is setting out on a programme to work with local community organisations in Sri Lanka to construct wells to give families a secure supply of clean water.

Child Aid Lanka is funding the construction of wells in and around Malayalapuram village in the Vanni, about 100 km south east of Jaffna, where families are now trying to resettle, having been displaced by years of fighting in the area. The construction work is managed by Kaveri Kala manram, a community development organisation based in the

Vanni, and employs local villagers, providing families with a secure supply of water for drinking, sanitation and irrigation.



In 2013 Child Aid Lanka has funded the completion of 7 wells – 6 in Malayalapuram and 1 in the nearby village of Melivanum. **Now 193 children have clean water and don't have to walk 4 kms a day for it.**

Funding computer education

Child Aid Lanka is working with Sri Lankan schools and colleges to provide computer education to students from poor families. Child Aid Lanka is funding students aged between 11 and 18 from local free government schools, whose families cannot afford to pay for education, to take a year-long supplementary computer course. The course is provided by the Informatics Institute of Technology (IIT), a respected and well equipped college in Jaffna, and will prepare them for further more advanced study and give them the chance of accessing a secure career.



Currently, Child Aid Lanka and IIT can provide a year-long supplementary computer course for £57.00 per student. In 2013 Child Aid Lanka is funding 40 students, who should complete their course in March 2014.

Summary of Activity in 2012 – 2013

Governance

Building on last year's impetus to rationalise governance we have put in place more rigid operational guidelines. These include:

- Consensus building to concentrate on two projects only and to complete these projects to the best of our abilities. The projects are:
 - The Wells Project
 - IIT ProjectBoth of which are described in the previous section.
- Centralised database of all Child Aid Lanka documentation include minutes of Trustees meetings.
- A rationalisation into three forms of fundraising activities:
 - Corporate Sponsorship
 - Sponsorship via Schools and individuals
 - Awareness raising activities reaching out to local UK communities.
- An insistence on "Disclosure and Barring Service" surveys for any trustee that comes into contact with children as part of their trustees function.
- Well template definition – see the figure below.
- Improved formal relationships between Child Aid Lanka and KKM for instance at



what stage funds will be transferred to pay for individual wells.

- Formalised Reports in simple summary form of cash disbursement by KKM.
- An increased emphasis on regular monitoring on each well in the form of Trustees' visits where possible and local reports via a Child Aid Lanka Representative who is based in Jaffna.

New Web Site and Logo

If we are to attract corporate sponsorship we need to present a very professional image both in terms of what we do and how we tell the story. For this reason we employed a web site professional to design our website in tandem with a new logo which we feel provides a cleaner more modern image. Page 8 shows a snapshot of the website's first page.

Visits to Sri Lanka:

Between February and March 2013 Naomi Aruliah, Trustee, visited Sri Lanka. She met with Reverend Joshua Sivanganam and visited all the wells being constructed in this season.

In August 2013 Jekhan and Karnan Aruliah (advisors) also met with Reverend Joshua Sivanganam and visited all the wells having been completed in this season

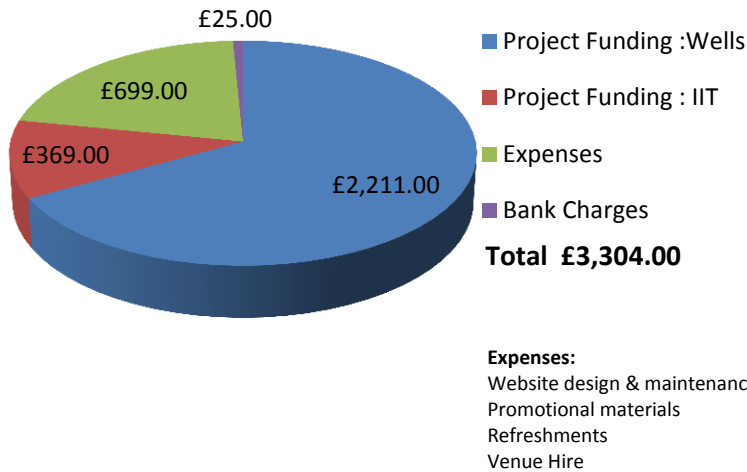
Activities and events in the UK:

In December 2012 Child Aid Lanka staged a musical evening for school children between the ages of 15 and 17 where Elm Grove and other bands from Non Such School followed by a disco. Food was also supplied during the evening. The event raised £384.

The major effort for the year was put into the Carshalton environment fair which was a considerable success. Visitors were encouraged to donate 2 pounds for a brick to build a well. For 2 pounds they entered the Child Aid Lanka Marquee to choose a free activity from sponge throwing at celebrities to lucky dip to free garments from our clothes rail. Over five hundred people visited our marquee finding out what we are trying to do. As a result, we raised enough money to build a whole new well.

Income and Expenditure

Expenditure



Income



This represents bank transactions between 31/05/2012 and 31/05/2013.

Well Id	Location	Depth - Diameter ft	Families likely to access.	Number of Children	Cost Rupees
2_1	Malayalapuram	30 – 12	8	20	96,940
2_2	Malayalapuram	28 - 9	9	15	67,780
2_3	Melivanam	30 – 11	11	25	100,000
3_1	Malayalapuram North	33 – 10	15	25	91,709
3_2	Malayalapuram North	33 - 8	12	23	42,088
3_4	Malayalapuram South	23 - 8	10	25	103,516
3_5	Malayalapuram South	27 - 7	20	40	87,628

Future Developments

The current Trustees have suggested the following areas of priority for the development of Child Aid Lanka in 2013–14 (subject to decisions of the new board of Trustees):

- Review the constitution
- Develop and implement credible strategies for fundraising via
 - Corporate Sponsorship
 - School and personal sponsorship

NAOMI ARULIAH

Naomi has been involved in charity work focusing on Sri Lanka for 30 years; having been president for the Methodist College Old Girls Association and Child Aid Lanka on many occasions. She is the



founder of Child Aid Lanka and has worked relentlessly to build it to its current position. The impetus for setting up Child Aid Lanka came from a visit in 1998 to a prison in North Colombo where very young children were being held for child sex and petty offences due to deprived and disadvantaged circumstances. There was little attempt to rehabilitate them and Naomi decided to set up a charity to help all unfortunate children in Sri Lanka under the guiding principle of "helping children help themselves".

IAN BLAKE(B.A. DIP. ED.)

Ian obtained a Diploma in Higher Education and a degree in Theology in the late 70's and then was ordained into the Church of England in 1980. Presently he is vicar to St. Paul's church, Thornton Heath, London.



Ian has been involved in various charity works in Sri Lanka for fifteen years starting with a visit to the country to build houses. He became involved in Child Aid Lanka whilst on the staff of a church in Cheam, Surrey in 2001.

Other charity work that Ian has undertaken includes work with international organisations including "Samaritan's Purse" in Belarus, Romania & Serbia.

SEAN MCQUAID (B.A OXON, M.B.A)

Sean graduated from Oxford reading physics and



later obtained an MBA from Cass Business School (formerly City University Business School). He has run various businesses and presently he is a Director of Geophysics at ERC Equipoise, an oil and gas consulting firm.

Sean has been involved for twenty years in providing support to various charities including being Chairman for 5 years of the Kingston Explorers Club, which provided parental support and Saturday activities for gifted but challenging children.

Although he has provided practical support to Child Aid Lanka since its inception, this year he has decided to join as a trustee to help progress the Wells project.

TREVOR PERERA (B.SC. M.SC.)

Trevor graduated from the University of London in Electronics in 1980 and earned an M. Sc. in Medical Electronics and Physics ten years later. He has worked as a Clinical Scientist in the NHS and is presently Deputy Manager in the field of Medical Electronics and Physics.

He has been the President of St. Aloysius' College Old Boys Association in the UK and has served as the Secretary and Treasurer



in the same organisation. A previous Treasurer, he has been actively involved in Child Aid Lanka since soon after its inception, contributing both in Sri Lanka and in the UK and presently provides focus on the IT project.

PHILIP ROBINSON (B.Sc., PDip.LC)

After graduating in Physiology and Biochemistry at



Southampton University and gaining a postgraduate diploma in Life Coaching at Newcastle University, Philip made a career in marketing, sales and general management spanning over 35 years with Heinz, Lyons

Tetley, ABF, Thorn Emi, Guinness and British Gas. He also founded The Brand Consultancy and has set up a number of new businesses including Reducing Carbon Solutions which aids companies to become more sustainable.

He has considerable experience in the Charity and Not for Profits sector advising organisations such as MAG, Clear-A-Land-Mine (CALM) and several children's charities including The National Autistic Society. He has directed fundraising and organising events for several schools and developed several promotional ideas with leading supermarkets.

His involvement with Child Aid Lanka goes back several years but as a Trustee he is now seeking to help Child Aid Lanka to raise significant sums for the Wells project.

LAKSHMAN SOMANATHAN (M.B.B.S, B.SC, F.R.C.S.)

Lakshman qualified as a Doctor from Charing Cross



Hospital Medical School where he also earned a BSc degree in Pharmacology and Therapeutics. He trained subsequently as a Surgeon, completing his Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons.

In 1998 he left the NHS to pursue business interests in the property and retail sectors.

Being a Sri Lankan he has a strong affinity with the land and its people and has recently become a trustee in order to help take Child Aid Lanka forward and achieve its new ambitious goals.

SARVALOGESWARI KUMARARAJAH

Sarva, a Community Development worker for



Centre for Community Development and Tamil Information Centre and Social worker and has been involved in charity work, fundraising and empowering the Ethnic Minority communities.

She is the coordinator for Healthy Mind Programme and also a member of the Patient Assembly Group of Kingston Hospital.

She was the Founder Chair of the Elders Empowerment Programme and presently Chair of Sutton Tamil Elders Circle.



An independent, apolitical, multi-ethnic voluntary association and charity based in south London, that has been raising funds to help the underprivileged children in Sri Lanka since 1998.

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You can support Child Aid Lanka and its work in Sri Lanka by making a donation to help fund our activities or a specific project.

[Donate](#)

HELPING UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN IN SRI LANKA

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[PROVIDING CLEAN WATER](#)

173 children now have clean water!

Child Aid Lanka is funding the construction of wells in

[INVESTING IN CHILDREN'S FUTURE](#)

Child Aid Lanka is sponsoring computer education for children from families in Jaffna that cannot afford to pay for education.

Front Page of www.childaidlanka.org.uk

Here are some ways you can help Child Aid Lanka to help the underprivileged children in Sri Lanka

- Introduce us to a local company or a company investing in Sri Lanka
- Introduce us to your school so we can talk to the Parents and Teachers Association
- Do a sponsored activity and raise money for us.
- Make a donation on our web site via Paypal
- Become a helper and eventually trustee.

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