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Poverty Relief
through
Education

The Kathleen Keegel Children's Fund (KKCF) is an Australian based charitable organisation helping to relieve poverty in Sri Lanka. Olivia (one of Kathleen Keegel's ten children) and her husband Fred Bartholomeusz have been in Sri Lanka since March 2004 and have faced many challenges during their time there. For an update on their progress visit our website – www.kkcf.org

English and computer classes

Olivia and Fred Bartholomeusz are located on a 9 acre property in a poor farming locality near Balangoda in the south eastern part of Sri Lanka. The estimated daily wage is Rs350 (\$4.30 AUD) or less.

There are three government schools within a 5km radius of the property. If the children need extra English and computer tuition, they have to travel 22 km to Balangoda. They have English classes in the local school, but the standard and frequency is low. To go to Balangoda it costs Rs50 and class cost would be Rs100 or more for a 45 min. session. The turn around time for the student would be 3 to 4 hours and the cost is unaffordable. An estimated 60% of students can not afford to pay for tuition.

At the moment there are about 30 students who come to class at the property. Once a week Olivia travels 20km to teach 60 students in a small town.

Computer training has recently started using two computers. This is an important area of service. For any student to improve their prospects of employment, the use of computers is a requisite and to use a computer, a reasonable knowledge of English is necessary.

Regular Donor Feature - The Price Family

Roy, Celia, Kiara and Courtney from Alice Springs share in the vision of the KKCF and help us with our work through their regular donation. They encourage others to do the same by simply setting up an automatic deduction to the KKCF bank account. We thank them sincerely for their kindness.

Roy is an accredited practising dietitian. Have a look at his website www.ethicalnutrition.com.au and see his amazing flour drum stove for which he won an award..

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Be involved by spreading the word to others.

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Or

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(We would like to thank Trudy Juriansz and Mike Bailey for their help in Sri Lanka).

Or

Support a Project in Progress with your donation

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Olivia
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Agricultural Programme

Work on the Agricultural Programme has commenced with the preparation of the hill with live filtering fences to prevent erosion. Plantings in the program are as follows:

1. Cinnamon approximately two acres.
2. Lemon Grass approximately two acres
3. Oranges approximately one acre.
4. Mangoes approximately one acre.
5. Paw paws approximately one acre.

The programme will benefit the local farmers as a model for efficient and effective agricultural practices. Development of a level 3 course for accreditation in agriculture is being looked at with the Department of Agriculture to be provided to the locals. KKCF will benefit from sales of produce and funds will be used to perpetuate the program.

Ambulance/social work

Olivia and Fred also drive patients to hospital and help many of the local people with their problems. Olivia says her profession is a teacher, ambulance driver and social worker. They are also establishing a Trust in Sri Lanka, and this means many trips to Colombo, a 330 km return trip.

SUPPORT A PROJECT IN PROGRESS

1. Agriculture project



Help us provide:

Water supply and storage
Seedling
Produce Storage Building
Farming equipment
Volunteer Training Staff

2. Computer project



Help us provide:

Computers
Desks & Chairs
Internet resources
Computer supplies
Volunteer Trainers

3. English project



Help us provide:

Learning materials
Stationery
Desks & Chairs
Tuition Centre
Volunteers

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Melbourne Trivia Night

We had a large crowd at our first FUNdraiser for the year which was a Trivia Night held on Sat 28th April at St Anthony's Noble Park.

There were auctions, prizes and lots of fun between the competing groups.

The HP (Ham and Pineapple) Team won the prize for the best team name and mascot. They had a Hawaiian theme for their table.



Congratulations HP!

The team that didn't get quite as many correct answers as any other team won a basket of large lollypops ('You Suck') and the winning team, the 'Radioactive Roos', were happy when they won a bottle of wine each for their efforts.

We raised \$4,600 from the evening and everyone had a great time. In fact it was such a great night that we are already planning to have another function later this year.

Your Support Is Appreciated

Your donations and support are very encouraging. Every dollar and minute of time donated is valuable and greatly appreciated. Keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we continue on our mission.

Thank
You for
Your
Support!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are available to assist on site, please contact Fred for further details as to what is required. All assistance is greatly valued.

Kathleen Keegel Klan Gardening

At the trivia night two gardening makeovers by the Kathleen Keegel Klan were won. As well as gardening, we bottled wine to raise further funds. Have a look here at the fun.

**Thanks Tracy, Gigi and Ken
for your support!**



Some of the Workers



Our Happy Customers

KKCF wine

☆☆☆ Upcoming Events ☆☆☆

South East Queensland

**Come one, come all to a fun night
Test your trivia skills against
the best in town**

Trivia Night

The night will be filled with prize draws, auctions and games
This is a fantastic way to help people in need while having fun

**Saturday August 25th
from 7pm**

**Corpus Christi College
Buckland Road Nundah**

Tickets: \$10 p/player—join a team or make your own
(max. 10 people per team)

Prizes for the most creative team name and mascot
BYO food and drinks

Sausage sizzle and other treats will be on sale

Get your tickets early

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Swing Into Spring

**Melbourne
Dinner Dance
Sat 15th Sept
Essex Heights
Primary School
Mount Waverley**

**see website or contact
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