



KATHLEEN KEEGEL CHILDREN'S FUND



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The Kathleen Keegel Children's Fund (KKCF) is an Australian based charitable organization. We are 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. For an update on our progress visit our website - www.kkcf.org

News from Sri Lanka



ST ANTHONY'S BOYS' HOME, HEWADIWELA

In July 2007 we took over management of St Anthony's Boys' Home which is owned by the Catholic Church. The Home, set on a property of five acres, consists of several buildings. Many of the buildings were in need of urgent repair and much work had to be done to get the property ready to house children. We spent over \$5,000 AUD to get the buildings and grounds up to an acceptable standard.

Our first child is a seven year old boy named Siva Kumar (pictured). Initially he was very shy and scared in his new surrounds, but he quickly settled in, attends school regularly and you can tell by his grin that things are going well.

We have seen the significant difference we have made to Siva Kumar's life in the past few months and eagerly look forward to helping many more children in the near future.

AGRICULTURAL TRAINING PROJECT, BALANGODA

The 9acre property at Balangoda is being used as an Agricultural Training Project. The land was acquired in August 2006 and much work has been done. They have cleared the undergrowth, installed dams and wells, planted a crop of citrus trees and have plans to grow lemongrass on the property. We hope to distill the oil from the lemongrass with the aim of involving the local farmers and giving them an alternative income.

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Global Development Group is a Non Government Organisation [NGO] carrying out humanitarian projects with approved partners and providing aid to relieve poverty. KKCF is an approved partner of GDG. With this partnership comes the ability to provide our donors with **tax deductibility** on their donations.

To make a tax deductible donation to our work, visit GDG's website <http://www.globaldevelopment.org.au/> GDG accepts payment by credit card or direct deposit. In the "my donation to go to" field, enter J215. Contact us if you need assistance or further info.

Alternatively, non-deductible donations can be made directly to:
KKCF account BSB- 064-139, a/c No- 10126847

PRESENTATIONS

We are happy to come to your workplace, school or community group to give a 10min presentation about KKCF. We can share our story and explain how you can make a difference in others' lives.

Just drop us an email or give us a call to organize a suitable time.



Consider making a regular ongoing donation to the work being done by KKCF.

\$1.00 a day goes a long way

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Share the Christmas Spirit

Make KKCF your charity this Christmas. Give generously so that we may continue to relieve poverty.

Opening of St Anthony's Boys' Home - 4th July 2008

The 4th July 2008 would have been Kathleen Keegel's 85th birthday, so this was a very auspicious day for the opening of the Boys' Home. The great celebrations were attended by Bishop Cletus Perera, along with a distinguished 90yr old Buddhist monk and many of the local people. This was a coming together of the community to help the children of the area.



Events 2009

Melbourne

Valentine's Day Dinner Dance
Feb 14th, St Anthony's, Noble Park

New Year's Eve Ball 2009
31st Dec 2009, Preston Town Hall

Contact Georgiana 0403 023 949 if you would like to advertise (tax deductible) your business in our function program.

Volunteer to help out on site
James Orlando (pictured here) from USA did a fantastic job when he stayed at the Boys' Home earlier this year. In his letter to Olly and Fred James wrote:-
"I can only say that I was treated like family. Fred and Olivia welcomed me and made me feel a part of a very special place."
Contact us to find out how you can volunteer.



KKCF Merchandise
Great Christmas Gifts
Check these out on our website
suggested donation

Polo shirts \$20
T-shirts \$15
Caps \$10
2009 Calendars \$10
Christmas Cards \$4
Bags \$5 and \$10



We thank the team at Peach Creative, University of Wollongong (UOW), who designed a logo that captured what KKCF is all about. Meredith, Steve, Chantelle and James did this work pro-bono as part of their Graphic Design course.

The logo uses the bright colours of the Sri Lankan flag and conveys the image of happy, young children dancing for joy. This is what KKCF is all about - giving children a hope for a brighter future.

Thank you also to AbFab Cakes in Prahran 9521 5366 for making us a fantastic logo cake (pictured) for our Bollywood Dance



2008 events

We've had many fundraising events in 2008. One of the highlights was our Bollywood dance to celebrate the opening of the Boys' Home. We also had a Trivia Night, a Karaoke & Hoppers Night, Music Festival, Murder Mystery Night, Salt Lamp Presentation and various other functions.

Keep in touch with our progress

Join our email list by dropping us an email to kkcf@inbox.com

KKCF wishes all our supporters a happy and holy festive season. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year. We wish you a blessed and prosperous 2009.

