



THE RĀHULA TRUST

(Child Sponsorship Programme)

Registered Charity No. 1075742

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PROGRESS REPORT FOR 2012 - 2013

We are very sorry for this delay in publishing our annual report this year. But we are happy to say that the Rahula Trust is continuing with its activities due to your generous support throughout the last 14 years. It has gone from strength to strength and we have been able to support many children during their education. So far 200 students completed their studies, including 23 students who have completed their degrees. At present there are 52 students who are getting support from the Rahula Trust in universities and other higher educational institutes. This year we were able to sponsor 28 new children, bringing the total number of children to 374.

Fund-raising and donations:-

A generous donor who wanted to be anonymous has donated £10,000 towards the work of the Rahula Trust.

As in previous years, Alan Mitchell at the St. John's International School in Brussels has kindly organised an



Scholarship in Memory of Dr. Daya Silva

In memory of Dr Daya Silva, founder president of the Sri Lankan Golfing Society, the membership has organised a scholarship fund to commemorate him. Mr. Sarth Randeniya and members presented a cheque to the Secretary of the RAHULA TRUST to educate a deserving child in Sri Lanka.

Art Exhibition and Auction with his students and raised £1,440.55 (last year) and £1,373.12 (this year). This has become an annual event and we are most grateful to Alan for his continuing efforts to support the Trust.

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

One of long-standing supporters of the Rahula Trust, Mrs O T Dissanayaka, has donated £1000.00.

Members of the Sri Lankan Golfing Society have donated £550.00 to establish a scholarship in memory of its founding president, Dr. Daya Silva.

Mr. Samantha de Silva donated £250.00 in memory of his late wife, Mrs. N. K. de Silva.

This year we have received Rs.21,800.00 (approx. £109.00) from the Abhayananda and Swarna Perera Trust.

Sales of Pat Smith's CD on Meditation have raised £404.00.

Ven. Bandula, our Secretary, celebrated his birthday in June and he asked all well-wishers to make a donation to the Trust instead of giving him a present. The response was magnificent and we received £2,207.00.

Gift Aid: During the year we recovered £9,736 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 substantial 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: Dr. NDG Leslie, Mr. K. G. Alwis, Ms. Lucky Gunatilaka, and Mr. Shelton Abeywickrama.

New look for the Website. We managed to rearrange our website and we would like to thank Mr. Sankatha Bamunugama for his hard work in making these improvements. Please take a look for yourself!

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, including those mentioned above. 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.



Some sponsored children in Mahiyanganaya, Sri Lanka

Education Development Programme- - "Rainbow Project" Implemented by RAHULA TRUST in partnership with SIDDHARTHA CHILD DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

In certain remote areas of Sri Lanka, children do not get a sufficient level of education owing to the vicious cycle of poverty. Communities and parents do not understand that providing education for their children is the most powerful mechanism to break this cycle. In addition, poverty has created obstacles for the education of such disadvantaged, marginalised children where they cannot afford to go for additional classes, they do not have the means to obtain books and they encounter only demotivating factors in terms of education from the parents and the community. "Rainbow project" is the children's education development initiative implemented by the Rahula Trust, UK in partnership with Siddhartha Child Development Foundation (SCDF), Sri Lanka in Padaviya and Wilgamuwa educational zones where poverty is responsible for many problems with children's education. Expected results from this project are narrated below.

Educational Zone	Centre	Grade	Number of Students	
Padaviya	Ruwanpura Vidyalaya	07	42	
		08	33	
		09	37	
		10	35	
Wilgamuwa	Maraka Vidyalaya	08	42	
		09	28	
		10	36	
	Hattota Amuna Vidyalaya	11	15	
		08	32	
		09	30	
		10	34	
	Nugagolla Vidyalaya	11	15	
		08	46	
		09	60	
			10	65
			Total	550

Expected results:

- Inspired and motivated children involved in education.
- Gradual improvement of children in respect of educational record.
- Motivated parents providing an environment conducive for their children's studies.
- Educated children with self-reliance focusing on success.

SCDF, with the kind monetary assistance of the Rahula Trust, has been carrying out project activities through in one centre in Padaviya educational zone and three centres in Wilgamuwa educational zone.



Trustees of the Rahula Trust, Dr. Robert Parsons and Mr. Martin Evans met officials from Siddhartha Foundation to discuss the progress of the teaching project in Padaviya and Wilgamuwa educational zones. These are located in Anuradhapura and Matale Districts.

PROJECT COLOMBO COMPUTER DONATION TO SRI LANKA

COMPUTER CENTRE, KIDELPITIYA, BANDARAGAMA

At the recommendation of the Rahula Trust, over 50 computers were donated by Project Colombo to start and develop the computer centres in Sri Lanka. The children in the Jagaddala Children's Home at Kidelpitiya Bandaragama Sri Lanka were very happy to receive ten (10) computers. This generous donation will help them to increase their knowledge of computers. This Children's home is managed by Ven. Kidelpitiye Aryamythri.



COMPUTER CENTRE, HIRIPITIYAGAMA

At the recommendation of the Rahula Trust, 10 computers were donated by Project Colombo for starting a computer centre in Sri Jinendramaya, Hiripitiyagama, Ipalogama, in Anuradhapura District in Sri Lanka. Under the instructions of Ven. K Ariyaratana, Head of the Vihara, this computer centre was officially inaugurated by Hon. S M Ranjith, Chief Minister of North Central Province, on 12th May 2013. A very large gathering attended the event.



MADANWALA DHARMODAYA PIRIVENA

Mr K P N A N Perera, Sri Lanka representative for the Rahula Trust, handed over 10 computers supplied by Project Colombo to Ven. W. Sumangala, Head of the Vihara, and Ven. A Gunarathana Nayaka Thera, Principal of the monks' training college, Madanwala in Hanguranketa for the use of computer training for monks.



COMPUTER CENTRE, MANAMPITA, TALGASWALA

Sri Punyawardhanarama Dhamma School at Manampita, Talgaswala, received 5 computers at the request of Ven. Amitha, Head of the Vihara from Project Colombo, to start a much-needed computer centre in this remote part of Sri Lanka. The Children were very happy and expressed their thanks for the generous work of Jonny, Kirraly and volunteers and their magnificent support. Special thanks to ATLAS Shipping, 430 High Road, Willesden, London NW10 2XA, for arranging free shipping of those computers.



The Rahula Trust Summarised Accounts Year ending 30th September 2012

	Total 2012 £	Total 2011 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Sponsorship	42,799	40,013
General Donations and Gift Aid	18,180	40,835
Investment income	648	1,067
Total incoming resources	61,627	81,915
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Costs of generating funds	871	525
Charitable expenditure	60,557	76,451
Management and administration	364	317
Total resources expended	61,792	77,293
Net incoming resources	(165)	4,622

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 2012

Sponsorship Sri Lanka	£46,710
Viharamahadevi Children's Home	
Teaching Project	£5,633
Anuradhapura & Matale	
Teaching Project	£2,253
Tawalama Pre-School	£1,250
Sponsorship Nepal	£1,500
Nepal - Metta Centre	£1,000
Kenya - Nyumbani Project	£1,000

METTA CENTRE AND SPONSORSHIP IN NEPAL



On the left are children at the Metta Centre, and on the right some of the children newly-selected for sponsorship with the Samyak Youth Group.



Trustees of the Rahula Trust:

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TAWALAMA PRE-SCHOOL



The Tawalama Pre-School project is now in its sixth year and helps over 100 children.

NYUMBANI VILLAGE SCHOOL IN KENYA



School desks and chairs donated by the Trust to Nyumbani Village school in Kenya.

PROJECT COLOMBO

If anyone has a working computer (PC or laptop) which they no longer require, please donate it to Project Colombo c/o Personal Storage, Stanley Gardens, London W3 7SZ (020 8740 1557) or contact Jonny Morris at 07767 622007 .