Sambalthivu, Trincomalee

THE SUNSHINE CHARITY
TAKING CARE OF SRI LANKAN CHILDREN

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Civil Society Initiative

The Sunshine Charity was founded as a Civil Society Initiative in the aftermath of the December 2004 tsunami to take care of children affected by the devastation through the establishment of a day care centre in Sambalthivu, Trincomalee District, Eastern Province, Sri Lanka.

Civil society initiatives have a pivotal role to play to bring about social change in a community. Unlike large NGO’s whether international or local, civil society initiatives are driven primarily keeping the beneficiary in mind. Programmes implemented therefore impact directly the beneficiaries and the community.
Almost fifteen years on, we are still here!

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The Sunshine Charity is a charitable, not–for–profit civil society organization, registered in Sri Lanka by a Trust Deed (Deed no: 2019 dated 30th December, 2005 and Deed no: 234 dated 8th February, 2011).

It is managed by five Trustees who are directly engaged with projects implemented, All financials are accounted and audited annually by Hulugalle Wickermanayake & Co.

The Sunshine Charity has its independent bank account at Hatton National Bank, Green Path branch.
The Beginning -
The Mango Tree Project

The 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami creates our first project – referred to as The Mango Tree project. A group of 18 children between the ages of 2–6 who were living in the Kuchchaveli camp are able to spend a few hours under the shade of a nearby mango tree thanks to a teacher, residing in the same camp. The teacher turned volunteer, moves the children to a temporary shed built under the mango tree. She is able to obtain a few play items and sleeping material for them.
The Mango Tree Project

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Our Dream

To own a piece of land and build a permanent day care centre to implement sustainable projects, provide the children with a suitable space to regain their childhood and have a committed and trained staff to manage the day care.

It happened!
In November 2005 with generous funding from those who believed in our initiative, we were able to purchase a 50 perch block of land in Sambalthivu, Trincomalee to implement long-term, sustainable projects for children.
Objective
To take care of vulnerable children attending the Sunshine Day Care Centre. They include orphaned, disadvantaged and those affected by poverty between the ages 2–5 both girls and boys.
Opportunities

With generous funding received from local and international philanthropists, the centre provides the children with not only their basic needs like nutritional food and clothing but more importantly with creative opportunities,
medical and health care, pharmaceutical drugs, worming treatment, foot wear to prevent worm infection,

....learning skills and educational tools,
and a playground on the compound.

The selection process is strictly need-based.
Our work begins

The children are brought down to Colombo for a three-day workshop by Timothy Seneviratne, author of the book, ‘The 3 Friends and The Big Wave’. The children illustrate their stories and experiences on paper and canvas. The workshop is funded by The Force of Nature Aid Foundation, Malaysia.
Discussion with Mothers & Health Care for Kids

The Sri Lanka Medical Association of North America (SLMANA) makes a grant under the organization’s medical outreach programme. SLMANA supports health care for the kids, including the vitamins, iron and worming treatment. Also – discussions with mothers on the nutritional needs of their children. The grant is renewed annually.
Exploring Opportunities

The Geneva based Holy Trinity Church’s outreach programme builds a water storage tank and two toilets.

Individual donors help build a hand-washing station.

Sri Lankan Medical Association of North America provides footwear.

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Magic Lantern Project

Italian photographer Elena Givone conducts the Magic Lantern Project. The lantern help the children to express their dreams. They tell Elena what they dreamt was to have a school bag, and an apple.
Investing in Teacher Training

Local funding helps conduct the first teacher–training programme for members of the staff. Arundathi Sivagurunaathan, Director of the RMA Montessori Academy, Colombo works with the children and staff to plan out a three–year curriculum. The staff have a hands–on experience at a nursery in Colombo.

The Washington based Global Fund for Children (GFC) provides an Organizational Development Grant (ODG) for additional training.
Our Greatest Needs

Today, The Sunshine Day Care Centre has 50 children both girls and boys between the ages 2 – 5. They are from different cultural backgrounds. Our greatest need is to provide them with:

Monthly Budget
1 x Nutritious Meal a day, 5 days a week: Rs. 17,840/–
1 x Glass of Milk with banana: Rs. 20,272/–
72 packets x 400 gm. Noodles: Rs. 3,072/–
1 x Creative Opportunity: Rs. 12,000/–

Annual Budget
2,400 Eggs Rs. 36,000/–
School & Educational Supplies: Rs. 16,412/–
1 x set of Uniforms: Rs. 32,275.00
Who We Are

Roshan Pieris

Tesalia de Saram

Sharadha de Saram

Kamini Mukunthan

Ishviyan de Saram

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