



Newsletter

17th January 2005

Childrens Orphanage Plans

Land has been acquired and plans have been drawn up for an orphanage to be built in southern Sri Lanka.

Additional plans are being prepared for recreational facilities adjoining the orphanage - a delegation from Grange Hotels has visited the disaster area (at our own expense) to assess the conditions on the ground and to assist with the distribution of donations and to negotiate with the various NGO's and relevant Ministers and government officials.



Fundraising Concert

A fabulous fund raising concert was held on 12th January 2005 attended by more than 300 people. Sinead Quinn, The All Beats, Keedie, Shake Your Bootie and The Phixx performed a fantastic range of music. The artists, together with the pa provider - Lee Wickens and many others freely gave their time to ensure the event was a success - all at incredibly short notice. Our thanks to all performers and to Nathan Moore at Hyperactive.

Valentines Day Gala Dinner

An event on Monday 14th February 2005 has been arranged at the Grange City Hotel, details as per the attached, with all proceeds going to the Tsunami Disaster Appeal's orphanage project.

Future Events

Two additional events are planned, one for the fashion industry with a fashion show, another for property professionals in the hospitality sector. More details will follow shortly.

Collection Point for Donations

We are continuing to receive material donations at the collection centre at 71 Vincent Square, Westminster. Two aeroplane cargo loads have already gone to the disaster area. Tents, water, clothing, plastic sheeting and medicines are currently en route from the UK and from Pakistan, Dubai and Malaysia.

Street Collections

Street collections have taken place, licensed by the Metropolitan Police. If you happen to be in Hammersmith & Fulham on Saturday 22nd January or in Westminster on 23rd January, the collectors will be out in force. If you wish to assist, please contact us.

Trauma Team Assisting

A trauma team has pledged its assistance to us in identifying the most needy children and in assisting children in the disaster area.

Activities & Initiatives

Tony Matharu has met representatives from the Sri Lankan government including the Deputy Minister of Tourism - Arjuna Ranatunga, and is co-ordinating further activities and initiatives in the disaster area through Grange Hotels' Colombo office. Offers of assistance have been received from many sources both in the UK and from elsewhere on behalf of the Tsunami Disaster victims. Many thanks for your individual and collective support.