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**2009 and Beyond...**

**A SUMMARY**

**5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boxing Day Tsunami  
Fundraising Appeal**

## ASL TWINS School Program



### Our Vision

"Empowering children through knowledge"

### Our Program

ASL TWINS links schools in Sri Lanka with schools abroad to promote global and cultural awareness and to increase confidence in English.

### ASL TWINS Program

ASL TWINS supports English language learning through 4 main project areas:

- ASL TWINS Global School Partnership Program
- ASL TWINS English Teacher Training Program
- ASL TWINS English Unit Development Program
- ASL TWINS Student Participation Program

### History

ASL TWINS was founded in January 2005 and first began as part of AdoptSriLanka's tsunami response program. Over 100 schools were initially linked with schools abroad and benefited from the replacement of resources and the development of school facilities. Through these school links, students began writing pen pal letters and sharing project work with their TWIN School.

Overtime ASL TWINS has focused its attention on the development of English in rural schools in Sri Lanka. The program has moved further inland and now works with many 'forgotten schools' who, since the influx of tsunami aid to the coastal areas, have been left behind and lack basic resources for their students. TWINS no longer focuses on financial assistance and instead concentrates on the development of global school partnerships, training and development workshops for English teachers, student participation events and the development of English Activity Rooms in rural schools. Over 80 school partnerships are currently active in the TWINS program.

### How ASL TWINS supports Sri Lankan Schools

ASL TWINS supports rural schools in Sri Lanka by:

- Coordinating global school partnerships that encourage communication and project exchange by children in English (approx. 80 school partnerships currently active)
- Offering a calendar of professional development workshops for English Teachers
- Coordinating English-Medium Camps for children from rural schools
- Coordinating teachers from abroad to work alongside teachers in Sri Lankan Schools
- Distributing a handbook for English Teachers with over 100 activities for the classroom
- Coordinating the construction, renovation or development of English Activities Rooms
- Providing teacher aids, resources and facilities for English Units
- Coordinating the monthly 'Excellence in English Awards' for schools in the Southern Province
- Developing teacher training demonstration DVDs which schools can loan
- Creating English Song and Activities Cassettes for 'listening activities'

Visit the TWINS section of [www.adoptsrilanka.com](http://www.adoptsrilanka.com) for further details on the ASL TWINS Program.

Fundraising Target: 250,000 USD to run TWINS for the next 5 years  
(50,000 USD per annum)

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## Turtle Conservation Project



### Background

Sri Lanka is home to 5 of the world's 7 species of sea turtles, however, for every 1000 eggs laid the survival rate is 1 or 2. The tsunami denuded the Sri Lankan coast line to a catastrophic proportion with two waves of destruction. Since 2005, ASL has supported the Turtle Conservation Project working in the key conservation areas along the south coast of Sri Lanka. Our support has included a major reforestation program as well as the turtle conservation program. TCP is the only officially recognised conservation project in Sri Lanka.

### Coastal Conservation and Reforestation Project

Our initial project was set up to provide funds for localised nurseries to grow pandanus and mangrove seedlings that were later replanted all along the coast from south of Colombo to Hambantota. ASL replanted over 300,000 mangroves and pandanus plants and also created 15 nurseries which in turn supported many new livelihoods for people affected by the tsunami. These nurseries were coordinated by TCP who trained locals to manage these plants and seedlings that eventually grew into the young saplings which were permanently planted along the coastline. The reforestation and turtle conservation project provided alternative employment opportunities for over 200 people.

### Turtle Conservation and Research Centre

A visit by HRH the Prince of Wales to Sri Lanka resulted in him expressing great interest in projects initiated by AdoptSriLanka. HRH Prince William became actively involved in raising funds for the TCP project and we are currently building a visitors centre in Rekewa under his patronage to further the understanding of coastal and marine conservation.

Work will soon commence on the construction of a Turtle Conservation and Research Centre, however further funds are required to complete this state of the art eco-friendly facility. The Centre will include a hospital for sick or injured turtles, an information centre, museum area and dormitory accommodation for volunteers and school groups visiting the centre to help to 'night watch' for turtles while on educational tours. The Centre will promote awareness of the plight of turtles as well as the regeneration of coastal vegetation.

The Centre has been designed to efficiently use energy, water and other resources to minimize negative impacts on the environment. By utilising locally sourced natural materials the centre will actively reduce waste, pollution and environmental degradation to the local community while spreading an environmentally conscious message to Sri Lankan and international communities.



Visit the Turtle Conservation Project section of [www.adoptsrilanka.com](http://www.adoptsrilanka.com) for further details on the Turtle Conservation and Research Centre.

Fundraising Target: 80,000 USD

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## Lighthouse Community Pool



### Background

The Lighthouse Community Pool officially opened in July 2008. It was built to provide a permanent community facility that would assist marginalised individuals and groups, particularly those affected by the 2004 Asian Tsunami, to learn how to swim and overcome their fear of the water. The pool was constructed in memory of all those who tragically lost their lives as a result of the Tsunami.

The community pool was constructed and is managed by project partners AdoptSriLanka, Jetwing and SOS Velsen with generous funding from Surrey Schools through the Association of School and College Leaders. Technical support and training of swimming instructors has been given by SwimLanka.

### Pool Features

The 25 metre Pool includes a small pool for younger children or those particularly nervous about entering the larger pool. It has been constructed to include a high boundary wall to ensure privacy of swimmers as well as change rooms with showers and toilets, an office, foyer area and viewing pavilion for parents and teachers. Since opening, additional works have been done which include improvements to the change room facilities, landscaping and additional barriers to the pavilion area to ensure it is safe without obstructing the view to the pool.

### Participation

The pool continues to become increasingly popular as its reputation grows and word spreads about the initiative. 308 children have completed private tuition classes, 461 school children have completed free school classes and 531 community members utilised the pool for lap swimming

### School Holiday Free Coaching Clinics

Free coaching clinics are run during the August and December school holidays for school children from the Galle community. 139 children participated in these clinics in December 2008 and 131 children attended the clinics in August 2009. Plans are currently underway to expand these clinics for the December 2009 school holidays. It is hoped that over 300 children will take advantage of these clinics throughout December.

### 2010 and Beyond

The Lighthouse Community Pool Trust hopes to expand the current program to encourage more schools to include the free swimming classes in their school's curriculum. We are currently seeking the support of donors to fund two additional positions to make this expansion possible. By employing an additional Coach as well as an Administration and Marketing Officer to promote the pool throughout the wider community, we will be able to ensure that the pool is utilised to its maximum capacity. Additional financial support will also enable ASL to coordinate transport for school groups located in rural inland areas who are currently unable to access the pool due to financial difficulties.

### Funding Requirements

Approximate costs per annum:

- 22,000 USD per year for salaries
- 7000 USD per year for pool maintenance, chlorine, staff expenses & amenities
- 6000 USD per year for children's events, transport assistance & special projects

Visit the Lighthouse Community Pool section of [www.adoptsrilanka.com](http://www.adoptsrilanka.com) for further details on this Swim for Safety Project.

Fundraising Target: 35,000 USD per annum (175,000 USD for 5 years)

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Boxing Day Tsunami Appeal How to Donate...



*AdoptSriLanka was set up directly after the 2005 Asian Tsunami which in Sri Lanka claimed the lives of 40,000 people and devastated the lives of 900,000 others. Our initial aim was to give immediate support via humanitarian relief, housing, education livelihood projects, tourism, and conservation....*

AdoptSriLanka is a home grown locally staffed organization with 5 years experience in post disaster communities. We endeavor to make a tangible difference by supporting, empowering and assisting children and marginalized groups, through education and community based projects.

**Please help us to continue our work in Sri Lanka by donating to AdoptSriLanka!**

### **Direct Deposit in to our Sri Lankan Account:**

Hatton National Bank Limited

Galle Branch

Sort code: 7083-013

Account number: 11796016

Name: The Taprobane Trust (PVT) Ltd (adoptsrilanka.com)

Swift Code: HBLILKLX013

Please ensure that when your donations have been transferred directly to The Taprobane Trust (PVT) Limited account, in Sri Lanka, that you send an email to [adoptsrilanka@gmail.com](mailto:adoptsrilanka@gmail.com) confirming the amount and date of transaction, who the donation is from and if there is any specific project that your kind donation should go towards.

Please be aware, that when making a donation to the Hatton National Bank, a receipt will only be issued if you have provided us with your full name and address. Please also note that it takes approximately 14 days before we can issue confirmation of funds received. We ask for your patience.

### **Donations within the UK**

Cheques in £ Sterling payable to "Children in Crisis" through the post to:

Attention Caroline Barnes

Children in Crisis

206-208 Stewart's Road,

London SW8 4UB

All cheques should mention AdoptSriLanka on the back, or on any accompanying note. When transferring, please specify AdoptSriLanka in the message field.

**Electronic bank transfers in UK** in £ Sterling, US\$ or Euro's please contact Children in Crisis (either by phone or email) to get the relevant bank details.

The contact person at Children in Crisis is Caroline Barnes

[Carolineb@childrenincrisis.org.uk](mailto:Carolineb@childrenincrisis.org.uk) or telephone +44 (0) 207 627 1040

**“Thank you for your support”**