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YPF  NEWSLETTER

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Dear YPF Donors, Friends and well wishers,

We present to you our third (quarterly) newsletter for the year 2011. Since you last heard from us, we have been focusing our efforts mainly on developing and improving on the current services and facilities available to the children at our Childrens' Resource Centres (CRCs).

More specifically, the Eravur Centre has undergone a complete upgrade. Thanks to our donors, Creatives Against Poverty (CAP), children can now enjoy clean drinking water with the new well that was installed, improved bathroom facilities, and a freshly painted and redecorated interior.

CAP recently held its second annual charity event 'Party Against Poverty,' on the 14th of October in Hong Kong. This year was more successful than the last, and due to CAP's great accomplishments following the event, we at the YPF will be looking into improving and expanding our services further at the 02 centres in the North East. We hope to provide educational services to a greater number of children in the area, recruit more teachers, and improve the overall standard of education provided by investing in more teacher trainings and educational materials, as well as upgrading the computer laboratories.

We at the YPF understand the importance of maintaining a particular standard throughout our centres and continuing to provide quality education to our children. With this in mind, we also organised a teacher training workshop this quarter. This training session not only enabled us to bring the centres together, share experiences and build relations, but also helped to remind all management and staff of the common curricula, themes, good management practices, filing systems and reporting that we all should be following.

In addition, we at the YPF also pride ourselves on our transparency and accountability. Our annual external audit carried out by internationally renowned accounting firm, Ernst & Young, was also completed this quarter.

Our 'A Voice for A Child' sponsorship program continues. As the number of sponsors has steadily increased, we still need your help

and kind donations. Currently, our services are provided to approximately 600 children at our four centers in Hambantota, Kataragama, Arugam Bay and Eravur. It is estimated that to provide these services it will cost a minimum of US\$ 10 per child per month or US\$120 per child for an entire year. This includes the costs of maintaining the centre, payment to teachers, and the purchasing of educational material to improve the quality of education they obtain at the centers. There are no costs associated with non-related project expenses, therefore, 100% of all donations directly impact the beneficiaries involved.

Sponsoring a child enables you to make a lasting difference to the life of a needy child. Unlike other forms of giving, you can see the impact you are having on the child's life. This is possible via establishing a personal connection between you and the sponsored child. We encourage you to correspond with the child via YPF and all your letters or emails will be translated into the native language by YPF. You can choose to sponsor a boy or a girl. The schools accommodate boys and girls from the age of 4 to 16 years. We are confident that this will be a very rewarding experience for you and it will be a life changing one for the sponsored child. For more information on becoming a sponsor please visit our website: www.youthforlanka.org or email us at: youthforlanka@gmail.com

Also, a very big thank you to The University of Buckingham for their donation of books to the YPF received early this month.

We look forward to the next quarter, implementing more programmes and involving our children in varied activities, providing them with better services and opportunities into the new year.

Some of our highlights of the 3rd quarter (August – November 2011) follow.

Thank you,

Rejanne Perera
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ERAVUR IS UPGRADED

The Eravur CRC was opened in 2009 and has been in operation for nearly 02 years. The Centre was successfully established for the educational, cultural and spiritual development of the children of the North Eastern areas who faced tremendous difficulties during the war.

Thanks to our donors, CAP, the Centre has recently undergone several structural improvements for the betterment of the children there. The entire premises was colour washed, drinking water facilities were improved, new toilets were installed and the waste water disposal system was also enhanced. Classrooms and kitchen have also undergone some renovation.

We salute CAP for its generosity and helping these children in need.



August 2011



ARUGAM BAY BEACH CLEAN

Arugam Bay is the base harbour for the fishing folk living in the area and the Arugam Bay beachfront is world famous for its beauty and it is considered as one of the best locations in the world for wind-surfing and water-skiing with many tourists visiting yearly.

However, the influx of the local and foreign tourists to the area poses a number of environmental concerns, littering being one of the biggest issues.

Owing to this, the CRC children have started a 'Lets protect our beautiful beachfront' programme. Together, they hope to change the worsening situation by educating their parents and the people of the area about the persistent problem and consequences of littering. They actively participate in volunteer beach cleaning programs and conduct awareness campaigns to educate the public with the participation of their parents and the locals. The children are also planning to form a 'Children's Collective Beach Protection Unit' to better consolidate their efforts in protecting and preserving their beachfront.

Mr. Sanjewa Bandara, the Manager of the Eastern Province CRCs and voluntary member of national level environmental protection programmes, along with the rest of the CRC staff also assist the children in their commendable efforts.

September 2011



CRC TEACHERS' TRAINING



We are dedicated to the quality and development of our educational standards and services provided at the CRCs. Our teaching staffs strive to educate using up to date, practical and the best suited methods whilst adhering to nationally accepted teaching principles.

In order to ensure a set standard across all CRCs, a common curricula and guide of good practices was introduced, to be implemented in all centres.

A 02 day training session was held for all teaching staff of all CRCs on the 24th and 25th of October to officially present and launch the new curricula, establish a common filing system, and to build relations and share experiences between centres.

October 2011



CAP CHARITY NIGHT

The CRC children of the East who were left destitute after the 30 year long civil war can now anticipate a better future thanks to thousands of sponsors both in Sri Lanka and overseas. The most significant month of the calendar year for these children dawned last month, the month of October. The CAP organisation, who are dedicated to benefit the needy children of the North East, gather in October to collect annual contributions from their members. This makes the month of October a very significant month for the children of the CRCs. This year too, their charity event was even more successful than the last. The CRC children too, got involved in the preparation for this year's charity night held in Hong Kong. They drew and sent over 2 large canvas paintings which were to be auctioned at the event.

Again, the CRC management and staff as well as the children and their parents, extend their heartfelt thanks to their partners, CAP, for their invaluable contributions.

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