

SALAM Childrens Home Needs List Sept 2006

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_We still need extra funds for the new school year to help cover: building fees, uniforms (4 different types per child!), text and exercise books, shoes and socks. Schooling costs in Bali are not cheap

_We also have an urgent need for predictable/ regular donations for day to day expenses here at the Home. This includes all utilities such as electricity, water, phone, gas, petrol; also wages for our dedicated carers. (See more below)

_A basic model digital camera so SCH can better keep donors/ sponsors updated

A PC/ PCs preferably with USB

A large 10-20kg Rice Cooker (gas or electric)

_With the recent exciting addition of some electric guitars we have quite a good band forming and the kids would love a set of new or used drums.

Specific supplies needed

Compasses

Craft glue: local "fox" or "castol" brand and PVA type glues

Scissors

Scientific calculators (with sin, cos, tan functions)

Indonesian/English and English/Indonesian dictionaries

Toiletries eg toothpaste, shampoo, soap, washing powder – small packets ideal

Exercise books

Other equipment needed - second hand or new:

Any Household Furniture!! - single beds and mattresses, chairs, tables, bookshelves, cupboards, chests, wall mirrors...

Youths' sports shoes are always an ongoing need

Office Furniture - lockable storage cupboards, a filing cabinet,

Good quality social games, preferably not language oriented

Reading material - primarily Indonesian novels and educational

Handy Bulk items from outside Indonesia:

First Aid/ infirmary supplies esp sterile saline, antiseptic lotions and sprays

Multi vitamins

Oats/ oatmeal, raisins/ sultanas

Cotton underwear

Quality crayons and pastels

Durable second hand clothes

Sheets/ bedding for single beds

...Please be aware that most new items (especially shoes, clothing, toiletries) are very easily and often more cheaply purchased within Bali

Sports shoes for soccer training – have been promised by Direct Aid - thank you!

Cupboards - Direct Aid also replaced all the boys' cupboards recently. That leaves another 22 needed for the girls. Total cost per cupboard approx Rp 625,000
22 cupboards x 625,000 = Rp 13,750,000/ \$1970 AUD

***** NEWSFLASH! *****

The children have just celebrated the opening of their brand new outdoor play/ recreation area! Long time supporter Desmond James of "Sourcing Bali" arranged for the steep unusable area of land the rear of the property to be leveled and a multi-function playing court erected. Because there was no real space for outdoor activities prior to this, the kids used to play sport every afternoon on the circular driveway. After more than 20 years of waiting this new area seemed to take shape so rapidly and turned out more extravagant than all the kids' wildest dreams!



Visitors are warmly welcomed to SCH. Please phone ahead on **0361 810086**. With regards to food donations please avoid highly processed foods such as instant noodles and snacks. Bulk non perishable food items are more beneficial to SCH. Eg: milk powder, dried red kidney

FOOD SITUATION: *Many thanks to all those who have donated towards improving this! The children are now enjoying a much more nutritionally balanced diet.*

We still need to raise more funds.

Currently the local government assistance for this Children's Home comes only in the form of a small rice, oil, sugar donation and money for less than half of the food required. SALAM has to source the shortfall for this, plus funds for every other running cost,

including staff wages.

Ideally sponsorship would come in the form of a monthly commitment. If you or anyone you know can be of any assistance please contact us by email: info@salambali.com (SCH account details can be provided upon request).

Alternatively Pamela Mercier of Direct Aid, Brisbane, runs a sponsorship programme from Australia and raises funds for SCH. She holds events to keep donors up to date and personally involved. Contact: directaid@optusnet.com.au

At present we have 34 commitments of 200,000 Rp/month (approx AUD\$30 or USD\$20/month) to cover running costs including food. We require another 16 monthly commitments.

***** We are not only interested in money!*****

Any skill that can be taught is invaluable. We want to supplement the kids' formal education with a variety of creative and informative sessions particularly with a focus on empowering them to initiate their own small business ventures. Ideas are very warmly welcomed. Local volunteers or those coming through from overseas are much appreciated.

Warm regards,

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for SCH Steering Committee.

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