

SALAM Children's Home Needs List

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We will be needing extra funds by June for the new school year 07-08 to help cover: building fees, uniforms, shoes and socks, text and exercise books, exam fees...

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; and wages for our dedicated caregivers.

Bulk rice and cooking oil is needed this month

Kitchen needs:

A blender - est cost \$35 AUD

Another LPG/ gas bottle - est cost \$45 AUD

A coconut shredder - est cost \$60 AUD

Due to the extreme winds in the past week we have some added maintenance costs !

A PC/ PCs preferably with USB

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!! – 2 double beds are needed, also single beds and mattresses, chairs, tables, bookshelves, cupboards, chests, wall mirrors, refrigerators...

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

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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_

Cupboards

- Another 15 cupboards need replacing. These are for the girls rooms. Total cost per cupboard approx Rp 625,000. 15 cupboards x 625,000 = Rp 9,375,000/ \$1440 AUD



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 beans, black beans, green beans (kacang hijau), lentils, oats, peanuts, rice (including black and red rice), multivitamins, also worm tablets (combantrin). We work on the basis of providing enough food for 60 people ie 3kg rice.

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 35 commitments of 200,000 Rp/month (approx AUD\$30 or USD\$20/month) to cover running costs including food. We require another 15 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,

Meri and Jonathan Ford

for SCH

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