

SALAM Children's Home Needs List

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We have recently accepted 11 new children to SALAM Children's Home. We have 4 of the children already sponsored and are looking for sponsors for the other 7.

See below for details:

Our most pressing need is for regular increased funding to SALAM Children's Home. Price of petrol has increased by 280% over the last 3 years, driving up the prices of just about everything, especially groceries. The cost of electricity and gas has also increased, leaving the poorest of the poor even more devastated. Food, education and medical expenses make up a huge percentage of Indonesians' annual income as compared to that of people in the west. SCH is not exempt from these costs.

What we are appealing for is a concerted effort by organizations or individuals to commit funds each month in a child sponsorship program. Currently the cost of keeping one child well fed, clothed and educated at SCH is 450,000 Rp per month (approximately \$60.00AUD/ less than \$50.00 USD).

You may remember that previously we had our cost per child at \$30.00 AUD. This was calculated from our expenses three years ago and did not include the \$10.00 a month that Australian organization Direct Aid committed towards education needs for each child.

We have found it necessary to rework our sponsorship program. Please contact us if you would like to sponsor a child or take up the challenge of helping us find donors. You can do this as an individual or as a group.

We realize that \$60AUD a month is a lot to find. If you are interested in sharing a child we will arrange a dual sponsorship program at the cost of \$30.00 (Max two sponsors/ groups). Your child will get extra English practice writing to two sponsors.

Please email us if you are interested in helping in any way!
salambali@gmail.com

FOOD SITUATION:

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

Immediate Needs:

Single Bed Sheets \$10-15 AUD ea 50pcs

Pillows \$8-10 AUD ea 25pcs

This seems expensive?!!!

Plastic or Melamine Plates that can be used as a bowl as well
\$2-4 AUD ea 50pcs

Spoons and forks 10pcs for \$5 AUD ea 50pcs

Plastic or Melamine Drinking Glasses \$2-4 AUD ea 50pcs

Kitchen needs:

A blender - est cost \$35 AUD

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

A coconut shredder - est cost \$60 AUD

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:

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 – still the case?** 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



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. Eg: 10kg rice per day.

Pamela Mercier of Direct Aid, Brisbane, runs a sponsorship program from Australia and raises funds for SCH education costs. She holds events to keep donors up to date and personally involved.

Contact: directaid@optusnet.com.au

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.

Warmest regards,

Jonathan and Meri Ford (onsite operations), and Matthew and Alicia Trevatt
for SCH Steering Committee.

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