

SALAM Children's Home Needs List

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We are still appealing for a concerted effort by organizations or individuals to commit funds each month in a child sponsorship program. Our most pressing need is for regular increased funding to SALAM Children's Home.

Currently the cost of keeping one child well fed, clothed and educated at SCH is 450,000 Rp per month (now less than \$60.00AUD/ approx \$50.00 USD). You may remember that previously we had our cost per child at \$30.00 AUD. This was calculated from our expenses 3 years ago and did not include the \$10.00 a month that Australian organization Direct Aid committed towards education needs for each child. Direct Aid is now no longer with us. 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.

Please email us if you would like to have your own personal child to sponsor . You can sponsor as an individual or as a group. We will send you a child profile and he/ she will write to you. 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).

Please contact us if you would like to help us by taking up the challenge to find donors/ help in any other way.

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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:

More Child sponsors!

Any Household Items and Furniture!!

Beds and mattresses are urgently needed – double/ single/ bunk beds, chairs, tables, bookshelves, cupboards, chests, wall mirrors, a small refrigerator, a cook top... We have had items on loan and they will be returned shortly as the owner is back in Bali. It is time to furnish and equip our long term volunteer's station!

We also need to replace most of the stackable plastic chairs used daily by the kids as well as for seating guests during dinners or performances

Specific supplies needed

Musical equipment: **effects pedal**, guitar strings,
Sporting needs: volleyball, basketball, soccer balls, badminton equipment
PCs, preferably with USB
Scientific calculators (with sin, cos, tan functions)
Indonesian/English and English/Indonesian dictionaries
Compasses
Craft glue: local “fox” or “castol” brand and PVA type glues
Scissors
Exercise books
2B pencils
Worm tablets (Combantrin)

Other equipment needed - second hand or new:

Office Furniture - lockable storage cupboards, a filing cabinet.

Youths’ sports shoes are always an ongoing need

Towels, toilet bags, toiletries eg toothpaste, shampoo, soap, washing powder – small packets ideal

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
Cotton underwear
Quality (non waxy) 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

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

We work on the basis of providing enough food for 60 people. Eg: 10kg rice per day.

We are not only interested in money!

Any skill that can be taught is invaluable. We would love 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 can contact us at salambali@gmail.com

Warmest regards,

Matthew and Alicia Trevatt for SCH Steering Committee.

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