

Projects we are helping

Bottomley house orphanage

Bottomley Home is an orphanage in Dhaka housing up to 140 girls who would otherwise be living in the streets, battling for survival. They arrive at all different ages but nearly all stay until they are adults leaving when are married or have found careers.

Bottomley house run by nuns provides a very high standard of education to children up to the age of 18. Since the second world war the orphanage has been home to thousands of girls who have lost their parents. From within it's walls many vocations have been achieved and many possibilities realised.

However, like all such institutions Bottomley house is underfunded and struggling to provide the girls with a chance of a future.

In 1999 Alan Byrnes from St. Helens flew over to Dhaka with £510 donated in memory of his younger brother who had tragically died in an accident and did a significant amount of work for the orphanage. His trip proved just how much was possible with a little bit of cash - you can see full details of the work Alan has been doing with the orphanage at www.bottomley.orphanage.org.uk

Due to financial constraints Alan is unable to visit the orphanage this year and purchase the much needed medical supplies and the meet extra cost associated with Christmas. So please help us to support Bottomley house in Alan's place to ensure the kids get a good Christmas as well as other essentials.

This year we would like to raise £2500 To buy to purchase the following items

Item. Approximate cost (£)

1. Medical Supplies 1000 - 1500 (for 140 kids aged 2+)
2. School Stationery 300 - 500
3. School Uniforms 200 - 300
4. School Shoes 250- 300

Restless Beings - 100 kids village

The restless beings 100 kids village is an opportunity to directly help and improve the lives of the most vulnerable and marginalised children in society.

Restless Beings was launched in 2008 by a group of like-minded students and professionals frustrated by the acts of human rights violations and marginalisation occurring across the world. They have a number of different campaigns, which are fuelled by a passion to voice the most persecuted communities across the world. Their projects vary from fighting for the rights of the women of the Ala Kachu Tribe, to fighting for the rights of the persecuted and massacred Rohingyas – details of all their projects can be seen on www.restlessbeings.org.

In 2008 Resless Beings opened a drop in centre for the street kids of Dhaka. These children are most persecuted and vulnerable members of Bangladesh. Once exposed to drugs, sex trafficking, organised crime and violence, these kids are difficult to rehabilitate and trust no one. Only the most resilient survive on the streets. They have no voice and no protection. Over half the children living on the streets of Dhaka are under the age of 10!! The centre is a home for the children, offering the opportunity of sanitation, food and rehabilitation from the drugs and violence of the streets if only for a few hours. Unfortunately the centre only has enough space to accommodate 20 children. Over the years they have maintained contact with and earned the trust of many kids and the centre in Dhaka is no longer sufficient. They desperately need to expand.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=4TJ7Pnib0u0

The 100 kids village is a project to build a safe haven for 100 children where they can be educated and rehabilitated giving them an opportunity to a future they deserve. The Village will consist of:

- a school building with classrooms and offices
- an accommodation building to house 100 children
- a playground area in the middle of the village complex
- a fishery, where children can breed fish to sell to the local markets

We want to support this project because we will able to see it from the very start, monitor it and watch it grow, along with the children that are involved in the project itself. The money will go directly to the centre and every penny you donate will be accounted for and go directly to the children. This is the opportunity to make a direct and tangible difference to the lives of the most vulnerable and persecuted.

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The project requires £131k all together - break down of the cost can be found here:

<http://www.restlessbeings.org/projects/village>

The Land they wish to acquire is privately owned by a contact of Dr. Zaki who also works for restless beings as a field worker on streets of Dhaka.

They need £ 75k just for the land. It's around 30 acres in size.

They have raised just under £50k through the 100kids project, and are very close to achieving the cost of the land.

Let's support Restless Beings in their effort to get 100 kids off the streets of Dhaka and an opportunity at a life they deserve.

Char fassion

The char fassion orphanage was opened in 1970 in response to a devastating cyclone and tidal surge that killed hundreds of thousands of people. The land was donated to UNICEF by a local land owner. UNICEF then funded the construction.

Char Fassion is located on the island of Bhola, a rural coastal district most vulnerable to Bangladesh's climatic misfortunes. Consequently it is among the most poorest and least developed districts of Bangladesh which is itself one of the poorest counties in the world!

Since the beginning the orphanage has been funded by various international donors. All the funding commitments ended in 2006 and the orphanage found itself having to survive on an annual grant of 410,000 BDT (£3200) from the Bangladesh government when in fact the annual running costs of the orphanage were around 2,037,500 BDT (£15,800) per annum.

In 2009 Lesley Siemiens, a registered Nurse visited the Orphanage to find the orphans living in deplorable conditions, in a run down and condemned building, surviving on 3 meals of watery rice

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and the occasional vegetable stew a day. Lesley, together with a number of other like minded women, started the Char Fasson Childrens Fund to provide much needed donations to the orphanage. More information about the orphanage and the orphans can be found on www.charfassonchildrensfund.org. As a result of their fundraising the orphanage has a new building and the lives of the 60 orphans it houses is improving, but there is much work to do and the orphanage needs financial help.

We would like to support char Fasson and improve the lives of the orphans of poverty.

Here is a list of the items they need and estimated cost

- 1 - 60 beds 366,000 BDT £2780
- 2 - refrigerator 35,000 BDT £275
- 3 - crockery and kitchen utensils 30,000 BDT £234
- 4 - Bed linen 30,000 BDT £234
- 5 - Pillow and pillow covers 25,000 BDT £195
- 6 - Mattress 60,000 BDT £468
- 7 - Blanket 30,000 BDT £234

Total needed £4420.