

## Our initiatives

Inspired by Justin's story and his passion to help others, we have come together as a committee, became incorporated, and cover all administration costs ourselves so that every cent donated goes directly to our beneficiaries.

### The Safe House



We provide refuge for young women who are too old to be in the state's care, but too young to build a prosperous life on their own. This includes food, clothing, and most importantly education. They are coached by a local coordinator we employ to transition them into independence.



## Gintota Maya School

Destroyed by the 2004 tsunami, the local high school was unable to rebuild its sporting facilities due to a lack of funding. Justin, a qualified carpenter, sourced and installed all equipment required for a cricket training net and pitch and a netball court, then funded coaches for both sports. Supported by English and Australian sporting clubs, several shipments of pre-loved sports gear have since been passed on to the students.



## Karuna Care Kits

Every month we give the children a 'Karuna Care Kit' – a reusable bag containing sanitary items, soaps, toothbrushes and - paste, deodorants and laundry soap. The bags and all items are sourced locally and delivered by our coordinator. Hygiene items are a luxury in Sri Lanka and the provision of the kits largely improves the children's wellbeing.



## Tertiary education

Knowledge is power! And in the case of our young women, it empowers them to transition into independence and set them up for life. Provided with only very basic education through the state care system, we ensure they have an opportunity to learn skills in an area of their interest and guide them through job search and planning for the future. The program has been very successful, enabling a number of the young women to attend training courses or secure employment, with one even studying at university.



## Collaboration

When the Yasodara Girls' Orphanage was closed, many of the girls were dispersed across other institutions. We stay in touch, visit regularly, and keep supporting all of them at their new homes. In this process we built relationships with other care providers, especially the Manacare Hope and Dreams Village, Morrivanna Girls' Orphanage and Sukitha Orphanage, whom we support on a regular basis. We also work closely with The Free Town Trust in England, and acclaimed British actor James Floyd, who is a valued ambassador for our charity.



**In summary, we are a companion when things get tough, a big sister or brother to guide, a steady shoulder to cry on, the one reliable source of hope... and most importantly a friend for life.**



## Who we are

Karuna Sri Lanka Inc. supports underprivileged and orphaned children and young women in Sri Lanka.

We are a registered Not-For-Profit Charity based in Australia with a constituted international committee of dedicated people. We are small, but we achieve meaningful and tangible results.

## Our story

Growing up in Sri Lanka can be challenging, with opportunities like in the western world far and few between. Corruption and oppression of women's rights are a daily occurrence, often leaving children and young women extremely vulnerable.

Our President, Justin Peacock, began his voluntary work and fundraising back in 2012. Since then, countless children have received support which has changed their lives significantly.



Karuna Sri Lanka Inc. was incorporated in 2017 when Justin took over sponsorship of the Yasodara Girls' Orphanage in Galle.

Following the closure of Yasodara in 2018, Karuna Sri Lanka Inc. established a Safe House to enable the now young women to obtain an education and set them up for life, all while living in a safe environment away from hunger and abuse.

## How to get involved

Ongoing or one-off donations - every bit helps!

**Karuna Sri Lanka Inc. (Westpac Bank)**  
**BSB: 036-044 and Account: 339908**

All donations of \$2 and above made by Australian taxpayers are tax deductible and receipts will be provided prior to the end of the financial year.

For international donors we recommend using **Give Now** or the **PayPal Giving Fund** (search for **Karuna Sri Lanka Inc.**).



We also welcome in-kind donations such as mobile phones and laptops that can be used for online learning, as well as netball and cricket equipment.

Thank you for taking time to find out about us and our charitable work.

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Compassion through action. It's a two-way street, as kindness and empathy can help you just as much as it helps the other person. Something as seemingly small as smiling at a stranger could change both of your days.

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We would be delighted to answer any questions you may have on **0423 169 328** or **karunasrilanka3@gmail.com**.



We also invite you to explore our **Facebook** page, visit our website at **karunasrilanka.com.au** and let us know if you are interested in subscribing to our quarterly e-newsletter.



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