

28<sup>th</sup> February 2014

The VACD project to assist children with disabilities in Bandarawela , Sri Lanka has since developed tremendous upward momentum, thanks to dedicated medical staff, parents and volunteers.

- We are delighted to confirm that the VACD Clinic was opened on Wednesday, 19th February at the Bandarawela District Hospital to provide physiotherapy, occupational therapy and health clinic facilities to children with disabilities.
- A significant number special equipment needed for the clinic was generously donated by The Chairman and Board of Directors of Entrust Limited, Colombo, to whom we express our deep gratitude, appreciation and thanks.
- We are also thankful to the Western Autistic School of Victoria, Australia who have pledged equipment for the Clinic.
- We have today secured a five bedroomed house in the township of Bandarawela on a rental basis, as an interim arrangement, until the establishment of a modern centre for children with disabilities within the premises of the Bandarawela District Hospital is accomplished by us.
- This house that will serve as the VACD Centre, will offer life skills, vocational, computer and performing arts training for the children, have an area for health talks and meetings, a cafe cum sales outlet for items produced by the parents, and also provide vocational training for parents.
- We are extremely grateful to a corporate donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, whose donation helped us to purchase some of the furniture and other essentials for the VACD centre.
- We are seeking donations of sewing machines, desk and lap top computers and iPads (that are in good working order) to be shipped to Bandarawela for the use at the VACD centre by children and their parents. Please contact us if you are in a position to donate any of these items.
- Your continued support has made an enormous difference in the lives of these children and their families for whom VACD is the only hope.

Please continue to be part of this challenging, rewarding and fulfilling journey that we have embarked on since 27th December 2011.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

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