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## ACT CANADA (ACTION CHANGES THINGS)

Quarterly Newsletter

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### GREETINGS!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT DONATION TO ONE OF OUR COMPLETED PROJECTS . THIS IS THE FIRST "ACT" NEWSLETTER AND THE GOAL OF OUR NEWSLETTER IS TO KEEP YOU UPDATED ON OUR CURRENT PROJECTS & TO SHARE OUR UPCOMING PROJECTS WITH YOU.**

### About us

ACT (Action Changes Things) is a non-profit organization registered in Ontario (Canada) bringing people together to help betterment of humanity. The goal of the organization is to improve lives of others in need one family or individual at a time (independent of race, religion or political affiliation). Hence, our focus on micro-projects to help enhance lives of those in need. We believe that success relies in empowering individuals to live independently. We envision ACT to be a global organization bringing people together under humanitarian grounds.



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**COVID-19 RELIEF FUND FOR ESTATE WORKERS IN SRI LANKA**

**What we achieved so far?**

- Covid-19 Support for Srilankan Plantation sector - ACT team helped to collect Covid-19 funds in collaboration with another Organization and this drive has helped to deliver dry rations to more than 1500 families.
- Students Education Assistance Project – Bharati Vidyalayam (Viswamadu) ACT provided financial assistance to 20 Students to help pay for their studies at Bharathi Vidyalayam, Viswamadu, Sri Lanka. The School Principal recommended the students based on their financial need. The funds were distributed in the month of Oct 2020 with the help of the Ramakrishna Mission, Sri Lanka. The financial support for this project was provided by Raj and Gayathri Shunmugarajah in memory of their fathers, Late Mr. D. Shunmugarajah and Late Mr. K. Nagalingam on behalf ACT Canada.

**"As one person I cannot change the world, But I can change the world of one person."**

**Paul Shane Spear**



**ACT donated computers and other accessories to CP/W/Vigneshwara TMV, Panwila, Srilanka. following the request from the Principal of this Public school.**



**ACT is partnering and financially supporting the efforts of "Malayaga Marumalarchi Ondrium" in establishing Libraries in Tea Plantations to advance basic literacy among plantation children. "ACT", as a network of donors, is proud to support and contribute to this Library project.**

**"ACT" is proud to donate and support for the noble cause of "Toronto Tamil Chair" among the hundreds & thousands of Donors**



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**VISION**  
"TO BUILD A HEALTHY AND WEALTHY SOCIETY TO FACE THE CHALLENGES AROUND THE UN-COUNTRY"

**MISSION**  
"TO BECOME AS PARTNER IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT"

**Reading maketh a full man!**

Thank you Sincerely,  
Signature Of Leader  
Signature Of Treasurer

# PROJECT ON HOLD.....



## Bridge Construction across Weldeniya River

**TO DO**

Families from south India were brought to Sri Lanka by the British to establish and work in Tea Plantations 150 years ago.

This community and their descendants have lived mostly in these same Tea Plantations for the last 100 years with very little progress to show. The only way to break this cycle of despair and poverty is to educate the next generation and open up the world of opportunities to them. Will you help us give these children a fighting chance?

The children living in Pambegama estate in the district of Kegalle have to walk 60 meters across Weldeniya river on their way to School. During the rainy seasons the river becomes impassable and the children have to either stop going to school or risk their life attempting to cross. The children have shown their determination by walking 6 KM each way to go to School

Let us do our part to help them cross the river by building a bridge, so that continue going to School. Help us build a bridge across this river so that the children are not deprived of an education, and their chance to escape the cycle of poverty. Join us in changing life one ACT at a time.

We appreciate the generosity and support provided by our donors for this project. Sadly, due to the COVID situation, this project had been placed on hold by Sirasa/Shakthi TV's "Gammadda" organizers . Please note the donation that has been collected so far has been placed in a holding account. The project will resume once the situation in Srilanka normalizes. We thank your support and understanding during these trying times. Thank you for being a channel of blessing through your donation to the Bridge fund. "Lets spread the word about this charity!"



கங்கிவரலிய

02-07-2020



**Documentalio Preservation Open Access**

**ACTIVE PROJECTS**

**UPCOUNTRY ARCHIVE**

**Noolaham Foundation is a non-profit organization and it's (www.noolaham.org) the largest Tamil digital library and is governed and sustained by a broad community. ACT Non-profit Organization (Ontario, Canada) is collaborating with the Noolaham Foundation on one of their key projects., the Upcountry Digital Archive. Noolaham is a community digital archive and digital library undertaking the critical work of documenting, digitally preserving and providing free and open access to knowledge resources of Sri Lankan Tamil-speaking communities. ACT as a network of donors, is proud to support and contribute to the Upcountry Digital Archive project.**

## WHAT WE DO

Noolaham stewards the world's largest Tamil digital library and a pioneering multimedia archive

- 9,000 Books
- 10,000 Magazines (titles)
- 3,000 Malarkal
- 40,000 Newspapers
- 150 Palm-Leaf Manuscripts
- 8,000 Multimedia
- 450 Oral Histories
- 2750 Biographies

Please log on to the below site if you wish to donate to this project

[www.actorganizations.ca](http://www.actorganizations.ca)



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**Noolaham Foundation**



## UPCOMING PROJECT-1

# SPONSOR A CHILD'S EDUCATION

All you do is to sponsor a child for their education! Your 1 or 2 hour Salary can educate a child for a Month and your 2 days wages can educate a child for a year  
**(Commitment \$35/Month)**

ACT Canada Collaborates with several schools from the Rural / Plantation areas in Srilanka ,we choose the students by a thorough screening process and assist the deserved ones for the "finance aid" program. For more information contact Mangal 416-903-6346 or email to [act.actionchangesthings@gmail.com](mailto:act.actionchangesthings@gmail.com)  
"Let a child grow with your child "

THE *smallest*  
**ACT** of  
KINDNESS  
is worth more  
than the greatest  
INTENTION  
Kahlil Gibran

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## ACT Scholarship's program

## UPCOMING PROJECT-2

ACT Scholarship program is designed to pick best students annually from the Poverty driven areas and assist their education needs through a structured system. For further information contact Mangal 416-903-6346 or email to [act.actionchangesthings@gmail.com](mailto:act.actionchangesthings@gmail.com)

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Our finances are public records and may be viewed on special request.

Dead line  
30th May  
2021

## UPCOMING PROJECT-3

### ACT Book drive 2021

ACT organizing a Quarterly Books drive in April 2021. We are collecting New/used books from friends and well wishers to send to underdeveloped Srilankan school libraries. We also accept donations including stationeries, used laptops for this project. We appreciate if the books are in acceptable condition and preferably children's books, Text books, motivational books, fictions etc, for further details contact Sathi 647-907-4672 or email to [act.actionchangesthings@gmail.com](mailto:act.actionchangesthings@gmail.com)

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## UPCOMING PROJECT-4

### ACT MEDICAL RESERVE PROJECT

Soon ! ACT launching a Medical reserve Project to help patients from poor families for their medicines and treatments.... specially people suffering from Terminal/Critical illness like Cancer, Diabetes, Chronicle issues etc. We have a team of Volunteers in Srilanka to Identify and screen the needy. The number of applications approved will be based on available funds in the reserve at that time. Those who wish to fund this project can donate through ACT Medical reserve fund project in our website [www.actorganizations.ca](http://www.actorganizations.ca). You can donate any amount from \$5 for this Project for more information contact Mano 647-297-5192 or email to [act.actionchangesthings@gmail.com](mailto:act.actionchangesthings@gmail.com). Your small gift can save a patient's life.