

Can you help these kids at Christmas?

Brahmaputra Home for Railway Children, Guwahati, Assam

The Trust visited the Number 2 Gate slum in Guwahati in 2010 and was appalled by what was found. No education, no medical support, no running water, no electricity, no sanitation and very poor housing made from plastic sheeting and boards. The children told us their families had lived here for 50 years and no one had ever broken free of slum life. We agreed to raise money and build them a home.

To be instrumental in getting the children away from the railway lines is something the Trust and its sponsors are very proud of as we are changing lives far beyond anything perhaps we can understand. From a very early age the children have been working with their Mothers as Rag Pickers – this is the main income source. Some of the Mothers are also low paid domestic workers and prostitutes. Fathers are alcoholics, on drugs, and chain snatchers working the trains. Many boys, as young as 14, are addicted to glue sniffing. Many girls over the age of 14 have been trafficked into prostitution.



A local NGO has recently finished building the first phase of this very important project for us and now there are 25 children, 16 girls and nine boys, who have moved from the slum to this groundbreaking new home. We are hoping to have 50 children in the home by the end of this year and 100 during 2017. There is a local government school nearby which the children now attend and are being educated for the first time. Now we need to move to the second phase of construction to add another floor to the building, staff quarters and a kitchen/store room in order to allow more children to attend. With a total building cost of £26,000, please **Donate** if you can to help complete the funds and get more children away from slums!



Rubbish Dump, Guwahati, Assam

The Trust was also recently asked to visit a Rubbish Dump in Guwahati, 5km from the Brahmaputra Home. Here we found many families living and working in atrocious, rancid, unhygienic and dangerous conditions. Men, women and their children rummage through the dump each day, with no shoes or gloves, to find items to recycle in order to make a meagre living to survive. They cook, eat and draw water in the same dirty place they work. Children are only occasionally collected by volunteers who take them to school, but most stay to help their parents earn a living to sustain their lives. But this is not living. Please help us support these desperate people as we raise money to improve their lives. They urgently need your help...



Thank you!