

## Catch up with the Rosie May Foundation's work over the last 12 months!

### How Your Fantastic Support Has Changed the Lives of Hundreds of Children in 2017...

We began the year moving from the kitchen table to an office as we reached the £1 million milestone since our founding!



Our new office at 18 Market Place, Bingham, NG13 8AP



In April 2017, we rebuilt an earthquake proof school in Nepal partnered with SAHAS Nepal. Along with Trustees Don and Jenny Murray, from our Brisbane branch, Australia, we trekked to the lower Everest region for the inauguration of Mesleme Primary school in Nepal. This earthquake resilient school was rebuilt in a remote Sherpa village following the devastating earthquake that rocked Nepal in 2015. Parents are now happy to send their children back to school knowing that they are safe and will get a free school uniform, a nutritious school meal every day and a hot shower once a week!



Mary, Jen and Don (trustees) and Surendra (Director- SAHAS Nepal) on the day of the school reopening.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION PROJECT

Working in partnership with SAHAS Nepal, 450 school uniforms have been handmade providing work for local tailors and enabling more children to attend school in another remote village, Mangri in Nepal.



Children at the school in Mangri Village, Nepal wearing their new uniforms



## SRI LANKA FLOOD EMERGENCY

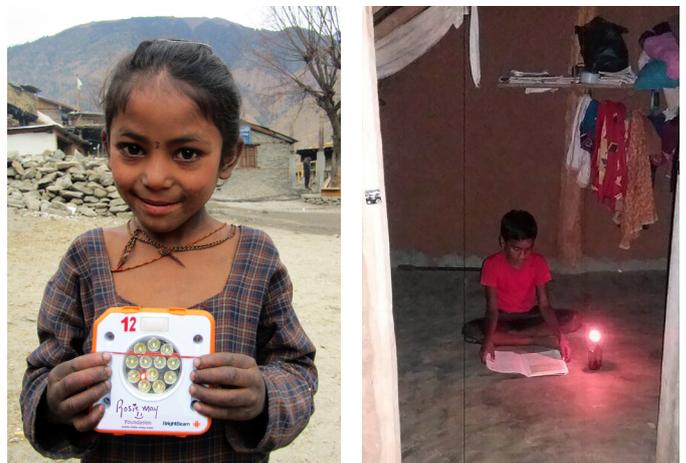
In May, severe flooding and storms in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka ravaged family homes in our community. An emergency appeal raised £3,245.37 which supported affected families by repairing toilets and roofs, providing mattresses and bedding, mosquito nets, school bags, shoes and emergency food.



Mary (Co-founder) delivering a toilet following the floods.

## ONE LIGHT, ONE CHILD

Working with Solmates, Australia we are providing solar lights for some of the world's most isolated children through our charity partners in Sri Lanka and Nepal. We have worked with schools around the world with pupils assembling the lights for other children in Sri Lanka & Nepal. Children from the UK have the opportunity to learn about the lifestyle of a child receiving the light and how solar energy is vital for off grid communities. 500 solar lights have been given to children living without electricity. Unimaginable as it is, this is the reality for many children living in rural communities in Nepal and Sri Lanka. The lights help children to see to do their homework at night, keeping them safe from the dangers of using light from an open fire.



LEFT: Anika can now study at home with her solar light! RIGHT: Ashan now able to do his homework  
BOTTOM: Pupils at Plumtree School, Nottingham with assembled lights



1 LIGHT  
1 CHILD  
SOOLIGHTS  
FOR CHILDREN IN  
RURAL NEPAL & SRI LANKA

PINK TUK TUKS =  
PERSONAL SAFETY FOR  
**300+**  
WOMEN & GIRLS  
EVERY WEEK



## THINK PINK SRI LANKA

In September at Project Hope in Sri Lanka, an exciting initiative Think Pink was launched to train the first women drivers in the Southern Province. The concept of women driving for women provides an income for single parent mums and personal safety for girls and women travelling to school and work.

## EYE CAMP

In October, in partnership with the Foundation for Improvement of Sight and Health, an eye camp held at our local temple in Sri Lanka screened 480 children and adults from low income families. 60 people were given the gift of sight with free cataract surgery and 360 people were given free spectacles. It was incredible to witness an amazing 96-year-old woman who had travelled alone by bus despite having virtually no sight.



96 year old Dilpa awaiting her eye test

## ROSIE MAY HOME

Two firsts at the Rosie May home in Sri Lanka in 2017 where our first girl achieved her A levels AAC grades a remarkable achievement and is now applying for university, and our first girl gaining employment through vocational education now working at a garment factory.



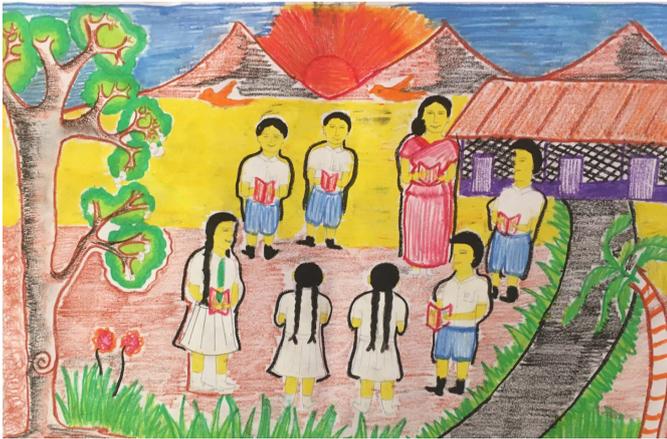
AT THE ROSIE MAY HOME  
SRI LANKA ARE  
**REUNITED**  
WITH FAMILY



Co-Founders, Mary & Graham with the Rosie May Home girls

## A VERY SPECIAL DAY IN DECEMBER

In December, to end this phenomenal year, the University of Nottingham awarded Mary Storrie Co-Founder an Alumni Laureate Special Excellence Award for her services and commitment to international humanitarian work.



Nadeeka's (aged 13) winning drawing of her and her sisters returning to school because of Project Hope.



## PROJECT HOPE

600 children have been prevented from being abandoned to orphanages through Project Hope. In October, single parent families celebrated International Children's Day with an art competition. A concert organised by the Project Hope Pre-School was enjoyed by parents and children. Pre-School education is provided free for single parents and aims to help children achieve their full potential whilst preparing them for school.

**600** *Keeping Families*  
**CHILDREN** *TOGETHER*

**KEPT WITH THEIR SINGLE PARENTS**

How many lives can we change in 2018? Watch this space....

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Of course, we could not have achieved this without the help and support of each, and every one of you, a huge thank you to our sponsors, fundraisers and volunteers, your kindness and compassion has changed the lives of vulnerable children who now have a brighter and better future. - Mary & Graham (co founders)

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