



# Karunai Illam Trust

## CHILDREN'S HOME – SOUTH INDIA



The **Karunai Illam Trust NZ** in partnership with **DHAN Foundation India** seeks to improve the education and living standards of girls and boys at the home (Illam) by providing them with a safe, nurturing and learning environment that includes shelter, food, uniforms and access to education. The children come from extremely deprived families in the region.

# FOUNDER Jean Watson

Jean was the founder of the 'Karunai Illam', which in English means 'Grace Home'. In 1987 she sold her home in Wellington and purchased a plot of land to establish a home for poverty stricken children. She subsequently divided her time between the Illam and New Zealand. As a writer, Jean wrote both fiction and non-fiction, including a book about her experience, titled "Karunai Illam: The Story of an Orphanage in India". Despite the many challenges she faced over the years, Jean's belief in the Illam and her motivation to see it succeed continued right up until her passing in December 2014.



The **Karunai Illam Trust** has no employees, and is entirely dependent on voluntary work and donations. With no advertising and minimal overheads, more than 95% of donations are forwarded to an NGO, DHAN Foundation, for the children and to run the Illam.

Karunai Illam Trust is an incorporated charitable trust and registered #23802 under the Charities Act 2007. NZ donors are normally eligible to claim a tax credit.

We provide a safe channel for your donations.

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# Dhan Karunai Illam

Our vision is to free young and deprived children from the limitations of poverty so that they have more than their basic needs met during these growing years and can find satisfaction and enrichment in their lives and express their full potential.

To this end we seek funds for providing access to education for children in need in a caring and nurturing environment.

## We provide:

- Free boarding so that the children can attend nearby public schools.
- Learning support, extra cultural and physical activities at the Illam
- Regular health checkups and expenses
- Fees and boarding costs towards tertiary education for academically able former students of the Illam

The Illam also supports a number of programmes; please visit our website for further information and also like our Facebook.



## How you can help

### SIMPLY BY DONATING MONEY

You can go to our website and follow the instructions for various payment methods

[www.karunai-illam.org/](http://www.karunai-illam.org/)  
You-Can-Help or  
donate via online banking

### OUR BANK DETAILS ARE:

Account Name: Karunai Illam Trust  
Account Number: 06-0583-0863210-00

Please put your name and contact details in 'reference' if you wish to have a tax receipt and/or follow up by emailing us your details to [info@karunai-illam.org](mailto:info@karunai-illam.org)

## SUPPORTING THE ILLAM COMPLEX

The Illam complex is where all of our children reside and spend most of their time outside of their school day. This complex includes the newly built girls hostel and the older boys hostel. Managing such a facility comes with significant financial costs, including the weekly utilities, groceries and wages, as well as unexpected costs, such as buying water during a drought or if a child needs emergency medical attention. We also have future financial considerations, including replacing our ageing school van and constructing compound walls around the Illam complex as required by local laws. At the same time we continue to aspire for a new boys hostel in the future. We strive to continue providing high quality care and education for our Illam children and we can't do this without your help and support.

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