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KAY MATTIN TRIBUTES

Our current supporters will be aware that in July this year the founder and main trustee Mrs Kay Mattin sadly passed away. It was always her wish that the Trust and its work should continue and it was for this reason that since 2000 Russell, her younger son, has taken an increasing role in the day to day running of the charity. Although there will be a large void without Kay we are pleased to confirm that the Trust and its activities are all on track and continuing.



Kay and her husband Chester on their 50th wedding anniversary

Kay's older son, Stuart, has agreed to become a Trustee to help oversee the overall operation and with his previous legal background he is well equipped to do so. With Richard our other trustee, who is a qualified accountant, the charity is well placed to meet the stringent rules applied to registered charities operating in the UK. Russell will be managing all the day to day activities but please bear with him if there is sometimes a delay in correspondence or emails as he does the charity work in his spare time. It would be helpful if our supporters could correspond with us by email where they can.

There have been many tributes to Kay including items printed in two newspapers, the Guardian and the Richmond and Twickenham Times. She not only founded the Trust but had been its driving force and guiding light for 25 years, helping raise almost a quarter of a million pounds during that time. Her dedication and determination to help others through innumerable small and simple activities has ensured that hundreds of families have had their lives touched by her thoughtfulness. We have received many kind messages of condolence and this edition of the newsletter is given over to some of these tributes and we trust our readers will allow us this opportunity to print these words so they will be recorded for the future.

Mrs. Kay Mattin was truly a remarkable lady, a role model too. Over 160 sponsored children/families, 41 low-cost houses, besides several other projects - the record of the ESC Trust says it all. She proved that from simple beginnings, great things could be achieved thanks to the support of all our good friends in the U.K. and elsewhere. Through the Trust, she brought happiness to many people in this part of the world and each one of them is grateful to her. Though she is no more with us, her dedication and inspiration will continue to lead us on'. T J Jacob Punnun, Managing Trustee, The Indo-American Club, Chengannur, Kerala.

'She taught me that being a very ordinary person can be extraordinary and that sometimes the smallest of contributions can turn into the greatest of achievements'

'Kay was a very remarkable woman, her achievements were quite staggering, she enabled huge numbers of people to have a better chance in life'

'She was a truly remarkable lady, it was a pleasure and an honour to know her'

'I don't know when I have ever met anyone with such a driving concern for others. The reports of what the Trust has achieved is a suitable memorial tribute to Kay'

` Her modest aims shows the good which can be accomplished with modest administrative overheads. The whole operationjust naturally grew as an expression of the same Christian, modest way of life which both Kay and Ches (her late husband) seemed to embody in their own lives. They both had a simple integrity that we all recognised. We were very proud to be a part of this effort from its earliest days and will miss Kay's quiet enthusiasm.`

`I'm amazed to think that when I first met Kay & Ches in East Sheen in 1985 that she was already 64 and at a time when most people were thinking of retirement she was actively running the ESCT and would be for another 20 years. I remember too having tea in her beloved garden in Bromley, and the times when I stayed overnight and rising early, as I thought, would find her already at her desk tap tap tapping away at her typewriter`

`She possessed a strong belief in right and wrong and is one of the most sincere people I have ever met`

`I very much admired her gentleness and good humour, devotion to family and church and integrity and persistence in doing what she could to help those across the world, truly living her Christian ideals`

`I've never known anyone like Kay, so quiet, unassuming & unpretentious but with such a capacity for love & work`

`Let me say how grateful to God I am for her life and for meeting and knowing such a wonderful woman and for all the kindness she extended`

`Was she as much as 87?, she had so much energy and seemed so much younger`



This photo shows Kay and Corina (one of her granddaughters) on an early visit to Chengannur with Mr John and his wife Lilly. Mr John was the founder of the Indo American Club set up to help the poor with help from the USA. The ESCT joined with him in this aid and he set up and managed our projects until his passing at which point we were so fortunate that Jacob his son took over the good works.

PHOTOS

Jacob has asked if our sponsors would like to send photos of themselves and their families to their sponsored children who would like a better idea of the people who are so generously helping them. These can be emailed to him at jacobpunnen@gmail.com or alternatively they

can be posted to him Mr TJ Jacob Punnen, The Indo American Club, Chengannur 689121, Kerala State, INDIA

KAY CHILDREN HOME

We have recently given some small assistance to the Mercy & Grace Trust which is an Indian charity working in the Andhra Pradesh region of south east India. They have recently told us that they have named a home for orphaned and street children the Kay Memorial Children Home. Here they look after children from age 5-14 and currently the children sleep on the floor as they don't have the funds to buy beds. There are a lot of other ongoing monthly expenses so if anyone would like to assist by donating any amounts however large or small this can be arranged through us. (cheques etc can be payable to East Sheen Chengannur Trust)



Finally we would like to wish all our friends & supporters a very happy Christmas and restful holiday period.