

LOTUS CHILD
CARING FOR THE STREET CHILDREN OF INDIA

The Louis and Zelig Martin Foundation

A LITTLE CHANGE MAKES A BIG CHANGE

There are over 11 million children surviving on the streets of India tonight. They are alone, hungry and frightened, prey to physical and sexual abuse, sleeping on the pavement or in doorways at night and rummaging for food by day.

Four years ago Alannah and Anne Marie Smyth went out to Calcutta to work with street children and there they experienced first hand the degradation, horror and deprivation of life on the streets for these children. With support from friends and family they formed this charity to do something to alleviate the suffering they witnessed.

The Louis & Zelig Martin Foundation focuses on providing shelter, education, medicine and love and care to as many of the street children of India as we can reach. We recognise the importance of investing in people working on the ground to ensure your hard earned money goes directly to where it is needed. For our child sponsorship programme we have entered into a partnership with Edith Wilkins, a nurse from Cork who has been working with Indian street children for over 25 years. Edith and her team are based in Darjeeling, close to the Nepalese border where child trafficking is widespread. There they run a number of projects including a half way house, night shelter and drop in centre. They work tirelessly rescuing children from the horrors of life on the streets and provide them with a safe and loving environment where they are fed, clothed and educated. Many of these children have suffered physical and sexual abuse but in Edith's loving care they are nurtured back to health and learn to be children once again.

SPONSOR A CHILD

You can make a difference to a child's life. By sponsoring a child for €25 a month you will provide for their education, medical welfare, clothes and nutrition. You will receive updates of their progress and give them a normal childhood and an opportunity to blossom and grow.

A GIFT OF A LIFE

If you wish to make a donation or you would like to set up a standing order to donate what you can please fill in the form on the back page and send to:

The Louis & Zelig Martin Foundation

3 Arkle Rd, Sandyford, Dublin 18. Tel: 661 5525



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To the manager,

Bank Name

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Please pay The Louis & Zelig Martin Foundation:

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Bank of Ireland, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2

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Every month/year * starting on

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Please make cheques payable to **The Louis & Zelig Martin Foundation**

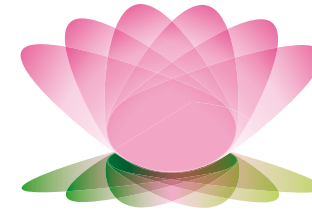
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Thank you!



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