



Spence Evoluzione Charitable Trust

Tsunami Housing Project

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Spence Evoluzione successfully completes three Housing Projects !

The months December and January were significant for Spence Evoluzione Charitable Trust, for it celebrated the successful completion of the first phase of the Tsunami Housing Projects. The Trust was formed in 2005 by the Management of Aitken Spence to support the construction of the Tsunami Houses and related social development projects. Donors from various countries extended their support in many ways for this project. In January we commenced the 2nd phase in Trincomalee and Ahungalla.

The 1st phase had three housing projects in Ahungalla and Trincomalee and focused on building fifty eight houses and two community centers. On the 24th of December '05 and 23rd of January '06 with the participation of Aitken Spence and Government representatives, the houses were handed over to the Tsunami affected families at simple ceremonies. The houses were handed over to the affected families from Trincomalee, Ahungalla, Balapitiya, Wellabada and Kosgoda. The Chief Guest of the ceremony at Ahungalla was Mr. Ravi de Silva, The Environmental Specialist at Aitken Spence. Mr. L K Ariyaratne – Divisional Secretary Ahungalla, Mr. R G Pandithakorralage Project Manager / Director – GHRD, Mr. U C Jayasinghe and Mr. Niran Ratwatte Directors of Aitken Spence Hotels were also present at this occasion.

The Divisional Secretary Trincomalee, Mr Lionel Fernando was the Chief Guest at the opening ceremony in Trincomalee. Mr Rienzi Rambukwella Social Development Officer of Kandalama Hotel represented Aitken Spence at this occasion. We were the first to complete the houses allocated to donors in the Kumpurupiddy area. The families have now settled comfortably and are getting about their day to day work with a great sense of relief.



Families in front of their houses at Pathmasiri Village



Mr. Ravi de Silva delivering the speech/ handing over the keys



Families in front of their houses at Katuwila Village

Progress on the 2nd Phase

Katuwila Phase 2

Spence Evoluzione Charitable Trust has commenced construction of the 2nd phase of the Tsunami Housing Project both in Ahungalla and Trincomalee. Havatzelet – Kibbutzu Movement of Israel has joined hands with the Trust to build 33 houses, a medical centre and a community centre in Wawulagalakele, Ahungalla.

Each house will be equipped with the basic necessities such as water and electricity. A deep well was constructed to support water requirements for the houses and a water tank will be built to ensure continuous supply of water.

Under the guidance of Mr Ravi de Silva we have been able to conserve the top soil of the land. Each house is built on this beautiful hilly land to fit the profile of the land. This will ensure minimum soil erosion and protect the environment.

The construction of this project was awarded to HRL Construction Pvt. Ltd and the project will be completed by the 15th May 2006.



Trincomalee Phase 2

The construction of the second phase of the Trincomalee project is now underway. This consists of a Pre School, Medical centre, Playground and a Community Centre. The objective of the 2nd phase is to uplift the quality of life of the people who are residing in the houses built under this project. The Government plans to settle 350 Tsunami affected families around this land.



Contributions of USD5000 and more received by Spence Evoluzione Charitable Trust

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All monetary donations towards those affected are gratefully accepted to :

Aitken Spence & Co., Ltd. - Tsunami Relief Fund

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