



## **The Link Foundation**

The Link Foundation (TLF) began life in September 2006 and, since its inception, has endeavoured to help disadvantaged children in the local community and overseas. This factsheet will hopefully give you an idea of how TLF has grown and plans for the Foundation in 2008 and beyond.

### **Strategic Partners**

At the beginning of 2007 the TLF trustees evaluated how best we could operate as a charity to ensure we maximised the benefit TLF could give. It became clear that we should work with some established charities in the community and overseas, as TLF is best placed to give financial assistance rather than compete with the practical help a number of charities give to families and children both locally and overseas. The TLF strategy was therefore to work closely in partnership with these charities that could give us access to the families most in need.

### **Locally**

TLF works in partnership with a number of charities in the community, all of which help children who are either disabled or suffering hardship due to financial problems in their families. It may be that they are a single parent family on a low income or a family where parental illness has prevented a wage consistently being available. In many cases TLF is able to provide the basic essentials we all take for granted.

TLF has formed a special relationship with Women's Aid and has supported a number of child-based projects for children living in domestic violence refuges.

TLF also works closely with Health Visitors in the community, who are able to direct families in need to the Foundation. This partnership has been growing steadily over 2007 and has involved health care professionals specifically tasked to deal with disadvantaged families throughout the PCT. It is very gratifying to know that local GPs and health visitors carry with them TLF application packs as an everyday tool to help children in need.

### **Internationally**

25% of the Link Foundation's budget is used to assist overseas children's charities in India, South Africa and we are hoping to support a new project in Kenya in 2008.

It is vital that we have robust partnerships with the charities we work with overseas to ensure that our regular donations are going directly to the children we wish to help. The charities we have aligned the Foundation with do fantastic work with underprivileged children, whether it is girls living in an orphanage on the outskirts of Mumbai, or children living with HIV in South Africa.