



Lak Saviya Foundation

Helping the needy help themselves

Reflections

Lak Saviya Foundation - Australia Incorporated

Our aim is to uplift the economic and social standards of the needy in a sustainable manner.

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You can make a difference - Together we can make it happen

Ongoing Project

Water Pumps for newly re-settled villagers in Ramanathanpuram - Mullaitivu

Earlier this year, Lak Saviya Foundation (LSF) donated 10 water pumps for newly resettled families in Ramanathanpuram with the assistance of Peninsula Motor Group, Bankstown. These families had been displaced by years of conflict which ended in 2009. The water pumps have been put to good use and the families are already reaping the fruits of their labour as shown by the photographs taken by a LSF member who recently visited them.

Water pump at work



Crops by pumped water



Recently Completed Project

Equipment for disabled

15 wheel chairs and 55 walking aides were provided to the Saviya Development Foundation (SDF) in Matara. SDF also operates a vocational training centre for differently-abled youth. This consignment of equipments is in addition to other assistance provided by LSF such as the annual donation of tool kits to passing out students and teacher salaries.

Equipment for disabled



Desktop Calendar 2012

Lak Saviya Foundation's Desktop Calendar for 2012 will be released in November 2011, for the fifth successive year.

The theme of this year's calendar is indigenous birds in Sri Lanka, with each month carrying a beautiful picture of a bird.

Please reserve your copy by emailing to info@laksaviya.org.au

What we did with funds raised from Charity Dinner?

The proceeds from 2011 Charity Dinner totalled have been given or allocated for the following:

- ❖ Flood relief activities in Sri Lanka and Queensland
- ❖ Assisting Lak Aruna Foundation's IT & English Education
- ❖ 10 prosthetic legs for disable people through Centre for Handicapped, Kundasale
- ❖ Vocational training for differently-abled youth through SDF.
- ❖ Providing second-hand books for various schools.

2012 Calendar



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Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.
Nelson Mandela

Projects under the Four Main LSF Themes

LSF projects fall into 4 main themes. A summary of projects under the themes, **Bridging the Digital Divide**, and **Social and Environmental Sustainability**, were presented in our previous Newsletter.

This Newsletter presents some of the projects under the other two themes: **Access to Education**, and **Improving Health Facilities**.

Access to Education

Education is the gateway to a meaningful employment and a fulfilling life – for both young & old. Access to education, which many of us take for granted, is a luxury beyond reach for many thousands in the developing world. Lak Saviya Foundation continues its efforts in providing access to education for those in need – for the betterment of their future. Some of the projects under this theme are:

❖ Financial assistance for needy students

Currently, financial assistance is being provided for a total of 75 students (59 school and 16 university students) in various parts of Sri Lanka. Currently 10 students are awaiting sponsorships, consisting of 7 school and 3 university students. Please write to scholarships@laksaviya.org.au if you would like to sponsor a needy student.

It is a pleasure to note that out of the past students sponsored, 11 have completed their university education successfully, 2 medical doctors, 5 engineers, 3 management and 1 agriculture graduates.

❖ Assistance to Kahawa Ratanasara Maha Vidyalaya

Since 2006, Year 10 students of the Sydney Boys High School have been donating their funds raised to this tsunami affected school through LSF. Some of the work undertaken with these funds are: financial assistance for conducting additional English, IT and Performing Arts classes; establishing and maintaining internet connection so that the year 10 students of both the schools can communicate with each other, and providing computers, furniture and equipment. Currently, LSF is in the process of establishing a school band with the assistance provided by Sydney Boys High School.

Scholarship Recipient at Graduation



Students at Kahawa Ratanasara Maha Vidyalaya



Beds delivered to Kadawatha Hospital



Cataract Patient Hambanthota



Improving Health Facilities

Despite government funding, providing adequate health facilities is a challenge faced by many, including developed countries. The situation is dire in developing countries, where government funding is limited. LSF has been assisting this area within its capacity, mainly for the rural needy in Sri Lanka. Some of the works accomplished in this area are:

❖ Beds for needy hospitals

LSF has collected over 100 used hospital beds in good condition, including some ICU beds, from Australian hospitals and shipped them to Sri Lanka to be used in needy hospitals. Hospitals that benefited were Kandy, Warakapola, Jaffna, Kalubowila, Maharagama Cancer Hospital, Lady Ridgeway Hospital, and Lions Club hospital for eye operations in Kadawatha. In addition, LSF provided 100 folding beds for the benefit of carers who stay with their children at Lady Ridgeway Hospital.

❖ Cataract operations

LSF, in joint venture with RegainSight, funded 100 cataract operations at Hambanthota hospital, and also provided a slit lamp to expedite screening of cataract patients in the area.

Currently LSF, with RegainSight, is progressing on a further 100 cataract operations in Moneragala District using funds provided by the Tharuna Youth Group of the Sinhalese Cultural Forum. Another 50 cataract operations are being planned in Polonnaruwa District through Lions District 306B2, using fund provided by ALCOA Australia Ltd.

Thank You for Your Continuing Support