



# 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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Newsletter - Issue 4

## Some Good News

### Laptops for Lak Aruna IT Education Centre

In November 2011, LSF donated 10 laptop computers to the Lak Aruna Foundation's IT and English Education Centre in Hingurukaduwa, Passara – a remote rural village in Uva Province. Currently over 100 students from the area use the learning facilities of this Centre. View details on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hw1Z1kKG40w>



*Lak Aruna children with laptops*

### School Band for Kahawa Rathanasara MV courtesy of Sydney Boys High

Using funds raised by Year 10 students from Sydney Boys High School a school band was set up at Kahawa Rathanasara Maha Vidyalaya, with the approval of the Principals of both schools. Funds were provided for musical instruments, uniforms and an ongoing salary for a Performing Arts Teacher.



*Kahawa Rathanasara MV Band*

### Cataract Operations in Moneragala

With the assistance of RegainSight and funds raised by *Tharuna Youth Group* of the NSW Sinhalese Cultural Forum, LSF provided 100 foldable lenses for cataract operations to the Consultant Eye Surgeon, District General Hospital, Moneragala. Further cataract operations are planned in Polonnaruwa with the assistance of Lions Club (District 306 B2) using funds received from ALCOA Australia Ltd.

## All You Can Eat Charity Dinner 2012

For the fifth successive year, the annual major fundraising event of LSF – All You Can Eat Charity Dinner – will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at the Roselea Community Centre, Carlingford, from 5.30pm to 10.30pm.

*Please note that seats are to be reserved prior to the event. No tickets will be available at the gate.*

Funds raised will be used for helping disabled people, poorly resourced rural schools and hospitals, and providing IT and English education to children in rural areas of Sri Lanka.

As in previous years, your continued assistance and attendance is kindly requested to make this event a success.

**Respect your fellow human being, treat them fairly, disagree with them honestly, enjoy their friendship, explore your thoughts about one another candidly, work together for a common goal and help one another achieve it.**

**Bill Bradley**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT CHARITY DINNER**  
For Helping the Needy in Sri Lanka

17 March 2012  
From 5.30 pm to 10.30 pm  
At Roselea Community Centre  
(645 Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford)

Authentic Sri Lankan Cuisine  
Hoppers, Dosai and Fried Rice  
Vegetarian and Non-Vegetarian Dishes.  
Dessert, Tea and Coffee Included

Adults \$25, Children (under 12) \$10  
Wine, Beer and Soft Drinks Available for Sale

For reservations please contact:  
dinner@laksaviya.org.au  
or  
Tissa Liyanage - 0413 385 937  
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"You can make a difference – Together we can make it happen"

## Achievements: Access to Education & Social and Environmental Responsibility

### Financial Assistance for Needy Students

The benefits of our past efforts to provide better access to education are currently being seen. Eleven students who received financial assistance from LSF have now graduated from universities to become productive citizens of Sri Lanka. They comprise of 2 doctors, 5 engineers, 2 management consultants, 2 science graduates and 1 IT professional.

Feedback received from some of these graduates are:

- *"I urge the sponsors to have closer contacts with students while providing the financial support. Monitoring the progress of the studies will give students the strength they need to achieve their goals"*
- *"I will promote LSF activities wherever possible and prepared to provide financial assistance in the future as LSF supported me. The assistance you provided is great, long live LSF!"*

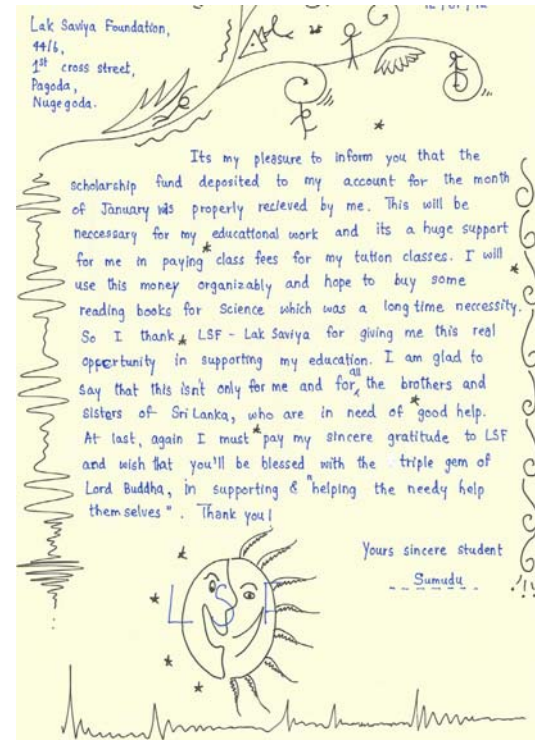
This is a proud moment for all our students' sponsors. Thank you and well done.

Currently 86 students are being sponsored comprising of 66 school students and 20 undergraduates.

If you would like to sponsor a student please write to [scholarships@laksaviya.org.au](mailto:scholarships@laksaviya.org.au)

### Providing Artificial Limbs for the Needy

LSF provides financial assistance to those needing prosthetic legs, through the Centre for Handicapped, Kandy, Sri Lanka [www.cfhsrilanka.org](http://www.cfhsrilanka.org). This project was initiated in 2009, with funds raised from past Charity Dinners. Thirty (30) needy people have been provided with artificial limbs to date. This has enabled the recipients to be mobile and independent, thereby relieving their family members of various caretaking duties.

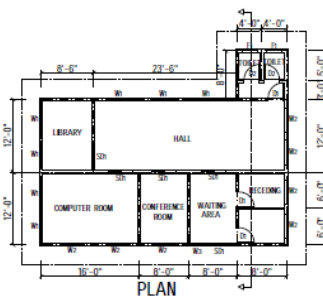


*A Letter from a Scholarship Recipient*

### Future projects



FRONT ELEVATION



Proposed Lak Aruna Building

Under the LSF theme of Bridging the Digital Divide, planning is underway to provide a building for the IT and English Education Centre operated by Lak Aruna Foundation. Located in the remote village of Hingurukaduwa, Passara, in Uva Province, this Centre currently provides education for over 100 children. At present, the classes are held in dilapidated buildings with little protection from adverse weather. The proposed building will provide a safer and healthier environment for the students, thereby ensuring the sustainability of this Education Centre.

A plot of land is being acquired, and a plan and estimate for the building has been prepared. At an estimated cost of about Rs 3.6 million (about A\$30,000), this is the single biggest project LSF will be embarking on. Due to the scale of the project, LSF is carefully assessing all identifiable risks to its implementation, operation, and sustainability, as well as determining the resources, personnel, systems, and key performance indicators that need to be put in place.

If you require further information, and wish to be partners of this worthy project, please write to:

[info@laksaviya.org.au](mailto:info@laksaviya.org.au)

*Thank You For Your Continuing Support*

*Hope to see you on 17<sup>th</sup> March at our Charity Dinner*

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