



**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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## Newsletter - Issue 5

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

### *New Building for Lak Aruna Education Centre*

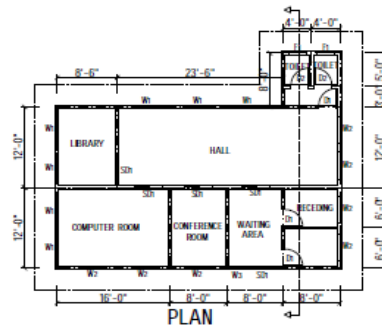
Lak Aruna Foundation is an Education Centre in Hingurakaduwa, Passara, Sri Lanka. It was initiated in 2004 by a young educated villager with a vision, to develop IT, Maths and English skills of children in this remote village. Starting with 12 students using a donated computer in 2004, the Centre now caters for over 300 students. LSF has been supporting, and continues to support Lak Aruna, by providing teaching aids such as computers and books, improving library facilities, teacher salaries, sponsoring foreign volunteers for teaching, and funding for an administrator to ensure good governance. Several past students have progressed well and now work in the IT industry in Sri Lanka, with one of them finding employment in Maldives.

#### *Existing Buildings*



The buildings in which classes are being conducted are dilapidated, and totally inadequate for the current student population. Over the past two years LSF has been planning to provide a new building by acquiring land and obtaining building approvals for this purpose. In September 2012, a contract was awarded to construct the building, 40 feet long by 24 feet wide, with expected completion in February 2013. The cost of the building project is A\$44,000. LSF plans to meet this expenditure by raising additional funds, as well as postponing all non-urgent projects.

#### *Proposed Building under construction*



We invite you to contribute to this worthy cause. Funds can be credited to Lak Saviya Foundation, BSB & Account No. 062033 – 10221474, with a screen copy of the transaction emailed to [treasurer@laksaviya.org](mailto:treasurer@laksaviya.org). All donations will be acknowledged by providing a LSF receipt, and the donors will be kept up-to-date on project progress.

For further information please visit: <http://lakaruna.org/>.

*If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got – Anonymous*

## Assisting Children with Disabilities

LSF recently joined hands with "Volunteers to Assist Children with Disabilities" (VACD). The objective of VACD is to assist children with disabilities and their families to overcome discrimination and social stigma, while addressing their health and educational concerns to foster their skills and talents so that they can become productive and independent citizens in the future. Currently assistance is provided to 69 disabled children in 9 local schools in Bandarawela District, Sri Lanka. Some key achievements to date are:

- ❖ Fortnightly Health Clinics for children that provide full medical checkups and maintain a Medical Record Book for each child. Two local doctors provide these services free of charge.
- ❖ A qualified expert from the Western Autism School of Victoria, Australia is working with teachers, children, parents, community leaders and medical authorities to introduce modern therapeutic methods and improve teaching techniques.
- ❖ A Special Skills Training Program for the children with the help of specially trained teachers.
- ❖ Establishing a 'Mothers' Union of Children with Special Needs' – a support group for the parents of disabled children.

For further information please visit: <http://www.vacd.org.au>

## Health Clinics for Disabled Children



## Letter of Appreciation for Text Books from a School

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The President  
**Laksaviya Foundation,**  
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Bingara Crescent,  
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Australia

Dear Sir/Madam,

**The Donation of the English Book for Kg/Dehi/Ruwanwella M.V.**


On behalf of Kg/Dehi/Ruwanwella Maha Vidyalaya, I acknowledge the English Book Donation made by the **Lions Club, 306 B** with the helping hand of **Laksaviya Foundation** Australia on 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2012 with much respect and gratitude.

We ensure you that this donation will help to build the knowledge and capacity of the students of this school.

We appreciate and extend our sincere thanks to you, all the members of the **Lions Club 306 B** and the **Laksaviya Foundation**.

Thank you,  
Yours faithfully,

S. N. B. K. KARUNARATNA  
THE PRINCIPAL, S.L.P.S.  
KG/DEHIRUWANWELLA M.V.  
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## Text Books to Provincial Schools

A shipment of used text books from LSF has been distributed to 3 Provincial Schools with the help of Lions Club District 306 B2 in March and April 2012. The books were mainly on the subjects of English, Maths, Science, and Economics. The books have been well received by the following schools:

- ❖ Ruwanwella Maha Vidyalaya, Ruwanwella.
- ❖ Panama Maha Vidyalaya, Panama
- ❖ Dangalla Maha Vidyalaya, Pepiliyawala, Dangalla

## Handing Over Text Books to Schools





## Disability Equipment for Saviya Development

A shipment of used disability equipment including wheelchairs, as well as 14 computers, was sent to Saviya Development Foundation in August 2012. This equipment has been distributed to the programs of Saviya Development Foundation, in particular to the "Athwela 1" project - a Vocational Training Centre for disabled youth in Kamburugamuwa, Sri Lanka, which is funded by LSF. Of the 14 computers, 4 have been given to Kahawa Rathanasara Maha Vidyalaya, which also receives funding for IT education from Sydney Boys High School through LSF. For further information please visit: <http://www.saviya.org/>, <http://www.rathanasara.sch.lk> and <http://www.sydneyboyshigh.com/welfare/community-service/year10>

### Artificial Leg Recipient



### Desktop Calendar 2013

Lak Saviya Foundation's Desktop Calendar for 2013 will be released in November 2011, for the sixth successive year.

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

The funds raised will be used for building the Lak Aruna Foundation's Education Centre in Hingurukaduwa, Passara, Sri Lanka.

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### Saviya Development Disabled Youth

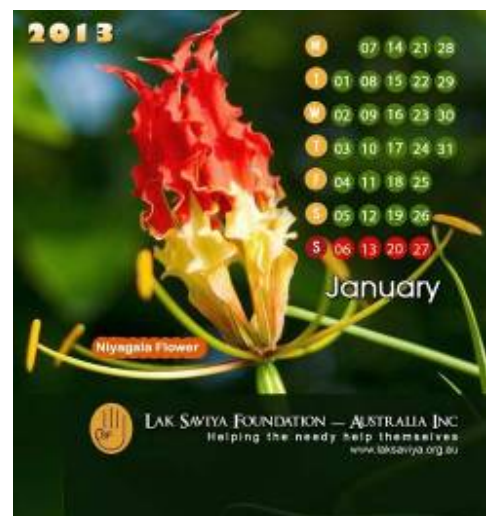


### Artificial Legs for Deserving

Funding for 10 artificial legs was provided by LSF to needy persons, through the Centre for Handicapped in Kandy. This has enabled 9 people (one child requiring both legs to be fitted) to become independent and go about their daily routines without the assistance of their immediate families. This is the fourth successive year that LSF has funded artificial legs, having provided 10 artificial legs to needy recipients every year.

### Cataract Surgeries at Provincial Hospital

Fifty well deserving patients from the Polonnaruwa District, Sri Lanka, regained their vision as a result of cataract surgeries undertaken at Polonnaruwa Hospital. Lions Club District 306 B2 coordinated the project and Polonnaruwa Hospital staff provided their services free of charge. LSF provided the lenses through funds received from ALCOA Pty Ltd.



*Thank You for Your Continuing Support*