

Lak Saviya Foundation Newsletter No. 12

We have some good news. Lak Saviya Foundation (LSF) received Deductible Gift Recipient Status with effect from 1st November 2016. This means that all donations made since that date will be tax deductible. Details in <https://abr.business.gov.au/SearchByAbn.aspx?SearchText=74230501620>

Our annual fund raising event, All You Can Eat Charity Dinner will be held on Saturday 27th May 2017, at the Roselea Community Centre, 647 Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford, from 5.30pm to 10.00pm. Separate 1.5 hour sessions have been arranged and booking times for sessions are: 5.30 pm, 6.00 pm, 6.30 pm, 7.00pm, 7.30pm, 8.00 pm, 8.30 pm. All seats are reserved and table bookings (8 per table) can also be made. Details in <http://www.ozlanka.com/event-cal/events/index.php?com=detail&eID=2334>

Following projects were funded by last year's Charity Dinner profits:

1. Funding a teenage girl from an orphanage to train as a Dental Assistant, in collaboration with the Dental Care International training institute, Bokkawala, Central Province, Sri Lanka. The training course is 6 months of studies and 6 months of work placements. In August 2017, subject to passing Government accredited exams, the girl will be qualified to work as a Dental Assistant. Students completing this course have been fully employed in past years.



Students at Dental Care International, Bokkawala, Sri Lanka

2. Funding assistance to manufacture artificial limbs in collaboration with Mettha Foundation's workshops in Maho and Maankulam, Sri Lanka, which produced 320 new limbs and 651 repairs last year. LSF paid for Rubber compound and glue used to make prosthetic feet. An experienced doctor manages the work, undertaken by qualified technicians. Underprivileged patients are treated free of charge.



Meththa Foundation's Workshop in Maho, Sri Lanka

3. Funding for provision of school bags, books and utensils for 211 students starting Grade 1 in January 2017, in 8 schools in Dehiattakandiya, Ampara District, Sri Lanka. The work was undertaken in collaboration with the Provincial Education Office, Eastern Province. Details in <http://dehiattakandiya-school-projects.blogspot.com.au/>
4. Funding 50% of the course fees for a needy student to complete an IT course in the National Institute of Business Management (NIBM), Sri Lanka. The student, from a remote village in Uva Province, is currently studying in Colombo, while training part time at Tetran Pty Ltd – a placement that Lak Saviya Foundation facilitated with the management of that company.

5. Funding for an English Teacher, an administrator, and daily newspapers at Lak Aruna Foundation's IT and Education Centre, Hingurukaduwa, Passara, Sri Lanka. Lak Saviya Foundation has been assisting this Centre since 2003 by providing computers, books, teacher salaries etc, and in 2012 funded the construction of a proper building to accommodate growing number students. Current enrolment is about 400 students. Recently Lak Saviya Foundation donated 7 used laptop computers.



Lak Aruna Foundation students and the donation of laptops

6. Refurbishment of a Slit Lamp for eye testing with a new Tonometer, in collaboration with Vision 2020, for the Eye Clinic at Piliyandala Hospital. One day each week, eye testing is conducted in this Clinic for patients seeking free cataract operations or free spectacles. About 100 patients attend the Clinic on the day, lining up from early hours of the morning.



Screening at Eye Clinic at Piliyandala Hospital, Sri Lanka

In addition to above, Lak Saviya Foundation has been:

1. Assisting the Kahawa Ratanasara Maha Vidyalaya with funds raised from Sydney Boys High School Year 10 fund raising, to fund a Tamil Language teacher, an English Language teacher, and to pay internet charges. Also, a consignment of sporting and computer equipment was delivered to the school late last year.
2. Scholarships for 90 school students and 10 university students funded by sponsors in Australia and abroad. Currently there are 22 students in waiting list, therefore this will be a good opportunity for you to come on board and sponsor a student, if you are not doing so already. Please write to scholarships@laksaviya.org.au for more details.



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