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Fund Raising Lunch Packet Drive in June 2022

A Lunch Packet Drive was held on 04th June 2022 to raise funds to cover the cost incurred on the shipment of Hospital Beds and essential Equipment/Consumables to Sri Lanka in December 2021 and to facilitate ongoing projects of LSF in Sri Lanka. This project raised a Net Profit of AUD 7,395. Though our initial target was to sell 800 lunch packets, due to high demand we had to extend our sales up to 875 lunch packets.

We had to raise funds in this manner as a result of not being able to hold our annual fund raising event “All you can eat Charity Dinner” over the last 3 years, as a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic situation

Our Next Lunch Packet Drive in October 2022

A second Lunch Packet Drive is scheduled for Sunday, 30th October 2022 to raise funds to facilitate a further shipment of Hospital Beds and Equipments to Sri Lanka and to finance a School Sanitary Project in Sri Lanka in association with Lions Clubs International District 306 B1.

Lak Aruna Foundation Learning Centre



LSF continues to provide funding to Lak Aruna Foundation (LAF) Learning Centre at Hingurukaduwa in Uva Province of Sri Lanka. This Centre is currently providing English language & IT skills education to around 275 students from Hingurukaduwa and neighbouring villages in Monaragala district. Local teachers in the Centre receive invaluable support from regular visiting foreign volunteers, especially in providing English Language educational programmes.



LSF is making a monthly contribution of LKR. 40,000.00 to cover administrative expenses of the Centre such as payment of salaries to local teachers. This project is mainly funded by one of our sponsors, Sydney Boys High School (SBHS) with their annual sponsorship contributions and together with proceeds from other fund raising initiatives, we aim to maintain our commitment to support children in this rural community and make a valuable difference in their lives.

A short video presentation made by a student at LAF Learning Centre is attached below for your information.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiCq2YnyhLM>

LSF Scholarship Programme

LSF continues to finance needy students in Sri Lanka with the support of sponsors. At present there is a total of 139 students (132 school children and 7 University) being sponsored by well wishers and 5 students still in the waiting list in need of more sponsors.

The present sponsorship cost per student is fixed at AUD 180 or LKR 36,000 per year.

Please write to scholarships@laksaviya.org.au to obtain more details if you wish to sponsor a student from the waiting list.

Your contributions in this regard will be a tax deductible expense from your annual returns.

Cornerstone Youth Development Centre (CYDC) in Mylankadu, Chunnakam

LSF continues to be part of the CYDC Project in Mylankadu, Chunnakam in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka. The CYDC Centre is used as a Study Centre, Computer Centre and a Sports Centre for the youth in the area. In addition, this facility is also used for various community activities in the area benefiting the people. Tuition classes are also held free of charge for students in the area to improve their educational needs.



In January 2022, a one day seminar was organized for students who are sitting for their Grade 5 scholarship exams free of charge. 170 students attended this seminar.



In July 2022, an eye testing clinic and free distribution of spectacles for needy people in the area was conducted at a cost of LKR 250,000. 125 people were tested, 109 Prescriptions issued out of which 84 Spectacles were issued free of charge. The remaining 25 were to get Bi-focal lenses from the prescriptions issued to them.



Providing essential food items for the neediest people in the area was also carried out in July 2022. Two hundred selected families benefited from this project. Dry rations consisting Samba Rice, Dhal, Flour, Sugar, Soya Meat and Tea were distributed with a total value of LKR 3.0 Million. In addition Paracetamol for Adults, Kids and Babies were distributed among selected needy families at a cost of LKR 150,000.



A partially open extension area was constructed recently attached to the existing building at a cost of LKR 632,140. This area at present is being used to conduct classes during the periods of power cuts, a prevailing condition in Sri Lanka now on a daily basis

All these projects are financed by well-wishers living in Australia as well as in Sri Lanaka, in addition to LSF in Australia.

Gala Ball for Indira Cancer Trust O/A “Suwa Arana” Project



On 25th June 2022, “By Your Side” Gala Ball was held under the auspices of Lak Saviya Foundation in the Grand Ball Room of the Epping Club in Epping, NSW. This event was a brainchild of former LSF member Kamal Wanigatunga and his son Asanga to raise funds for the “Suwa Arana” Project of Indira Cancer Trust.

Suwa Arana is a Paediatric Palliative Care Unit, a first of its kind in Sri Lanka, facilitating special end of life care for children with cancer. This Home, away from home facility lets the whole family of the patient to stay together during this heart-rending, difficult time of their lives.

The construction of the centre is well under way and is expected to be completed by September/October 2023.

This sold-out event showcased the generous nature and giving spirit of the wonderful community which we live in. The Gala Ball was a roaring success raising more than AUD 150,000 which included the ticket sales, sponsorships and auction earnings.



The 350 guests who graced the occasion were entertained with a 3-course meal, live music, and warm and cozy atmosphere. The live band, Brown Sugar and DJ Sebb kept the guests moving on the dance floor throughout the night, with their wonderful and wide repertoire of music.

The highlight of the event was Dr. Sam Prince, founder of Prince Group being the Platinum Sponsor of the event by contributing AUD 70,000 that exceeded the target of the organizers by far. In recognition of this substantial sponsorship, one of the floors of the centre will be named after the Prince Group. The Suwa Arana Project Management Team has also invited the Prince Group to be in their Board. An additional AUD 38,000 worth of sponsorship was awarded by three Gold Sponsors: - Castle Group, Diligent Care and Louis Carr together with Silver Sponsors: - QSEC Procurement, Fianchetto Pty Limited, Jade Pools and Asanga Wanigatunga.

The appreciative comments, praises and words of encouragement received from the guests during the night and afterwards are testaments to this great event. We extend our sincere appreciation to all guests, sponsors and donors for making this event a great success and helping to make a difference.

Please visit <https://suwaarana.org/> for further information of this project.

Hospital Beds and Equipment Programme

A 20 foot container shipment of Hospital beds, Equipment and Consumable items was made to Sri Lanka in December 2021. The shipment included 32 ICU standard, quality remote controlled Hospital Beds, 36 Patient monitors in addition to Medical equipment, Surgical and Medical Consumables which were distributed among needy Public Hospitals in Sri Lanka. The estimated value of the total goods sent was AUD 389,000.

The total cost of AUD 11,101 was financed by well-wishers (AUD 5,500) and the balance by proceeds received from the Lunch Packet Drive held in June 2022.

Following is the list of items shipped and their distribution in Sri Lanka:

Items	Hospital	Total Qty	Ampara	Thoppigala	Minneriya	Polonnaruwa	Sampur	Welikanda	Wellawaya	Kuruwita	Ratnapura	Thalai Mannar	Panagama - Dale	Kuliyapitiya	Anuradhapura Childrens Home
Hospital beds – ICU quality		32	2	1	3	2	1	4	2	1	10	2	2	2	
Patient monitors		36	3	1	3	3	1	4	2	3	5	6	1	4	
Anaesthetic machines		2									1			1	
Baby warmer		1										1			
Crash trollies		6			2						2			2	
Wheel chairs		12	4									4			4
Walking frames		15	4						3			4			4
Infusion Pumps		15	5								5	3			
Vital Signs Monitors (Welch Allyn)		12	3			2		2	3		2				
Surgical Consumables (Various)		15 Box	2	1	1	1		1	1	1	2	2	1	2	
Portable Suction Unit DX-01		1									1				
Surgical Microscope (Carl Zeiss)		1									1				
Defibrillators (Phillips)		12	2	1	1	1		1	1	1	2			2	
Blue Tubs (Basins)		180	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	
Baby cot 1 No.		1						1							

The beds and other items were donated free of charge by Hawkesbury Hospital, Windsor and Norwest Private Hospital, Bella Vista. Free storage facilities were provided by a well-wisher and clearing and distribution of items in Sri Lanka was coordinated and financed by Senaka Rodrigo and Donald Gaminihilake



Map indicating distribution of hospital beds and medical equipment



Kuliyapitiya Base Hospital- Handing over Beds and Equipment.



Wheel Chairs and Soft Toys to a Special Needs Children's Home in Anuradhapura



Thalai Mannar Hospital – Handing Over Beds and Equipment