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Ontario International Development Agency (OIDA) partners with SLCSF

It is with great pleasure we announce the partnership of Ontario International Development Agency (OIDA) with the SLCSF. With this partnership, OIDA plans to fund as many scholarships as possible each year through its annual fundraising events. This year itself, OIDA has funded nine scholarships and three additional scholarships by its members.

We are very excited that OIDA joins hands with SLCSF in helping our bright children and we thank OIDA and its members for their support!

A message from the President and CEO of Ontario International Development Agency (OIDA)

On behalf of Ontario International Development Agency (OIDA) executive council, I congratulate Sri Lanka Canada Scholarship Foundation (SLCSF) for its commitment to support students in Sri Lanka. OIDA will continue financial support for the Scholarship Foundation by holding major fundraising events. Canada Day Celebration, Sudbury Dragon Boat Festival and Northern Light Festival have already been planned as fund raising events for the year 2007.

OIDA and SLCSF partnership will definitely help economically disadvantaged students in Sri Lanka to have a bright future. I wish all the best for the SLCSF volunteers who are dedicated for this worthy cause!

Dr. Neville Hewage, Ph.D
President and CEO
Ontario International Development Agency

Did you know ...

From 2006, we have increased the monthly scholarship payment to students from Rs.750 to Rs.1000. We have accomplished this without increasing the annual donation amount from sponsors.

2006 Annual Scholarship Awarding Ceremony

The annual scholarship awarding ceremony for 2006 was held on September 2 at Sri Sudassanaramaya, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This ceremony was presided by our Patron and Advisor, Venerable Dr. Mirisse Dhammika, with the participation of 77 new scholarship students, their parents, some of the scholarship sponsors and other well wishers of the foundation. The chief guest for the occasion was Mr. Upali Gunasekara - Principal of Royal College, Colombo.

Out of the 77 scholarships awarded, 60 were for Grade 12 students while the remaining 17 were memorial scholarships for first year university students.

Scholarship award certificates and study packs were distributed to all new scholarship recipients. The expenses of the award ceremony, including lunch and refreshments for all the participants have been borne by Mr. Sudu Vatagodakumbura, Vice President of the SLCSF.

We thank all the students and their parents for participation; after travelling long distances from remote villages and cities in some cases. We also thank the scholarship sponsors who participated and awarded certificates to the students they have sponsored. Our thanks also go to Venerable Dhammika, the chief guest Mr. Upali Gunasekara, our Sri Lankan Coordinator - Mrs. Seetha Goonetilleke and all other supporters in organizing this successful event. We also thank Mr. Sudu Vatagodakumbura for his generosity in meeting expenses of the ceremony.

New Grade 12 Scholarship Awards for 2006

This year, we have awarded 60 scholarships for Grade 12 students. They were selected from several hundred applications received, based on their G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination results in 2006, income per family member and considering other special circumstances (such as, deceased parents). All these students have obtained at least eight A's in the G.C.E. (O/L) examination, while many of them have received an impressive, straight 10 A's!

We congratulate these students for their academic achievements and wish them all the success in their future studies.

Deshapriya Chandrasoma, Kurunegala
R. H. Sandunika Kalhari, Matara
M. V. R. D. Karunarathne, Haloluwa
Madumekhala Jayawardena, Kamburupitiya
Tharanga H. Godagedara, Rathnapuraya
R. A.G. Malka Rajapakse, Parakaduwa
S. M. Thilini Sameera, Kuliypitiya
U. Sandamalee Galamuna, Pelmadulla
B. C. Jayasanka De Silva, Ambalangoda
J. A.C. Priyadarshani Lakmali, Horana
T. P. N. Tharanganie Guruge, Dematagoda
S. P. Hasitha Ravisara, Halawatha
H. M. N. Devinda Herath, Dambadeniya
I. K. S Bandara Wellagiriya, Hingurakgoda
P. N. Piyumika Fernando, Wadduwa
L. A. C. Sandhya Gunasekera, Metikumbura
D. Gangani Hettigedara, Pussellawa
E. J. S. P. Dilhari Ekanayaka, Embilipitiya
N. M. T. Lakshitha Ranasinghe, Keppetipola
N. Upul Tharanga Gunasena, Polonnaruwa
J. A. Prabha Madhavi, Akuressa
A. G. Dilushan Rajapakse, Kegalle
M. T. Dhamshani Gunaratne, Kuruwita
Udayanganie Ranasinghe, Godakawela
B. A. Warunu Madhusanka, Beliaththa
P. K. Muditha Dharshani, Boralesgamuwa
D. P. S. Gamachchige, Badulla
Prabhashinee Anjalika, Wathugedara
H. A. Chapa Dilangi, Ragama
W. L. A. T. Aloka Lakmali, Kaluthara
D. G. Timantha Mendis, Ambalangoda
R. H. Lahiru Priyasad, Karadeniya
S. D. Sudheshani Piyatissa, Kandana

D. N. Nuwanthi Gunaratne, Rathnapura
K. Samithra Weeratunga, Thissamaharama
Dulanjalee Premadasa, Kahawatta
Madhushanka Karunasiri, Dehiowita
R. M. H. Wimansi Mapa, Etempitiya
H. A. Tharindu Sameera, Nawalapitiya
Madhubhashini Udahawatte,
Hemmathagama
E. Buddhi Thisara, Kirama
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Kumudini Wickramasinghe, Kanthale
Kosala Nuwan Jayaratne, Wadduwa
Dilini Seneviratne, Ambalanthota
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Jagath Asiri Ratnayake, Rikillagaskada
M. H. Harshani Sampath, Kamburupitiya
L. Shermila Siribaddana, Kamburupitiya
P. Shavanthi Wijesuriya, Nittambuwa
U. A. T. Nelum Uduwara, Anuradhapura
Pubudu Uthpala Weerabahu, Dankotuwa
Madhuhansi Kuruppuarachchi, Piliyandala
G. A. Dilini Tharaka, Middeniya
A. Kumari Dissanayake, Udispaththuwa
B. M. S. Pavithrani Bannaheka, Kuliypitiya
Kithsiri Mewan Jayasingha, Nikaweratiya
G. P. Chamika Madhushan, Ambalangoda
J. A. Malika Sandamalee, Kamburupitiya
P. Wajira Hemantha, Batapola

We thank all the sponsors for their generosity and hope that they will continue to provide financial support in the future years.

Did you know ...

Two of our scholarship recipients have obtained district level best results in the 2006 G.C.E. Advanced Level examinations.

Congratulations to P. U. P. Saumya Kumara and B. Priyadarshana Fernando for getting the best results in Science and Maths streams in the Kaluthara district!

Scholarship Sponsors for 2005/06 and 2006/07

In 2006/07, Ontario International Development Agency has sponsored nine scholarships, Alberta Buddhist Vihara has sponsored two and SLCSF has sponsored 14 scholarships (from the savings as a result of higher exchange rate for the Canadian dollar compared to Sri Lankan rupee). While some individual sponsors have contributed for more than one scholarship, some sponsors have collectively sponsored one scholarship.

We are very thankful and grateful to all the sponsors for their generosity. We really appreciate the children sponsoring scholarships individually or as a group, thinking about other children who need financial help to continue their education.

The following is the list of our sponsors during the years 2005/06 and/or 2006/07. We sincerely apologize if we have missed any names or incorrectly spelt any names.

Ontario International Development Agency (OIDA), Ottawa
Dept. of Census & Statistics, Colombo
Alberta Buddhist Vihara, Edmonton
Sri Lanka - Canada Scholarship Foundation (SLCSF), British Columbia
Mr. W.A.D. Sarath Kumara, Austin, USA
Miss. Mala Disanayaka, Battaramulla
Miss. Renuka Nelumdeniya, Battaramulla
Miss. Thamali Perera, Battaramulla
Mr. Dilshan N. Peiris, Battaramulla
Mr. Jayath Udara Perera, Battaramulla
Mr. Sunanda Dissanayaka, Battaramulla
Mrs. D. Munasingha, Battaramulla
Mrs. Indira Kasthurirathna, Battaramulla
Mrs. Nalani Disanayaka, Battaramulla
Mrs. Sisie Peiris, Battaramulla
Sasnaka Sansadaya, Battaramulla
Mr. Sumith & Mrs. Chandu Peiris, Burnaby
Dr. Upul Atukorala, Burnaby
Dr. Janaka Ruwanpura, Calgary
Mr. Asanka Perera, Calgary
Mr. Chanaka Samarajeewa, Calgary
Mr. Leslie Samarajeewa, Calgary

Mr. Lakshman Perera, Calgary
Mrs. Manel Perera, Calgary
Mr. Maithri Perera, Calgary
Mr. Piya & Mrs. Manik Navaratne, Calgary
Mr. Shehan Perera, Calgary
Mrs. Cynthia Amarasinghe, Calgary
Mr. Saman Perera, Calgary
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Mr. Nandana Perera, Calgary
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Mr. Gayan Abeysundara, Coquitlam
Miss. Namal Abeysundara, Coquitlam
Mr. Navin Abeysundara, Coquitlam
Mr. Palitha Palliyaguru, Coquitlam
Mrs. Sunila Madanayaka, Coquitlam
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Mr. Saliya Kulatunga, Edmonton
Dr. Sunil K. Ranasinghe, Edmonton
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Mr. Hirantha & Mrs. Kumudu Hettiarachchi, Fort McMurray
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Miss. H. Uthpala De Silva, Japan
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Mr. Sandeva Goonetilleke, Japan
Mrs. H. L. Fernando, Kohuwala
Dr. Gamini & Mrs. Kanthi Randeni, Maple Ridge
Dr. Sarath Jayawardena, Nanaimo
Miss. Lukshani Jayasinghe, New Westminster
Mr. Demuni Jayasinghe, New Westminster
Mrs. Elsie Perera, New Westminster
Mrs. Shamani Jayasinghe, New Westminster
Mrs. Rupa Gunarathna, Nugegoda
Dr. Neville Hewage, Ottawa
Mrs. Darshani Nanayakkara, Ottawa
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Thissera, Ottawa
Mr. Nalin Imbulgoda, Ottawa
Mrs. Chithrani Kiriwattuduwa, Pannipitiya
Mr. Krishan Goonetilleke, Rajagiriya
Mr. Nimal Goonetilleke, Rajagiriya
Mrs. Seetha Goonetilleke, Rajagiriya
Mr. Thompson Fernando, Scarborough
Mr. Sudu Vatagodakumbura, Surrey
Mrs. Indira Hewa Bandula, Surrey
Miss. Ruvani Hewa Bandula, Surrey
Miss. Gayani Hewa Bandula, Surrey
Miss. Sajini Piyumanthi, Surrey
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Mr. Sena Ransinghe, Surrey
Mr. Siva Sathasivam, Surrey
Mr. Upul Seneviratne, Surrey
Mr. Venus Perera, Surrey
Dr. Gunadasa Ankumburage, Surrey
Dr. Mrs. Amitha Bar-Sholoma, Vancouver
Dr. Udaya Annakkage, Winnipeg
Mrs. Dilrukshi Annakkage, Winnipeg

Did you know ...

Over 80% of our 2004 batch of scholarship recipients have passed the 2006 G.C.E. Advanced Level examination. And eight of our students have obtained 'A' passes for all of their subjects!

Establishment of Wijayasena Kiriwattuduwa Memorial Scholarship Fund

Mrs. Seetha Goonetilleke – our Sri Lankan Coordinator, has established the "Wijayasena Kiriwattuduwa Memorial Scholarship Fund" for funding scholarships for first year university students in the medical faculty on an on-going basis, in memory of her beloved father, late Mr. Wijayasena Kiriwattuduwa, a retired school principal.

These scholarships provide Rs. 1000 per month for a period of one year to the selected students in Sri Lankan universities. This year, two scholarships have been awarded from this fund. We thank Mrs. Goonetilleke for her generosity in establishing this fund for helping financially our university students.

Memorial Scholarship Awards to University Students

This year, for the first time, 17 scholarships have been awarded to first year university students in the medical faculties.

A monthly award of Rs. 1000 is provided for one year to each of the selected students. The main selection criteria were the academic excellence of the student (based on the results of the G.C.E. Advanced Level examination) and the financial status of the student's family.

We congratulate the following students for their academic achievements and receiving these scholarships.

Nisansala Ranathunga, Kurunegala
Kelaniya University
J. K. P. Amila Dishan, Galle
Colombo University
H. Kumuduni Wijesingha, Mathugama
Rajarata University
K. Subodha Sachithra Mendis, Beliaththa
Sri Jayawardena Pura University
Krishantha R. Kothalawala, Galle
Ruhuna University
Sujith Priyanga Gunarathna, Ampara
Ruhuna University
Tharanga Hettiarachchi, Tangalle
Ruhuna University
Chanitha Peduruarachchi, Gandara
Colombo University
A. P. Gayan Madhuranga, Matara
Colombo University
H. Dhananjaya Premarathna, Rathnapura
Colombo University
Bandara Ekanayaka, Kandy
Peradeniya University
Sewwandi Abeygunawardena, Payagala
Sri Jayawardena Pura University
M. M. K. Chamari Madhusa, Akmeemana
Ruhuna University
Dilani Niranjala Kumari, Mathale
Rajarata University
Lakshani Sawindi Fernando, Panadura
Sri Jayawardena Pura University
Shyamali Kumari Rajapaksha, Hindagala
Peradeniya University
W. M. Prabhath Ranga, Ethiliwewa

Sri Jayawardena Pura University

We wish them all the best in their university studies!

Funds for these scholarships have been provided by the following sponsors:

Five scholarships in memory of late Mr. Wijayasena Kiriwattuduwa (father of Mrs. Seetha Goonetilleke, our Sri Lankan Coordinator), sponsored by:
Mrs. Seetha Goonetilleke
Mr. Sarath Kiriwattuduwa
Mr. Krishan Goonetilleke
Mr. Sandeva Goonetilleke

Mrs. D. Munasingha, in memory of her parents Mr. & Mrs. K. W. Saranelis

Mr. S. Dasanayaka, in memory of his parents Mr. & Mrs. S. M. P. Bandara

Mr. Chandimal de Silva, in memory of his grand father Mr. Titus Gunarathna

Mrs. Priyadarshani De Silva, in memory of her father Mr. Titus Gunarathna

Ms. Renuka Nelumdeniya, in memory of her grand mother Mrs. S. D. Nandawathi

Mr. Nimal Goonetilleke, in memory of his father Mr. Sadiris Goonetilleke

Mrs. Rupa Gunarathna, in memory of her mother Mrs. Agnes Fonseka

Mrs. Sissie Peiris, in memory of her father Mr. S. S. De Silva

Mr. Deepal Peiris, in memory of his parents Mr. & Mrs. D. S. Peiris

Mrs. Mallika Jayasundara, in memory of her parents Mr. & Mrs. T. A. Jayasundara

Dr. Bandula Abeyesundara, in memory of his father Mr. S. W. Abeyesundara (2 scholarships)

We thank the sponsors for helping our bright students during their first year of medical degree studies.

Pictures from the 2006 Award Ceremony



Mrs. Seetha Goonetilleke (Sri Lankan Coordinator) welcoming all participants and Venerable Dr. Mirisse Dhammika (Patron and Advisor) in the background.



Mrs. Chithrani Nanayakkara handing over scholarship certificates to students, representing the Ontario International Development Agency (OIDA), Canada.



New Grade 12 scholarship recipients with Venerable Dr. Mirisse Dhammika – Patron and Advisor (middle), Mrs. Seetha Goonetilleke – Sri Lankan Coordinator (left) and Mrs. Indira Kasturiratne – Assistant Sri Lankan Coordinator (right).



New university memorial scholarship recipients with Venerable Dr. Mirisse Dhammika (middle), Mrs. Seetha Goonetilleke (left) and Mrs. Indira Kasturiratne (right).

Audited Financial Statements

Income/Expenses Statement – April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006

Income:

Total Scholarship Fund	8,568.30
Bank Interest	<u>7.37</u>
Total Income	8,575.67

Expenses:

Scholarship Fund – Payments to students	9,536.88
Licenses and Permits (Annual Registration Fee)	25.00
Postage and Delivery (Note 1)	18.00
Depreciation	<u>25.00</u>
Total Expenses (Note 2)	9,604.88

Net Income (Expenses) (1,029.21)

Notes:

1. A fixed amount has been transferred to Sri Lanka to cover the postage and delivery expenses of scholarship cheques and other correspondence with students.
2. Expenses paid directly by well wishers through special donations are not shown.
3. Average exchange rate used in the Canadian Dollar-Sri Lanka Rupee conversion is Canadian \$1.00 = SL Rs. 82.00

Balance Sheet – As of March 31, 2006

Assets:

Current Assets	<u>Canadian \$</u>
Chequing/Savings	
Delta Credit Union	5,346.83
National Savings Bank – Sri Lanka	<u>3,548.72</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>8,895.55</u>
Total Current Assets	8,895.55
Fixed Assets	
Equity Shares	<u>65.01</u>
Total Fixed Assets	65.01
Other Assets	
Provision for Depreciation	(50.00)
Office Equipment (Sri Lanka)	<u>500.00</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>450.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>9,410.56</u>
Liabilities & Equity:	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	38.30
Retained Earnings	10,401.47
Net Income	<u>(1,029.21)</u>
Total Equity	9,410.56
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>9,410.56</u>

Special Donations

The following special donations have been made during 2006 in meeting some specific expenses of the foundation. These are not included in Annual Financial Statements, as the donors have directly paid these expenses. We thank the following donors for the special donations:

- Mr. & Mrs. W. M. S. Bandara, Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs - 77 CR books
- Mr. Milton & Mrs. Manojanie Wijerathna, Rajagiriya – 77 campus file covers
- Mr. Krishan Goonetilleke, Commercial Bank, Colombo - 77 packs of pens and pencils
- Mrs. Ranjanie Walpola - Rs: 2500.00 for travel expenses of five recipients of "Wijayasena Kiriwattuduwa memorial scholarships"
- Mr. Sudu Vatagodakumbura – Canadian \$250 for providing lunch to all participants, travelling expenses of 12 recipients of University Memorial Scholarships, renting sound systems, and other miscellaneous expenses
- Mrs. Seetha Goonetilleke – Rs. 6000.00 for photography, video, printing, enlarging and laminating for publishing in newspapers and notice boards
- Siri Sudassanaramaya, Battaramulla – Providing venue for the ceremony and utility expenses, tea, soft drinks, snacks and expenses for rented chairs
- Mr. Gayan Abeyesundara – Canadian \$85 for SLCSF web site name registration and annual web hosting
- Dr. Bandula Abeyesundara – Rs. 3500.00 for printing SLCSF receipt books
- Dr. Bandula Abeyesundara – Canadian \$78 for newsletter and award certificate printing

If you are willing to make a special donation for a specific purpose, please contact our Treasurer by e-mail at sisirahb@shaw.ca or phone at (604) 572 0136.

How You Can Help

- By letting your friends know about the Sri Lanka - Canada Scholarship Foundation and what it does to help Sri Lankan students. Please feel free to make copies of this newsletter and distribute to your friends.
- By making special donations to cover miscellaneous expenses (such as, printing and mailing this newsletter, printing our information brochure, providing meals for and reimbursing transportation costs of students and their parents attending the annual scholarship award ceremony). We use only special donations to cover these miscellaneous expenses, without using sponsor donations given for scholarships.
- If you are already a sponsor, by sending your bi-annual or annual contributions to our Treasurer during the month of May each year.
- By arranging fund raising activities in your city and volunteering in other activities of the Foundation.
- By letting us know your comments and suggestions for improving what we do.

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Sri Lanka – Canada Scholarship Foundation

Application for Sponsorship

Name (Ven./Mr./Mrs./Miss./Dr.):

Mailing Address:

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Telephone: (Home) (Work)

E-mail:

Number of Students you wish to sponsor :

The amount of the cheque attached: Can.\$/US \$/SL Rs.

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Date

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Signature of Applicant

For sponsoring a scholarship, the financial commitment needed is either Canadian \$135.00 or US \$90.00 per year for 2 years, or, SL Rupees 18,000 for two years.

Even if you are already sponsoring one or more scholarships, we appreciate if you can complete the above form and mail it (or, e-mail the information) to one of the following addresses. This will help us in keeping our records up to date and sending you future newsletters and other information about the foundation in a timely manner.

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