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SLCSF receives charitable status

After a lengthy process, Sri Lanka – Canada Scholarship Foundation has been approved as a charitable organization by Canada Revenue Agency, effective April 2008.

This allows our sponsors to claim their donations to SLCSF as tax deductible for income tax purposes. If any SLCSF receipt issued after April 2008 does not show the charitable registration number, please send us an e-mail at: info@slcsf.org or, contact our Treasurer at 604 572 0136.

160 Scholarships Awarded this Year

We have awarded 160 new scholarships this year, which is the highest number of scholarships awarded in a year since the inception of SLCSF in 1998!

We thank all our sponsors for this achievement. If not for their generosity, we would not be able to reach out to help these deserving students.

Did you know...

SLCSF is still rejecting over 80% of applications from brilliant students, as we do not have enough sponsors to help them.

Please encourage your friends to be part of this worthy cause by donating less than \$12.00 per month for sponsoring a scholarship.

Changes in the Board of Directors

Venerable Dr. Mirisse Dhammika has resigned from the position of Patron and Advisor of the SLCSF. Venerable Dhammika was instrumental in founding the SLCSF in 1998 and guided the Foundation through its infancy. Currently Venerable Dhammika resides in Sri Lanka and is extremely busy with numerous religious and humanitarian activities. We thank Venerable Dhammika for his advice over the years and wish him success in all his current endeavors.

Welcome our New Additional Sri Lankan Coordinator

We have appointed Dr. Praneeth Abhayasundere as the Additional Sri Lankan Coordinator in August 2008.

Praneeth is the Head of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology in the Sri Jayawardhanapura University in Sri Lanka. We thank Praneeth for willingly accepting this role to help our Sri Lankan children.

Graphitec (Sri Lanka) donates new Student Profile Cards to SLCSF

If you have sponsored one or more new scholarships this year, you would have received the nicely designed new "Student Profile Cards" printed in color. These cards were mailed to the selected scholarship recipients as a part of the award package. The students completed it with their information and a photograph and returned to us, to be forwarded to their sponsors.

We gratefully acknowledge the donation of these cards by Mr. Sudath Silva – Managing Director of Graphitec (Pvt) Ltd, Cotta Road, Rajagiriya, Sri Lanka. Sudath and his staff professionally formatted and printed the cards, bearing the full production cost! We thank all the staff in Graphitec for an excellent job done in a professional and timely manner.

We also thank Mr. Anil Fernando (Edmonton) for making this happen! Anil was instrumental in providing the initial design, introducing Mr. Sudath Silva to us, providing our initial requirements to Graphitec and following up all the way through to completion.

Meet some of our Young Sponsors

From our list of sponsor names, you may not realize that we have several young sponsors each year. Our young sponsors set a great example to all of us in sharing what they have with others who are less fortunate or disadvantaged.

This year we thought of interviewing some of our youth sponsors (names indicated below) and share their responses with you.

- Sanj Perera
- Samindi and Saranee Fernando
- Thilinie Rajapakse

We asked them the following questions:

- As a young person you have set a great example for all of us by sponsoring a scholarship. What made you to think of making a donation to SLCSF for the benefit of Sri Lankan children?
- Do you have any message for our youth?

The following are their responses:

Sanj Perera



Several months ago I came across information about the Sri-Lanka Canada Scholarship Foundation (SLCSF) which helps deserving youth of Sri Lanka with academic scholarships. I came to know that SLCSF receives applications from many deserving children but not enough sponsors to ensure that these future generations of Sri Lanka would be able to further their education. As a voung professional myself. I realized the immense value of continuing education and found myself in a capable position to help some of these children. I strongly believe in the vision of the SLCSF charity. I had the opportunity to brighten the futures of hopeful children and this simply was an opportunity I could not surpass.

Sanj's message to our youth...

Change does not happen by waiting and watching others, but by actually taking that first step forward to make a difference by helping others. The young people of our generation are the future; they are in a prime position to make important changes in our world. Their education is of extreme importance as it opens doors to limitless opportunities. Any donation big or small will help this very worthy and important cause.

Additionally, Sanj mentions that...

I am currently enrolled in an Executive MBA program and understand through my own experiences how important a good education is. I have studied hard and have received numerous scholarships during my post secondary education. This education brought me so many opportunities that allowed me to fulfill many of my dreams. Having that extra financial assistance through scholarships had helped me greatly to get to where I am today. The youth of Sri Lanka are looking for financial assistance to help in making their dreams come true. Everything we do today will effect our tomorrows, and the children of Sri Lanka are the future, so it is vital that we help them in every way we can.

Sanj is a 28 year old young professional Sri Lankan living in Calgary, Alberta. He is a Civil Engineer and a Project Manager of large real estate and land development projects. Sanj has set a great example by sponsoring 20 scholarships this year!

Samindi and Saranee Fernando



When my sister and I were informed about the SLCSF, we were overjoyed to have the opportunity to donate to such a good cause. I decided that it was important to donate to children who are less fortunate. Everyone deserves the right to an equal education, and it is unfair that for some children that right is not fulfilled because they cannot afford it. I am sure that with these scholarships, these children will be able to continue their education, and they can pursue

their dreams without worrying about the cost. My sister and I donated the monetary gifts we received for our birthdays for this worthy cause because the greatest gift of all was to know that our donation would help a student in need.

Samindi and Saranee's message to our youth...

It is important to help children in need of support, in order to ensure equal education amongst students. It is a noble deed to donate to charities such as the Sri Lanka - Canada Scholarship Foundation, and to give hope to less fortunate students.

Samindi is a Grade 9 student at the Port Moody Secondary School in Port Moody, BC. Her elder sister Saranee is in the final year of completing her B.Sc. degree at the Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, BC.

Thilinie Rajapakse



I feel that children who strive to do well in their education should not have finances as a restraining factor in their success. They should be rewarded for their hard work and dedication. I've been fortunate to grow up in a country that is generous with scholarships for youth that are successful in their education and I feel very happy that now I can give this opportunity back to deserving young academics in Sri Lanka.

Thilinie's message to our youth...

Stay committed, disciplined and focused on what you enjoy doing in life and you will always be successful.

Thilinie grew up in Vancouver, BC, and later in Edmonton, AB. She graduated from University of Alberta with B.Sc. degree in Neurosciences in 2003 and Doctor of Medicine degree in 2007. She has moved to Calgary in July 2007 for further training at the Alberta Children's Hospital where she is currently a Pediatric Neurology resident physician.

Congratulations and a Big "Thank You" to all our youth sponsors for deeply caring about our less fortunate young children!!

There is a wonderful mythical law of nature that the three things we crave most in life - happiness, freedom, and peace of mind - are always attained by giving them to someone else.

- Peyton Conway March

Memorial Scholarship Awards

Do you know that you can sponsor one or more scholarships in loving memory of deceased family members, relatives, friends or anyone close to your heart?

We believe this is an excellent way to ensure that the name of your deceased family member or anyone close to your heart continues to live on, while you are paving the path for a needy Sri Lankan student to become successful in life!

The selection criteria for these scholarships are the same as our regular scholarships. They are:

- GCE O/L (General Certificate of Education – Ordinary Level) examination results (with a minimum of 8 A's)
- Monthly income per family member
- Special circumstances (such as: deceased, sick or disabled parents, Tsunami-affected families, etc.)

Memorial Scholarship Awards

This year we have awarded 21 memorial scholarships. The sponsors of these scholarships are:

Mr. Suneetha Gamini Tennakoon Memorial Scholarships (2)

Awarded by:

Mr. Hirantha & Mrs. Kumudu Hettiarachchi, Calgary, in loving memory of Kumudu's father.

Mr. Ranjan De Silva Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Mr. Ranjit De Silva and Family, Vancouver, in loving memory of their son.

Mr. Punya Sahabandhu Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Mr. Asoke & Dr. Mrs. Nandanie Weerasinghe, Edmonton, AB, in loving memory of their family friend Mr. Punya Sahabandhu.

Mr. Walimuni Duncan Abeysekara Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Mr. Chatura and Mrs. Tamara Abeysekera, Richmond, BC, in loving memory of their uncle.

Mrs. Bomiriyage Violet Susila Peiris Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Mr. Chatura and Mrs. Tamara Abeysekera, Richmond, BC, in loving memory of Tamara's mother

Mrs. Lily Jayawardhana Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Mr. Palitha Palliyaguru, Coquitlam, BC, in loving memory of his mother.

Mr. A. P. Abeysinghe Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Mrs. Kumudini Palliyaguru, Coquitlam, BC, in loving memory of her brother.

Mrs. Kusuma Goonetilleke Memorial Scholarships (2)

Awarded by:

Mrs. Manel (Mano) Perera, Calgary, AB, in loving memory of her mother.

Mrs. Padmini Imbulgoda Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Mr. Nalin and Dr. Mrs. Warunika Imbulgoda, Nepean, ON, in loving memory of Nalin's mother.

Dr. Tiddy Wijetilleke Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Mrs. K. Dayananda and Dr. S. Dayananda, Australia, in loving memory of Dr. Tiddy Wijetilleke.

Mr. M. B. Kulasekara & Mrs. B. M. Kulasekara Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Dr. Upali and Mrs. Chulani Hippola, Edmonton, in loving memory of Mr. M. B. Kulasekara & Mrs. B. M. Kulasekara.

Mr. Albert Wijeratne Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Mrs. Indra Madanayake, Port Coquitlam, BC, in loving memory of her father.

Master Nuwan Wijayasinghe Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Dr. Mahendra and Mrs. Chandrani Wijayasinghe, Edmonton, AB, in loving memory of their son.

Mrs. Seela Subasinghe Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Mr. Henry Subasinghe, Surrey, BC, in loving memory of his wife.

Mr. Edward H. Wijesinghe Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Mrs. Mangalika Fernando, Calgary, BC, in loving memory of her father.

Mrs. Felecia Udugama Wijesinghe Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Mrs. Mangalika Fernando, Calgary, BC, in loving memory of her mother.

Mr. & Mrs. T. B. Weerasekaera Memorial Scholarships (2)

Awarded by:

Mrs. Dhammika Ekanayake, USA, in loving memory of her parents.

Mr. S. W. Abeysundara Memorial Scholarships (3)

Awarded by:

Dr. Bandula Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC, in loving memory of his father.

Note: The recipients of these scholarships are included in the list of "New Grade 12 Scholarship Awards for 2008".

We thank all our memorial scholarship sponsors for their donations. Your act of generosity will keep the names of your beloved relatives and friends alive for ever in the minds of these deserving children.

New Grade 12 Scholarship Awards for 2008

This year too we have received over 800 applications from students who have obtained a minimum of 8 A's in the G.C.E. O/L (General Certificate of Education, Ordinary Level) examination held in 2007. Out of these, we have selected 160 scholarship recipients, based on their G.C.E. O/L results, income per family member and considering other special circumstances (such as deceased parents). While we are happy that we are able to help at least 160 students (the highest ever so far in a given year!), it is unfortunate that we had to reject over 80% of the applications from well-deserving students due to limited sponsorships.

We congratulate these students as listed below for their academic achievements and wish them all the success in their future studies!

Miss. K. K. Thanuja Chathurangani, Akuressa

Miss. W. K. Dulari, Galle

Mr. J. H. M. S. Sudarshana Herath, Maho

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Mr. M. Oshan Renuka, Dickwella

Miss. G. Niluka Priyadarshani, Balangoda

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Mr. N. Madushan Nanayakkara, Kananke Bazaar

Miss. V. A. Dinusha Madhurika, Walasmulla

Miss. K. M. K. Kalpani Subasinghe, Ahangama

Miss. K. W. Sagarika Ruwanthi, Elpitiya

Miss. R. D. S. Bhagya Rajapaksha,

Welipennagahamulla

Miss. M. A. K. Sandamali Kumburugamuwa, Ratnapura

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Mr. H. P. T. N. Kumara Jayarathna, Ussapitiya

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Scholarship Sponsors for 2007/08 and 2008/09

All our efforts to help financially disadvantaged children would not be possible without our generous sponsors. We thank all our sponsors for their generosity and would especially like to mention the following donations:

- 20 scholarships sponsored by Mr. Sanj Perera of Calgary, Alberta.
- 11 scholarships sponsored by the Sri Lanka – Canada Friendship Association (SLCFA) of Edmonton.

We thank the Executive Committee and all the members of SLCFA for providing a grant to SLCSF, matching the individual donations made by the association members.

2 scholarships sponsored by the Arts Foundation of North West, Washington, USA.

We thank Mr. Neil Amaraweera – Chairman, Mrs. Visaka Wijeratne – Committee Member and rest of the governing members of the Arts Foundation of NW for selecting SLCSF for this donation.

This year, SLCSF has sponsored additional 37 scholarships from the savings we had as a result of higher exchange rate for the Canadian dollar compared to Sri Lankan rupee).

The following is the list of our sponsors (including the memorial scholarship sponsors) during the years 2007/08 and 2008/09. We sincerely apologize if we have missed any names or incorrect spelling.

Note: When more than one scholarship is sponsored, the number is indicated after the sponsor name. Two numbers indicate the number of new scholarships sponsored in 2007 as well as in 2008.

Arts Foundation of North West, Washington, USA (2)

Sri Lanka – Canada Friendship Association, Edmonton, AB (11)

Sri Lanka – Canada Scholarship Foundation (37)

Mrs. K. Dayananda and Dr. S. Dayananda, Australia

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Mrs. Badrani Perera, Calgary, AB

Mrs. Manel (Mano) Perera, Calgary, AB (2)

Mr. Nandana & Mrs. Thakshila Perera, Calgary, AB

Mr. Saman Perera, Calgary, AB

Mr. Samitha Perera, Calgary, AB

Mr. Sanj Perera, Calgary, AB (20+5)

Mr. Siri & Mrs. Indrani Perera, Calgary, AB

Mr. Lakshman & Mrs. Manel (Mano) Perera,

Calgary, AB (20)

Dr. Janaka Ruwanpura, Calgary, AB

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Letters from some of our Scholarship Recipients

The following are some letters and extracted portions of some letters (due to limited space) sent by the scholarship recipients this year. These illustrate under what financial and other hardships they have achieved excellent results in the G.C.E. (O/L) examination and how much they appreciate your financial support in continuing their studies toward the Grade 13 university entrance examination (i.e., G.C.E. Advanced Level examination).

Note: We have removed names (and parts of the addresses) from these letters to maintain the privacy of the students.

Remuna, Anguruwa 1010 Sri Lanka 1St August 2008

Dear Sir.

I am writing this letter to Convey my Sincere thanks for the Scholaship you donated me. I am a girl of a very poor family. Both my parents are unemployed. Some times my father gets temporary work in the village. But his income is not enough for us. I have two elder brothers, who donot have permanent Jobs. So your support is a great help to me.

I always had a dream of my future. But I thought it would never become true as my parents are very poor. They will never be able to Spend money on my higher education. Then fortunately I got this Scholar Ship.

You are an example to the other people in this Society. There are so many talented Students who give up their education due to poverty. So I promise you to do my education to my best and Serve the others in the Country.

I wish happiness and prosperity to all in your family

Thank you

yours Sincerely

The same student has written the following letter in Sinhala language. She wishes that hundreds and thousands of people like her sponsor would be born in the world that extend a helping hand to needy children like her to be successful in life. She says she would never forget the assistance she receives from her sponsor.

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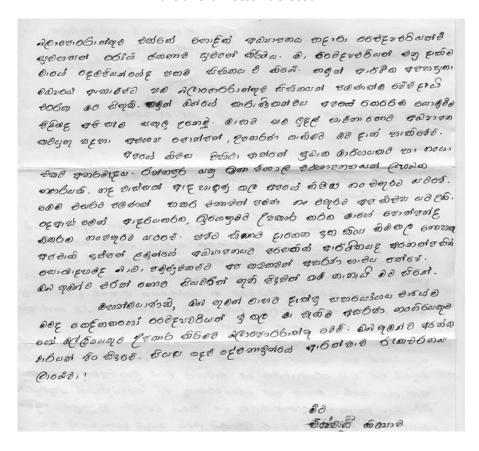
The following student has passed the highly competitive Grade 5 government scholarship exam with high marks and got the opportunity to attend a leading school in a city with much better facilities, but could not do it because of financial hardships. She lives in a small house built from clay and studies using a tiny kerosene lamp. Amidst all these hardships, she has still passed the GCE (O/L) exam with 8 A's, 1 B and 1 S (ordinary pass)!

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Unfortunately, the following student's father is currently in jail. With all the family and economic hardships, he has obtained 8 A's and 2 C's in the GCE O/L examination. His dream is to be a doctor and once he achieves this goal, he is determined to help other needy children like him.

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Audited Financial Statements

<u>Income/Expenses Statement – April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008</u>

Income:	Canadian \$			
Scholarship Fund				
Donations	24,650.10			
Total Scholarship Fund	24,650.10			
Bank Interest	138.40			
Total Income	24,788.50			
Expenses:	,			
Scholarship Fund – Payments to students				
130 Students (First Year of 2007/08 scholarships recipients)	4,945.67			
50 Students (Second Year of 2006/07 scholarships recipients)	6,109.20			
Total Scholarship Fund – Payments to students	11,054.87			
Donations (to United Way)	200.00			
Licenses and Permits (Annual Registration Fee + Certificate of Good Sta				
Printing and Reproduction (Printing cheque books)	88.89			
Bank Service Charges	59.29			
Total Expenses	11,438.05			
Net Income (Expenses)	13,350.45			
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Balance Sheet - As of March 31, 2008				
Assets:				
Current Assets	Canadian \$			
Chequing/Savings				
Envision Credit Union				
Term Deposit	15,017.84			
Savings Account	2.75			
Chequing - Other	1,911.56			
Total Envision Credit Union	16,932.15			
Bank of Ceylon - Nugegoda, Sri Lanka	10,387.58			
Total Chequing/Savings	13,971.79			
Total Current Assets	27,319.73			
Fixed Assets				
Equity Shares	70.59			
Total Fixed Assets	70.59			
Other Assets				
Office Equipment (Sri Lanka)				
Provision for Depreciation	(75.00)			
Office Equipment (Sri Lanka) – Other	500.00			
Total Office Equipment (Sri Lanka)	425.00			
Total Other Assets	425.00			
Total Assets	<u>27,815.32</u>			
Liabilities & Equity:				
Equity	20.20			
Opening Balance Equity	38.30			
Retained Earnings	14,426.57			
Net Income	13,350.45			
Total Equity	27,815.32			
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>27,815.32</u>			

Special Donations

The following special donations have been made during 2008. Some of these have been used in meeting some specific expenses of the foundation while the remaining have been pooled to provide additional scholarships.

We thank the following donors for the special donations:

• We gratefully acknowledge the following donations, which have been pooled to award future scholarships:

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Mr. Neville Leitan (Coquitlam, BC) $50.00
Ms. Nelun Pathirana (Plainsboro, NJ, USA) US$50.00
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 At the time of passing away of his loving mother in November 2007, Mr. Anil Fernando (Edmonton, Alberta) had indicated that donations may be made to SLCSF in lieu of flowers at the memorial service. We have received the following donations:

Mr. Anil Fernando	\$87.00
Mr. Ranjith Jayawardena	\$50.00
Dr. Nimal Rajapakse	\$50.00
Dr. P. A. Saram	\$15.00
Mr. Sanath De Silva	\$50.00

On Anil's request, we will be utilizing these donations to cover the direct expenses of the SLCSF and any remaining amount will be pooled to award additional scholarships. We express our gratitude to Mr. Anil Fernando for his request for donations to the SLCSF in lieu of flowers and the above donors for their donations.

- Mr. Sudu Vatagodakumbura Canadian \$95.00 for mailing letters to applicants with incomplete applications
- Mr. Gayan Abeysundara Canadian \$85.00 for SLCSF web site hosting
- Dr. Bandula Abeysundara Canadian \$48.57 and SL Rupees 4800.00 for stationery and postage for scholarship award packages and mailing letters to sponsors

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 needy 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, postage and other office expenses, 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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Name (Ven./Rev./N	//r./Mrs./Miss./Ms./Dr.):
Mailing Address:	
Telephone:	(Work)
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Number of Student	s you wish to sponsor :
The amount of the	cheque attached: Can.\$/SL Rs./Other:
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For sponsoring a scholarship, the financial commitment needed is Canadian \$135.00 per year for 2 years (or, Canadian \$ equivalent in other currencies), or, SL Rupees 24,000 for two years.

Please write your cheque in favor of: Sri Lanka - Canada Scholarship Foundation

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.

or,

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