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Fund-raising by Sri Lankan Association of Saskatoon (SLAS)

The Sri Lankan Association of Saskatoon Saskatchewan (SLAS), Canada, had raised over \$700 in a fund-raising event and had donated the proceeds to the Sri Lanka - Canada Scholarship Foundation! We have used these funds to award two new scholarships this year in the name of Sri Lankan Association of Saskatoon.

We thank the SLAS and all the donors immensely for their generosity and supporting the cause of SLCSF!!

Note: Please see the "Special Donations" section for the list of individual donors.

190 Scholarships awarded in 2016

We have awarded 190 new scholarships this year – the highest ever since the inception of SLCSF in 1998!

We thank all our sponsors for making this happen! So far we have awarded close to 1900 scholarships! (*Note: In fact we have originally awarded 192 scholarships, but as two students had not responded, we had to cancel those two.*)

Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need.

- Khalil Gibran

SLCSF students pass GCE A/L – 2015 exam with excellent results!

35 students from our 2013 batch of scholarship recipients have passed the GCE A/L (General Certificate of Education - Advanced Level) - 2015 Examination with excellent results. 17 of them have passed with straight 3A's! They expect admission to various universities in Sri Lanka.

Names of these students are listed in our web site at <http://www.slcsf.org/achievements.htm>.

While many other students had also passed the exam, many of them plan to sit for the exam again to get better results and gain university admission. We wish them all the success in their future studies.

Thanking our student volunteers...

Student volunteers have made a huge difference in today's world. It is our duty and obligation to recognize their contributions to our society.

After seeking help from high school and university students in Vancouver and lower mainland in British Columbia, Canada, we were very excited that two volunteers – Mr. Akila Ediriweera, and Miss. Patalee Dissanayake, have come forward to help us in SLCSF activities! Akila is a university student at University of British Columbia (UBC) and Patalee is a high school student in Grade 10.

Aki had helped us in preparing and formatting the student list and the sponsors list for our newsletter. This was a time consuming task and it had to be completed within a reasonable time. You will see the proof of his work in this newsletter.

Patalee is proficient in both Sinhala and English languages. Therefore she helped us in translating letters written by some scholarship recipients in Sinhala to English, as some of our sponsors are not familiar with Sinhala.

We truly appreciate their support and working with us during this year. Their on-going support will ensure that the vital work we do for the students in Sri Lanka can continue in the future. Thanks Aki and Patalee for a great job done!

Our special thanks go to the parents of Aki and Patalee for the support and encouragement given to their children to get involved with SLCSF and contributing to giving hope to children of Sri Lanka!

Contributed by: Chandra Stokes, Assistant Secretary, SLCSF

Note: We also thank Mr. Palitha Palliyaguru (one of our Past Vice Presidents), Maple Ridge BC, for the volunteer help provided by translating some student letters from Sinhala to English. Thanks Palitha for your timely help!

Memorial Scholarship Awards

Sponsoring Memorial scholarships is an excellent way to ensure that the name of a deceased family member or anyone close to your heart continues to live on, while paving the path for an academically gifted student to become successful in life!

The sponsorship commitment and the selection criteria for these scholarships are the same as our regular scholarships.

This year we have awarded 83 memorial scholarships! The scholarships and their sponsors are:

Mr. Ranapala Bodinagoda Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Ms. Kaushalya Bodinagoda, Richmond, BC, in loving memory of her father.

Mrs. Nimal Dias Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Mrs. Sepali and Mr. Mahen Gunasekera, Davis, CA, USA, in loving memory of Sepali's mother.

Mrs. Kusuma Goonetilleke Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

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

Mrs. Muriel Peiris Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Mr. U. D. Niroshan and Mrs. Ruwanie Perera, Victoria, BC, in loving memory of Niroshan's mother.

Mrs. P. T. Kuruppu & Mr. D. A. Kuruppu Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Mr. D. K. Kuruppu, Victoria, Australia, in loving memory of his parents.

Mrs. Hettiarachchige Harriet Ranasinghe & Mr. Carolis Ranasinghe Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Ms. Samanthika S. Kuruppu, Victoria, Australia, in loving memory of her grandparents.

Mrs. Mallika Samarasekera Memorial Scholarships (18)

Awarded by:

Ms. Thilini Samarasekera, Saskatoon, SK, in loving memory of her grandmother.

Mr. P. B. Samarasekera and Mrs. Sandawathi Samarasekera Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Ms. Janaki Samarasekera and Mr. Shantha Athukorala, Surrey, BC, in loving memory of Janaki's parents.

Mr. Wijenayake Tennakoon Memorial Scholarships (2)

Awarded by:
Mrs. Iresha and Mr. Beumal Fernando, Edmonton, AB, in loving memory of Iresha's father.

Mr. Barbet and Mrs. Gunawathi De Silva Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:
Mr. T. Sisira De Silva, St. John's, NL, in loving memory of his parents.

Mrs. Kalyani Wanasundara Memorial Scholarships (2)

Awarded by:
Mr. Sunil Weeratunge and Dr. Mrs. Ursula Fernando, Winnipeg, MB; Dr. Gemunu Widiyaratne and Mrs. Dushmanthi Jayasinghe, Saskatoon, SK, and, Dr. Lasantha and Mrs. Kumari Ubayasena, Carmel, IN, USA (1), and, Dr. Udaya and Mrs. Janitha Wanasundara, Saskatoon, SK (1), in loving memory of Udaya's mother.

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

Awarded by:
Mrs. Dhammika Ekanayake, Woodland, CA, USA, in loving memory of her parents.

Master Nuwan Wijayasinghe Memorial Scholarships (20)

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

Mr. Francis & Mrs. Mallika Samarasekera Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:
Dr. Lal Samarasekera, Thornhill, ON, in loving memory of his parents.

Mr. Albert Kathriarachchi Memorial Scholarships (5)

Awarded by:
Mr. Gayan Abeyesundara, Coquitlam, BC, in loving memory of his grandfather.

Mrs. U. Agnes Perera Memorial Scholarships (5)

Awarded by:
Dr. Bandula and Mrs. Lalitha Abeyesundara, Coquitlam, BC, in loving memory of Lalitha's mother.

Mrs. N. W. Gunasekera Abeyesundara Memorial Scholarships (10)

Awarded by:
Dr. Bandula and Mrs. Lalitha Abeyesundara, Coquitlam, BC, in loving memory of Bandula's mother.

Mr. S. W. Abeyesundara Memorial Scholarships (10)

Awarded by:
Dr. Bandula and Mrs. Lalitha Abeyesundara, Coquitlam, BC, in loving memory of Bandula's father.

Note: The recipients of these scholarships are included in the list of "New Grade 12 Scholarship Awards for 2016".

We thank all our memorial scholarship sponsors. Your generosity will keep the names of your beloved relatives and friends alive for ever in the minds of the children benefited by these scholarships!

It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can.

- Sydney Smith

Scholarship Sponsors for the Years 2016/17 and 2015/16

We thank all our sponsors for their kindness and generosity in helping Sri Lankan children to be successful in education! Without your donations, we will not be able to continue this scholarship program and help these children.

We would especially like to acknowledge the following donations in 2016:

- ❖ 20 memorial scholarships sponsored by Dr. Mahendra and Mrs. Chandrani Wijayasinghe, Edmonton, AB.
- ❖ 18 memorial scholarships sponsored by Ms. Thilini Samarasekera, Saskatoon, SK.
- ❖ 10 scholarships sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Dylan Modder, Burnaby, BC
- ❖ 10 scholarships sponsored by Mr. Asoke & Dr. Mrs. Nandanie Weerasinghe, Edmonton, AB
- ❖ 5 scholarships sponsored by Ms. Harshitha Gunawardana, Calgary, AB

With the pool of money we had from bank interest and one-time donations, SLCSF has sponsored 12 additional scholarships this year.

The following is the list of our sponsors (including memorial scholarship sponsors) during the years 2016/17 and 2015/16. We sincerely apologize if we have missed any names or for any incorrect spelling.

Notes:

When more than one scholarship is sponsored, the number is indicated within brackets. Two numbers (x+y) indicate the number of new scholarships sponsored in 2016 (x) and 2015 (y), respectively.

ALBERTA, CANADA

Ms. Harshitha Gunawardana, Calgary, AB (5)
Mr. Demuni Jayasinghe, Calgary, AB
Miss. Lukshani Jayasinghe, Calgary, AB
Mrs. Shamani Jayasinghe, Calgary, AB
Mr. Ranjith & Mrs. Susila Jayawardene, Calgary, AB (2)
Mrs. Manel Perera, Calgary, AB
Mr. Gihan Abeysundara, Edmonton, AB
Miss. Heshanie Abeysundara, Edmonton, AB (1+1)
Mr. Rohan & Mrs. Sama Abeysundara, Edmonton, AB (1+1)
Mr. Beumal & Mrs. Iresha Fernando, Edmonton, AB (2+2)
Dr. Nimal & Mrs. Chitra Rajapakse, Edmonton, AB (4)
Dr. Sunil & Mrs. Nelum Ranasinghe, Edmonton, AB (1+1)
Mr. K. Sajana Samarasinghe, Edmonton, AB
Dr. Mano & Dr. Mrs. Savitri Senaratne, Edmonton, AB (2)
Mr. Asoke & Dr. Mrs. Nandanie Weerasinghe, Edmonton, AB (10+10)
Dr. Mahendra & Mrs. Chandrani Wijayasinghe, Edmonton, AB (20+8)
Mr. Mahinda & Mrs. Nayanthara Witharana, Edmonton, AB (1+1)
Dr. Upali and Mrs. Chulani Hippola, St. Albert, AB (2)

AUSTRALIA

Mr. D. K. Kuruppu, Victoria, Australia (1+1)
Ms. S. S. Kuruppu, Victoria, Australia (1+1)

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

Ms. Charitha Dharmaratne & Mr. Upali Sirikumara, Burnaby, BC (1+1)
Mr. & Mrs. Dylan Modder, Burnaby, BC (10+6)
Mrs. Lisa Brown, Chilliwack, BC (4+4)
Dr. Bandula & Mrs. Lalitha Abeysundara, Coquitlan, BC (25+20)
Mr. Gayan Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC (5+5)
Mr. Charith Ariyaratne, Coquitlam, BC
Master Siyath Ariyaratne, Coquitlam, BC
Mr. Thineth Ariyaratne, Coquitlam, BC
Dr. Nihal & Mrs. Tamara Ariyawardana, Coquitlam, BC (2)
Dr. Mrs. Mala Fernando, Coquitlam, BC (1+1)
Mr. Dhananjaya Gamalath, Langley, BC (1+1)
Mr. Channa & Mrs. Gayani Lokugamage, Port Coquitlam, BC (2)
Mr. Palitha & Mrs. Kumudini Palliyaguru, Maple Ridge, BC
Mrs. Chandra Stokes, Mission, BC (2+2)
Mr. Ryan Stokes, Mission, BC 2
Ms. Dhananthi Batcha, New Westminster, BC (1+1)
Mr. Gavesh Bandara, Port Coquitlam, BC (1+1)
Ms. Kaushalya Bodinagoda, Richmond, BC
Mrs. Kaumalie Adikaram, Surrey, BC (2)
Miss. Gayani Hewa Bandula, Surrey, BC (2+2)
Mr. Sisira & Mrs. Indira Hewa Bandula, Surrey, BC (4+4)
Mr. Roshan & Mrs. Belle Fernando, Surrey, BC (1+1)
Dr. A. Gunadasa, Surrey, BC (1+1)
Mr. Chalaka Liyanage, Surrey, BC (10)

Mrs. Lakmini Nanayakkara, Surrey, BC (2)
Miss. Minurika Perusinghe and Master Harin Perusinghe, Surrey, BC (2)
Mr. Hemal & Mrs. Hemi Ratnakara, Surrey, BC
Ms. Janaki Samarasekera and Mr. Shantha Athukorala, Surrey, BC (1+1)
Mr. Upul Seneviratna, Surrey, BC (2)
Mr. Hasantha & Mrs. Kanchana Sirisena, Surrey, BC (2)
Mrs. Ruwani Sodhi, Surrey, BC (2+2)
Mr. Sudu & Mrs. Stella Vatagodakumbura, Surrey, BC (5)
Mr. Karunitha Wimalasooriya, Surrey, BC (4+4))
Mrs. Joannie Anderson, Vancouver, BC (10)
Dr. Upul & Mrs. Deepthi Atukorala, Vancouver, BC (2)
Dr. Arjuna Perera, Vancouver, BC (2+1)
Mr. Nimal and Mrs. Chitra Fernando, Vancouver, BC (2+2)
Dr. Nimal & Dr. Mrs. Dhaneshwarie Rajapaksha, Vancouver, BC (7)
Dr. Aruna & Mrs. Chaturika Somasiri, Vancouver, BC (2)
Mr. V. Achala N. Soysa, Vancouver, BC
Dr. Chandana Weerasinghe, Vancouver, BC (1+5)
Mr. U. D. Niroshan and Ms. Ruwanie Perera, Victoria, BC
Sri Lanka-Canada Scholarship Foundation (SLCSF) (12+5)

MANITOBA, CANADA

Sri Lankan Association of Manitoba, MB
Mr. Upali and Mrs. Sasanda Nilmalgoda, Winnipeg, MB (2+2)

NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA

Mr. Sisira De Silva, St. John's, NL (1+1)

ONTARIO, CANADA

Anonymous, ON (2)
Mr. Bandu & Dr. Mrs. Manel Imbulgoda, Watertown, ON (2+2)
Dr. Lal Samarasekera, Thornhill, ON

SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

Dr. Chandra & Mrs. Ruwandi Andrahennadi, Saskatoon, SK (2+1)
Dr. Del & Mrs. JoAnne Fredlund, Saskatoon, SK
Mr. & Mrs. Samarasekera Endowment Fund, Saskatoon, SK (2)
Ms. Thilini Samarasekera, Saskatoon, SK (18)
Mr. Udaya & Mrs. Janitha Wanasundara, Saskatoon, SK (1+1)
Sri Lanka Association of Saskatoon, SK (2)

SRI LANKA

Mr. S. N. J. Senaratne, Deekeriakewa, Sri Lanka (1+1)

UNITED STATES

Mrs. Sepali and Mr. Mahen Gunasekera, Davis, CA, USA
Ms. Chathuri Gunasekera, Davis, CA, USA
Ms. Manulya Gunasekera, Davis, CA, USA
Dr. Damith Senaratne, San Diego, CA, USA (2)
Mrs. Dhammika Ekanayake, Woodland, CA USA (2+2)
Mrs. Indra & Dr. Daya Vithanage, Kaneohe, HI, USA
Mr. Priyantha C. Rathnayake, Florence, NJ, USA (2)
Mrs. Sheelanganie D. Rathnayake, Florence, NJ, USA (2)
Mr. Sihanook Fernando, Kirkland, WA, USA (2)

YUKON TERRITORIES, CANADA

Mr. Rohana Weerasekera, Whitehorse, YT (7)

Scholarship Awards – 2016

This year we have selected 190 scholarship recipients, based on their G.C.E. O/L results, income per family member and considering other special circumstances (such as deceased parents).

We congratulate the scholarship recipients for their academic achievements and wish them all the success in their future studies!

Miss. H.A.P. Chathurika Rupasinghe, Katupotha
Miss. L.W. Hashini Madhushani, Pitadeniya
Miss. K.A.I. Kavindi Kumari, Katana
Mr. H.A. Chinthaka Senavirathna, Eheliyagoda
Mr. M.A.S. Jayasri Kumara, Meegahatenna
Miss. R.M.D. Bhagya Rathnayake, Monaragala
Miss. M. Naupar Husna, Kahatagasdigiliya
Mr. R.W. Chamal Nilakshana, Uva - Pelwatta
Mr. D.K.R.T. Gimhan Dissanayaka, Veyangoda
Mr. P.C. Piumal Weerakoon, Saliyawewa
Miss. K.M. Harshani Nadeesha, Bulutota
Miss. A.O.G.A. Dilhara Samarasinghe, Yakkalamulla
Miss. K.C.T. Kaushalya Kodikara, Matara
Miss. B.D. Suwani Umeda, Piliyandala
Miss. K.P.U. Priyadarshani Ratnayake, Narammala
Mr. L.B. Anuja Nipun Sathsara, Hambantota
Miss. S.G. Piyumi Nirosanee, Deniyaya
Mr. M.G.A. Dilshan Premachandra, Matale
Mr. E.M.T. Bandara Ekanayaka, Polonnaruwa
Miss. G.A.V. Sathsarani Jayatissa, Balangoda
Miss. H.M. Hansika Sandamali, Ambagahawatta
Mr. A.G.H. Shan Bandara, Gampola
Miss. W. Disna Sewwandi, Kolonna
Miss. H.B. Madhushika Priyadarshani, Mahaoya
Miss. R.D. Sachini Darsha Kumari, Polonnaruwa
Mr. H. T.A. Chanuka Prabhath, Matara
Miss. H.R. Shehani Kaveesha, Padalangala
Miss. S.M. Kusum Samarasinghe, Opanayaka
Miss. R.M. Thakshila Sandaruwani, Weerapokuna
Miss. K. Sithumini Senarathna, Kolonna
Mr. K.K.C. Sachintha Sandaruwan, Angulugaha
Mr. W.H.N. Thushara Sanjanath, Kolonna
Miss. H. Dileka Rangani, Deniyaya
Miss. W. Hansini Thilakarathne, Maggona
Miss. T. Tharushika Rathnayaka, Bentota
Miss. E.M.I. Malshani Ekanayaka, Polonnaruwa
Miss. R.G. Iresha Malkanthi, Siripura
Miss. M. Saumya Weerawarna, Tangalle
Miss. K. Sanduni Imanka, Ganguladeniya
Miss. T.K. Ramyasheeli Peiris, Bentota
Miss. P.L.S. Madushika Jayasinghe, Kollabageara
Miss. M.N. Fathima Hafsa, Denipitiya
Miss. R. Hasini Navodya, Walasmulla
Mr. W.N. Shashika Chintana, Padalangala
Mr. S.M.P.G.D. Hemal Siriwardane, Gurudeniya
Mr. H.M. Desika Jayantha, Bambarapana
Miss. W.S. Nethmi Shyaluka, Tangalle
Miss. M.G.P. Uresha Dilshani, Matara
Miss. S.V.P. Rashini Sandamini, Beliatta
Mr. H.G.S. Sandaruwan Wijerathna, Hanguranketha

Mr. A.G.S. Sampath Jayawickrama, Udispattuwa
Miss. H. Thashila Prabodhi, Weligama
Mr. W. Yasiru Prabashitha, Kamburupitiya
Mr. K.D.P. Krishantha Premasiri, Kolonna
Miss. R.M.R. Darsha Rathnayaka, Godakawela
Miss. H.N. Nisansa De Silva Wijesinghe, Panadura
Miss. E. Malshani Ratnasuriya, Boyagane
Mr. D.M.S. Chamod Kavinga, Bibile
Mr. S.A.C.J. Divshan Bandara, Kegalle
Miss. D.M. Jayani Chamindi, Deniyaya
Miss. R.A.S. Wathsala Maduwanthi, Nuwaragala
Mr. R. Raveen Vidusha, Balapitiya
Miss. K.H.G. Oshadi Sewwandi, Yakkalamulla
Mr. K.A.K.B. Anjana Shalinda, Ampara
Miss. W.A.J. Kawya Gunasekara, Gokarella
Mr. H.A.P. Piumal Edirisinghe, Peradeniya
Mr. B.M.P. Dilshan Balasooriya, Ratnapura
Miss. U.A. Chathuri Madushika, Ambalangoda
Mr. K.G.C. Priyanath Sandaruwan, Hakmana
Miss. K.B.A.D. Rukshika Sandamini, Waralla
Miss. E.W.S. Navodya Samaranyaka, Minneriya
Miss. T.I. Madhushani Dharmawardhane, Matale
Miss. P.D.T. Wasundara Premarathna, Matale
Mr. M.G. Ravisa Dilanka, Weligama
Miss. L.H.D. Devmini Jayasooriya, Ganemulla
Miss. R.G. Kanchana Sewwandi, Waralla
Mr. K.K. Pasindu Vidarshana, Matugama
Miss. R.M.A. Madhumali Gunawardhana, Badalkumbura
Miss. M.G. Dilini Madhubhashini, Balangoda
Miss. S.D. Nishadi Wikramasinghe, Hettipola
Miss. S.H. Hansi Sewwandi, Telijjawila
Miss. M.G.S. Chathubhashini Jagadeeshvaree, Homagama
Miss. S.B.M.H. Ranganana Chandrakeerthi, Dummalasooriya
Miss. M.G.M. Kavindini Dasanayaka, Maswela
Miss. J.P. Kavindya Sandeepani, Homagama
Miss. K.G.K. Ishanthika Premachandra, Eheliyagoda
Miss. G.D. Ishara Lakmini, Kurunegala
Miss. M.N. Fathima Naziya, Colombo 9
Mr. Y. Sachith Nimesh, Godakawela
Mr. B.D.S. Adithya Bombuwala, Ratnapura
Miss. M.P. Nimeshika Dulanjane, Handugala
Mr. Periyasamy Kanatheeban, Bandarawela
Mr. D.L. Dilshan Kumara, Rakwana
Miss. B. Kavindika Roshani, Ingiriya
Miss. D.A.S. Madhushani Senavirathna, Nagollagama
Miss. T.H.S. Malsha De Silva, Galle
Miss. K. Nishali Ransika, Dodanduwa
Mr. W. Prabath Dhananjana, Thelijjawila
Miss. U.U. Pavithra Pethumini, Nakiyadeniya
Miss. M.I. Madhavi Somathilaka, Opanayaka
Mr. R.A. Dilshan Kavindu, Kekanadura
Mr. L.P.B. Roshan Bandara, Polonnaruwa
Mr. M.A. Hasantha Madushan, Pitabeddara
Mr. M.M. Lahiru Viduranga, Kottawagama
Mr. D.K. Prasad Piyasena, Ratnapura
Miss. P.K. Ravinduni Kulathilaka, Elpitiya
Miss. R. Chathuri Nisansala, Pallebedda
Miss. P.M. Poojani Amarathunga, Polonnaruwa
Mr. W.A.M. Lakshan Wijesundara, Narangoda
Mr. L.G.T. Dilshan Herath, Hingurana
Miss. W.D. Dinali Jayasrini, Polgasovita
Miss. W.G. Chami Shavishka, Kotapola
Miss. G.T. Nawodya Pushpakumara, Parakaduwa
Mr. R.A.N. Sasun Tharuka, Marawila
Miss. R.H. Kavindya Gunarathna, Dehiaththakandiya
Miss. T.A.S.I. Thakshali Wijerathna, Dehiaththakandiya

Mr. P.M. Pasindu Karunathilaka, Godakawela
 Mr. S. Deshan Gunathilaka, Thalagaswala
 Miss. P.M.N. Dananjane W. Aberatna, Balangoda
 Miss. S. Tharushi Amarasinghe de Silva, Hikkaduwa
 Miss. W.M.A. Kaushalya Kulathunga, Godakawela
 Miss. S. Nadeesha Wickramarathna, Tangalle
 Miss. R.M.D. Damayanthi Rathnayaka, Ridibandi Ella
 Mr. W.A.K. Pradeep Sandaruwan, Ampegama
 Mr. K. Dasun Sandeepa, Eheliyagoda
 Mr. R.A. Lakshan Kavinda, Kekanadura
 Mr. A.M.G.U. Amanda Ekanayake, Kaikawela
 Miss. H.A.D. Kumari Hettiarachchi, Minipe
 Miss. P.R. Imasha Muthukumarana, Kataragama
 Miss. A.M.S. Kaushalya Athapaththu, Polpithigama
 Mr. R.G.J.C. Dhilshan Gunathunga, Katukithula
 Miss. W.N.M.S. Sanjana Hashanthi, Anamadua
 Miss. I.A. Nadeeshani Kavindya, Padalangala
 Miss. D. Sandamali Samarasinghe, Tangalle
 Miss. M.M.P. Savindi Cooray, Wadduwa
 Mr. W.A. Lahiru Madhushan, Dodangoda
 Mr. D.H.C. Ruwan Kumara, Wellaway
 Mr. K.H.P. Aman Geethanjana, Kottagoda
 Mr. S. Saranga Rajapaksha, Ganemulla
 Miss. H.M. Thilini Malshan, Galle
 Miss. L. Vinodya Sathsarani, Balangoda
 Miss. C.M. Dasuni Shashikala, Galle
 Miss. P.G.I. Kanchana Kumari, Pallobowala
 Miss. K.G.H. Sandeepani Karunathilaka, Balangoda
 Miss. L.R.P. Sankalpani Jayathilaka, Kegalle
 Miss. K.L.S. Malshika Sewwandi, Ruggahavila
 Miss. M.N. Sandamini Cooray, Kaludewala
 Miss. A.B.K. Ravina Nishadi, Pitabeddara
 Miss. H.R. Mekhala Sewwandi, Beralapanathara
 Miss. K. Sanduni Madushika, Kotapola
 Miss. E.P.S. Thakshila Edirisinghe, Henegama
 Miss. D.M. Gayani Sandunika, Ampara
 Mr. S.H. Kushan Tathsara, Walasgala
 Miss. G. Ishara Sewmini, Rotumba
 Miss. H.N. Kirambage Dishani, Waralle
 Miss. S. Piyumi Satharasinghage, Kamburugamuwa
 Miss. P.L. Ishani Swarnahansi, Nakiyadeniya
 Miss. P. Upeksha Sewwandi, Vijithapura
 Miss. D.G.N.R. Thathsarani Gamage, Galle
 Miss. M.G.G.C. Dilhani Jayarathne, Muruthalawa
 Mr. D.D. Miranda Samaranayaka, Dodanduwa
 Miss. R. Chathurangani Amarasekara, Seeduwa
 Miss. T.G.K. Isurindi Tharika, Imaduwa

Miss. G.Y. Bineshika Bandara, Kurunegala
 Mr. R. Lanka Ranathunga, Waralla
 Miss. K.Y. Sewmini Sarajika, Giriathale
 Miss. K.P.D. Nirmala Ranaweera, Madatugama
 Miss. S.M.A. Hasanthi Senanayake, Balangoda
 Miss. W.R.D.H. Maduwanthi Indralal, Balangoda
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 Miss. V.G. Shashika Madhuhansi, Kelaniya
 Miss. K.M.K. Sandunil Wickramasingha, Kurunegala
 Miss. H.L.U. Samadhi Liyanage, Anuradhapura
 Miss. W.A. Nedeesha Nipuni, Veyangoda
 Miss. W.M. Nimeshika Madubhashini, Alawwa
 Mr. S. Pathum Sandaruwan, Bandaragama
 Mr. A. Maduwantha Balasuriya, Hokandara
 Miss. D.M.R.S. Darshie Dissanayake, Polpithigama
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 Miss. W.A.K. Dharani Upeksha, Gampaha
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*Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life.
 It turns what we have into enough,
 and more. It turns denial into
 acceptance, chaos to order, confusion
 to clarity. It can turn a meal into a
 feast, a house into a home, a stranger
 into a friend.*

- Melody Beattie

Messages from Scholarship Recipients to Sponsors

Following is a message from a student to her sponsors, extracted from the "Student Profile Cards" from this year's scholarship recipients.

Message From Student to Sponsor:

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This student considers the assistance she gets from her sponsors as a lifeline in facing the daunting mountain of challenges in front of her.

The distance she can go with the light of relief is huge. Her goal is to pass the Advanced Level (A/L) exam successfully and gain university admission.

She offers her heartfelt gratitude to the sponsors for lighting a lamp to eliminate the darkness and extending a helping hand to guide her in the harsh path of life.

Letters from our Scholarship Recipients

In the following extracted portions of letters written by students to their sponsors, students express how grateful they are to their sponsors for providing financial assistance. They all dream of a better future, with the determination of completing their studies successfully and helping other students, following the footsteps of their sponsors.

Note: We have removed names and addresses from these letters to maintain the anonymity of the students and their sponsors.

The following student's whole world is his family – mother, father and his brother. His father is a cancer patient for the past 10 years. About two years ago he was working at a newspaper distributing company, but since last July, he is hospitalized because his left lung had deflated.

His mother is working as a laborer in the hot sun, but her income is insufficient for their daily meals. Under these circumstances, he cannot describe how appreciative he is for the help he is getting from his sponsors. He considers them as an invisible god and expresses his utmost respect and love for them.

She says her 51-year old mother is her best friend. Her mother is a very innocent and kind woman with a lot of patience and is always with her like a shadow. She considers her mother is a heroine, as she bears all difficulties and sadness silently, without showing those feelings externally.

In spite of all the financial difficulties and other shortcomings, she says they are fortunate enough to lead a happy, content life together!

What a great example to many of us who are still in continuous pursuit of happiness without being content with the many luxuries we may have!

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In the following letter, the student says her parents are suffering from numerous illnesses. Her father does not have any pension income, and yet they have to spend a considerable amount of money on medications.

Her friends are into fashionable clothes and accessories, but she cannot even think about them and can only lament.

She believes firmly in higher beings, like gods. However, in referring to her sponsors, she says this is the first time she has come across such god-like higher beings on this earth. Even though she has many relatives and friends, none of them had helped her at all. She thanks her sponsors for helping her like gods living on earth, at a time she needs help the most.

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Audited Financial Statements

Sri Lanka Canada Scholarship Foundation (Canada) Income/Expenses Statement – April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016

Income:	<u>Canadian \$</u>
Sponsor Donations	51,181.06
Bank Interest Income	1,227.57
Endowment Fund	14,683.34
Special contributions	1,381.45
Total Income	68,473.42
Expenses:	
Scholarship Fund – Payments to students	
180 Students (Scholarship Period: 2013 -2015)	9,120.00
170 Students (Scholarship Period: 2014 -2016)	27,510.00
180 Students (Scholarship Period: 2015 -2017)	12,675.00
Total Scholarship Fund – Payments to students	49,305.00
Advertisements (Calling for applications in SL newspapers)	212.41
Bank Service Charges	140.36
Printing & Postage – Sri Lanka	44.61
Paypal Charges	100.28
Registration Fees	25.00
Total Expenses	49,827.66
Net Income (Expenses)	<u>18,645.76</u>

Balance Sheet – As at March 31, 2016

Assets:	<u>Canadian \$</u>
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Bank of Ceylon - Nugegoda, Sri Lanka	
Chequing	5,235.46
Savings	20,773.96
Term Deposits	8,565.46
Total Bank of Ceylon	34,574.88
Envision Financial	
Chequing	6,667.64
Savings	24,030.64
Equity Shares	88.76
Total Envision Financial	30,787.04
Total Chequing/Savings	65,361.92
Total Current Assets	65,361.92
Total Other Assets	234.74
Total Assets	<u>65,596.66</u>
Liabilities & Equity:	
Equity	
Opening Balance	18,342.14
Unrestricted Net Assets	28,608.76
Net Income	18,645.76
Total Equity	65,596.66
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>65,596.66</u>

Sri Lanka Canada Scholarship Foundation (Sri Lanka)
Income/Expenses Statement – April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016

Income:	<u>Sri Lankan Rs:</u>
Remittances from Canada	8,118,250.00
Deposits in Sri Lanka (Chequing)	18,000.00
Deposits in Sri Lanka (Savings)	84,000.00
Add: Fixed Deposit Interest	28,202.31
Savings A/C Interest	157,515.54
Less: Withholding Tax on Interest	<u>(15,751.60)</u>
Total Income	8,390,216.25
Expenses:	
Payments to students	
130 Students (Scholarship Period: 2012 -2014)	624,000.00
180 Students (Scholarship Period: 2013 -2015)	3,240,000.00
170 Students (Scholarship Period: 2014 -2016)	1,785,000.00
Total Payments to students	5,649,000.00
Advertising (Calling for applications in Sri Lankan newspapers)	19,219.00
Printing & Postage	2,500.00
Bank Service Charges	1,200.00
Total Expenses	5,671,919.00
Net Income (Expenses)	<u>2,718,297.25</u>

Note: Canadian \$1.00 = Sri Lankan Rs: 118.00

Balance Sheet – As at March 31, 2016

Current Assets	<u>Sri Lankan Rs:</u>
Cash at Bank – Bank of Ceylon, Nugegoda	3,012,684.19
Pre-payments – Newspaper advertisement	25,000.00
Fixed Deposits - Bank of Ceylon, Nugegoda	<u>1,000,000.26</u>
	<u>4,037,684.19</u>
Liabilities & Equity:	
Equity	4,767,636.94
Net Income	<u>-729,952.75</u>
	<u>4,037,684.19</u>

Special Donations

The following special donations have been made during 2016. Some of these have been used in meeting specific expenses of the foundation and offsetting other overheads. Any remaining amounts have been pooled to provide additional scholarships with SLCSF as the sponsor.

We thank the following donors for the special donations:

- TELUS Cares Team, BC - \$550.00, consisting of: \$500.00, in recognition of community volunteering services of Mr. Karunitha Wimalasooriya, Surrey, BC, and, \$50.00 for community volunteering services of Mr. Hemal Ratnakara, Surrey, BC.

We are very grateful to Karunitha and Hemal for nominating SLCSF as the recipient of this donation to Telus!

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

Mailing Address:

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Phone (home): E-mail:

Number of students you wish to sponsor:

Amount of the payment: Cdn.\$ / SL Rs./ Other:

Category of scholarship (Please circle): Memorial / Regular

For memorial scholarships: Please indicate in whose memory the scholarship(s) is/are to be awarded:

Name:

Relationship to Applicant:

For new sponsors: Introduced to SLCSF by:

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Date

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Signature of Applicant

For sponsoring a scholarship, the financial commitment needed is Canadian \$180.00 per year for 2 years or, Canadian \$ equivalent in other currencies. Please write your cheque in favor of “Sri Lanka – Canada Scholarship Foundation”.

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