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Welcome our new President!

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Lal Samarasekera as our new President!

Lal has been the Vice chair of Save the Children Saskatoon and a volunteer with the Saskatchewan Lung Association for several years. He has been living in Saskatoon for over 20 years and is currently a Geotechnical engineer. We thank Lal for willingly accepting this leading role in the SLCSF!

Our outgoing President, Mr. Lakshman Perera and our Canadian Projects Coordinator, Mr. Pradeep Perera, had stepped down from their positions due to other commitments. They have committed to support us in all our future activities. We thank them for their services over the past years!

SLCSF Awarded 130 Scholarships this Year

We have awarded 130 new scholarships this year. While we have received over 800 applications, due to limited numbers of sponsors, only 130 students were selected.

We thank all our sponsors for their donations to fund these scholarships!

Do you know...

100% of your donations are now used in funding scholarships and go directly to the scholarship recipients!

This is possible because there is no paid staff in the SLCSF and, the small overheads we have are now totally covered from the net proceeds from a fund raising event.

Amendments to the SLCSF Constitution

Recently, the Board of Directors had made amendments to the SLCSF Constitution to clearly define who the members of SLCSF are and their rights. With this amendment, the sponsors of scholarships will automatically become members of the SLCSF for the period of their sponsorship, provided they are in good standing and have paid sponsorship dues on time (i.e., there are no overdue payments).

The members will have the following rights and privileges:

- Right to stand for election to any position in the SLCSF Executive
- Right to vote at the AGM in electing SLCSF Executives
- Right to attend any board meeting, by giving advance notice
- Right to examine SLCSF financial statements and other documents, by providing advance notice
- Receiving the annual newsletter

We usually have the Annual General meeting in May/June time frame. Prior to the AGM, all members will receive email notifications about the AGM and the nominations for electing board members for the upcoming year.

Fundraising Event

SLCSF had its second major fund raising event in February this year, preparing and selling rice packets. This event was again spearheaded by Mr. Gamini and Mrs. Sumana Wijeratne (Surrey, BC), who spent several days in planning the event, purchasing all required items, preparing food and

distributing them. The net income was over \$3,000!

Our special thanks go to Gamini and Sumana for volunteering their effort and time in this major fund raising event and making it happen! We thank all the other volunteers who helped in various ways in making this event a great success.

Memorial Scholarship Awards

Sponsoring a Memorial scholarship 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 19 memorial scholarships. The scholarships and their sponsors are:

Mr. Piyasena Dematagolla Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Ms. Ruvini Dematagolla, Vancouver, BC, in loving memory of her father.

Mrs. Kusuma Goonetilleke Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

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

Mr. H. M. S. B. Madawala Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Mr. Gihan Madawala, Port Coquitlam, BC, in loving memory of his father.

Ms. Muriel Peiris Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

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

Dr. Samarawickrama Somasiri Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:
Dr. Aruna Somasiri, Vancouver, BC, in loving memory of his father.

Mr. & Mrs. T. B. Weerasekera Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:
Mr. Rohana Weerasekera, Whitehorse, YT, in loving memory of his parents.

Master Nuwan Wijayasinghe Memorial Scholarships (6)

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

Mr. Albert Kathriarachchi Memorial Scholarships (3)

Awarded by:
Mr. Gayan Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC, in loving memory of his grand father.

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 2012".

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 the children benefited by these scholarships.

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.

Payton Conway March

Grade 12 Scholarship Awards for 2012

This year we have selected 130 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. D. M. S. Prashadika Srimali, Padavi-Parakramapura
Miss. H. B. V. M. Harshini Amarasinghe, Rambukkana
Miss. M. R. Fathima Nadha, Uluvitike
Miss. N. A. A. Sandeepani Neththasingha, Veyangoda
Mr. R. A. H. Sampath Ranawaka, Mailapitiya
Mr. R. L. Madusanka De Silvam, Dunagaha
Mr. R. M. C. Laksan Gunarathna, Narammala
Miss. A. D. M. Sewwandi Kumari, Morawaka
Miss. A. G. Srimali Madhurangani, Hambantota
Mr. S. Randunu Dikkumbura, Bandaragama
Miss. K. M. H. Nisansala Kularatne, Kongahawela
Miss. N. K. M. Sammani Kahatapitiya, Ratnapura
Miss. M. A. Wathmila Gunaratne, Denipitiya
Mr. H. M. A. Srimal Herath Mudali, Kalawana
Mr. S. B. Y. M. P. P. Y. Bandara Siwarathna, Nikadalupotha
Mr. G. L. N. P. Kumara Silva, Ratnapura
Miss. W. M. T. Priyadarshini Wijesundera, Kinigama
Miss. D. M. P. Nisansala Dissanayakem, Bamunakotuwa
Miss. Y. M. M. Sumudu Nimasha, Rajanganaya - Yaya 15
Miss. S. Sanofar Jahan, Pottuvil-02
Miss. V. S. Imasha Madushani, Tissamaharama
Miss. K. G. Hashini Prasadini, Poddala
Miss. G. B. Hiroshima Wijesinghe, Ratgama
Mr. A. G. Rashan Bhanuka, Imaduwa.
Miss. R. Nishani Ratnayake, Bandarawela
Miss. W. A. Imasha Lakmali, Deiyandara
Miss. H. M. D. Nuwanthika Herath, Marassana
Miss. P. Subodhini Sudusinghe, Devinuwara
Miss. K. G. Kashmi Wathsala, Hakmana
Miss. R. Dhanani Ratnayake, Bandarawela
Mr. A. A. D. Priyaraj Sandakelum, Hunumulla
Mr. B. G. Akila Madushan, Beliaththa
Mr. H. S. M. I. Sandaruwan Kosala, Badulla
Miss. J. M. N. Dhanushka Jayasundera, Bandarawela

Miss. W. I. Udayangani Silva, Waskaduwa
Miss. D. M. T. Apsara Dissanayake,
Mapakadawewa
Miss. A. N. Harshika Kalpatharu, Ampara
Mr. M. K. V. Dasun Lakshitha, Netolpitiya
Miss. W. Vithanage Shani, Dodanduwa
Miss. G. T. Shayamali Gunaratne, Helamada
Mr. R. M. M. Randeera Ratnayake, Koswaththa
Mr. A. G. C. Pramudh Lakshan, Ambalantota
Mr. H. Shan Madhukalpa, Gandara
Miss. R. A. S. M. Aravindi Hami, Bangadeniya
Mr. K. J. Ashoka Rajapakse, Walasmulla
Miss. G. L. Hansika Ratnayake, Godakawela
Mr. K. K. R. Lakmal Nandasiri, Gataheththa
Mr. G. S. Ashir Dilshan, Beliatta
Miss. K. Thisarani W. Kulathnga, Nakulugamuwa
Mr. R. Dilshan Jayatileke, Polgasowita
Miss. S. Yashoda Wickramatunga, Matara
Miss. B. D. S. Madushika Sumanasekera,
Uragasmanhandiya
Mr. K. G. R. K. T. Gananath Premaratne,
Ratnapura
Miss. V. P. Ishani Bhagya, Beliatta
Mr. H. Pasindu Udayanga, Karadeniya
Miss. A. D. Thakshila Dilrukshi, Udukinda
Miss. H. Vayomi Lakshika, Karadeniya
Miss. D. M. H. Pramodya Vidyaratne, Katupotha
Miss. Uditha J. Mirando, Kochchikade
Miss. G. B. Hasina Nishanandi, Kottegoda
Miss. K. G. Madushika Dilhari, Poddala
Miss. U. R. M. Padmakanthi Tilakeratne,
Makuldeniya
Mr. K. G. P. Madushanka Wijeratne, Kimbissa
Mr. N. Prasad Wickremasinghe, Wellaway
Mr. G. Shanaka Madushan, Godakawela
Mr. K. C. Isuru Sandaruwan, Walasmulla
Miss. R. D. A. Hansini Ranawake, Idduruwa
Mr. A. Deshan Jayawicrema, Nochchiyagama
Miss. E. M. A. Madushani Ekanayake, Matale
Mr. K. D. N. Thilina Maduwantha, Kandegedera
Mr. L. Viraj Soosa, Kochchikade
Miss. W. A. Savithri Amali, Middeniya
Mr. P. Tharanga Ekanayake, Beliatta
Miss. D. D. Dulanjali Hansamali, Dewimnuwara
Miss. R. Piyumi Jayaweera, Kamburupitiya
Miss. N. S. Buddhika Hewavitharana, Uaragaha
Miss. H. W. K. Nisansala Kumari, Pallebedda
Mr. K. A. Ashan Lakshitha, Malwana
Miss. I. H. Thakshila Rasangani, Papiliyagoda
Mr. G. H. Yasiru Nimesh, Ahangama
Mr. W. N. G. G. Dihan Isharaka, Walasmulla
Miss. W. M. J. Kumari Wasala, Kalagamwaththa
Mr. D. L. A. Reshan Pubudu, Galle
Mr. G. Nishan Induranga, Matara
Miss. J. T. Chathurika Sandamali, Deniyaya
Miss. B. M. Kaushalya Preethimali, Godakawela
Miss. I. Upakalpana Mirando, Kochchikade
Mr. T. G. S. Sankalpana Kumara, Kithulgala
Miss. K. V. Kamali Chathurangani, Thalagaspe
Mr. U. T. G. Dharmasri Wickremasinghe,
Kadugannawa
Miss. N. Apsara Ranatunge, Karadeniya
Miss. G. Malka Sewwandi, Dehiwaththa
Miss. P. P. Malisha Amaratunge, Polonnaruwa

Miss. W. G. Pathumi Udharika, Ambalanthota
Mr. D. M. P. G. R. Bandara Dassanayaka,
Galagedera
Miss. L. Roshini Sandamali, Meegada
Miss. H. N. Hansika Wijesuriya, Haloluwa
Miss. U. Kavindi Chathurangi, Haltota
Mr. S. Indika Wanniarachchi, Anuradhapura
Miss. M. G. Ishani Sithumini, Kadawatha
Miss. K. M. Lakmini Kaushalya, Ampara
Miss. R. M. D. Chinthani Tilakeratne, Kurunegala
Miss. H. G. Prasadi Ariyaratne, Kalutara
Miss. O. V. Jayani Chandula, Elpitiya
Miss. P. M. Malsha Sanduni, Gandara
Miss. H. N. Prasanthika Wijesuriya, Haloluwa
Miss. R. H. M. Y. Akilanki Bandara,
Anuradhapura
Miss. K. A. J. Pushpa Kumari, Nawagaththegama
Miss. H. Isuri Sandunika, Akuressa
Miss. M. Madurangani Gamage, Piliyandala
Mr. B. G. Isuru Ranganath, Akuressa
Miss. P. S. N. Deepanjali Fonseka, Kotugoda
Miss. R. A. I. Madurangani Jayatilake,
Nakkawaththa
Miss. J. M. Samanmali, Mahavilachchiya
Miss. U. Sewwandhi Weerasinghe, Horana
Miss. K. L. Githmi Ravina, Matara
Miss. M. P. Shashini Rumeshika, Dikwella
Mr. G. A. S. K. Chamin Perera, Godakawela
Mr. K. P. Nirosh Lakmal, Mahiyanganaya
Miss. M. G. C. Madushani Perera, Veyangoda
Miss. N. L. Akila Prabodhini, Dodangoda
Miss. J. A. D. S. Iresha Jayawardhana, Dompe
Miss. K. Umsha Samadhi, Bentota
Miss. A. R. I. Sewwandi Alahakoon, Rabukkana
Mr. G. W. Akila Tharinda, Ratnapura
Miss. M. M. Chathurika Umayangani,
Polpithigama
Miss. M. G. Y. Sewwandi Dharmasena,
Anuradhapura
Miss. P. G. D. Kavindya Thattharani, Thelijjavila
Miss. A. A. Dilhara Athukorala, Negampaha
Miss. S. Shalika Mallawaarachchi, Gampaha

It is not what we get, but who we
become, what we contribute... that
gives meaning to our lives.

Tony Robbins

Scholarship Sponsors for this year (2012/13) and 2011/12

We are grateful to all our sponsors for their kindness and generosity! 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 2012:

- ❖ 15 scholarships sponsored by Mr. Asoke & Dr. Mrs. Nandanie Weerasinghe, Edmonton, AB
- ❖ 10 scholarships sponsored by the Sri Lanka – Canada Friendship Association (SLCFA) of Edmonton, AB, matching the annual donations made by the Association members.
- ❖ 6 scholarships sponsored by Dr. Mahendra and Mrs. Chandrani Wijayasinghe, Edmonton, AB
- ❖ 5 scholarships sponsored by Dr. Chandana Weerasinghe, Vancouver, BC
- ❖ 4 scholarships sponsored by Ms. Lisa Brown, Chilliwack, BC

With the pool of money we had from one-time donations and savings we had from favorable currency exchange rates, SLCSF has sponsored 4 additional scholarships this year.

The following is the list of our sponsors (including memorial scholarship sponsors) during the years 2012/13 and 2011/12. We sincerely apologize if we have missed any names or for any 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 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Anonymous, AB (2+2)
Anonymous, BC
Anonymous, ON (2)
Mr. Dan Peiris, Banff, AB
Mr. Sarath Adikary, Calgary, AB
Ms. Lanchanie Gunawardena and Harshitha Gunawardena, Calgary, AB
Mrs. Manel (Mano) Perera, Calgary, AB
Mr. Nihal Perera, Calgary, AB
Mr. Sanj Perera, Calgary, AB
Mr. Siri & Mrs. Indrani Perera, Calgary, AB
Dr. Chan Wirasinghe, Calgary, AB
Mrs. Inoka Witharana, Calgary, AB
Sri Lanka – Canada Friendship Association, Edmonton, AB (10+10)
Miss. Heshani and Mr. Gihan Abeysundara, Edmonton, AB
Mr. Rohan & Mrs. Sama Abeysundara, Edmonton, AB
Mr. Anil & Mrs. Sriyanthi Fernando, Edmonton, AB
Mr. Angelo Fernando, Edmonton, AB
Ms. Rushika Fernando, Edmonton, AB
Mr. Demuni Jayasinghe, Edmonton, AB
Miss. Lukshani Jayasinghe, Edmonton, AB
Mrs. Shamani Jayasinghe, Edmonton, AB
Ms. Thilinie Rajapakse, Edmonton, AB
Dr. Sunil & Mrs. Nelum Ranasinghe, Edmonton, AB (1+1)
Mr. Kumudu Samarasinghe & Ms. Himani Ferdinandis, Edmonton, AB
Mr. Lakshaman & Mrs. Chandra Samarasinghe, Edmonton, AB (1+2)
Mr. Asoke & Dr. Mrs. Nandanie Weerasinghe, Edmonton, AB (15+5)
Dr. Mahendra & Mrs. Chandrani Wijayasinghe, Edmonton, AB (6+6)
Mr. Mahinda & Mrs. Nayanthara Witharana, Edmonton, AB (1+1)
Dr. Upali and Mrs. Chulani Hippola, St. Albert, AB
Mr. Kumar and Mrs. Muditha Basnayake, Burnaby, BC
Ms. Charitha Dharmaratne and Mr. Upali Sirikumara, Burnaby, BC (1+1)
Mr. Dylan Modder, Burnaby, BC (4)
Mr. Sumith & Mrs. Chandu Peiris, Burnaby, BC
Mr. Susantha and Mrs. Thisaranie de Silva, Burnaby, BC
Ms. Lisa Brown, Chilliwack, BC (4)
Dr. Bandula Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC (3+3)
Mr. Gayan Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC (3+3)
Miss. Namal Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC (2)
Mr. Navin Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC (1+1)
Dr. Nihal & Mrs. Tamara Ariyawardena, Coquitlam, BC (2)
Mr. R. D. Dias, Coquitlam, BC
Dr. Mrs. Mala Fernando, Coquitlam, BC
Mr. Andy Wickey, Coquitlam, BC
Mr. Dulip and Mrs. Thanuja Dunuarachchige, Delta, BC
Mrs. Chandra Stokes, Mission, BC (2+2)
Mr. Ryan Stokes, Mission, BC
Ms. Dhananthi Batcha, New Westminster, BC
Mr. Dhananjaya Gamalath, New Westminster, BC

Ms. Dona Patikiriarachchi, New Westminster, BC
Mr. Gavesh Bandara, Port Coquitlam, BC
Mrs. Shiranie and Mr. Kamalasinghe Hewabedage,
Port Coquitlam, BC
Mr. Channa and Mrs. Gayani Lokugamage, Port
Coquitlam, BC (2)
Mrs. Indra Madanayake, Port Coquitlam, BC
Mr. Gihan Madawala, Port Coquitlam, BC
Mr. Chatura and Mrs. Tamara Abeysekera,
Richmond, BC
Mr. Nimal & Mrs. Chitra Fernando, Richmond, BC
(2)
Mr. U. D. Niroshan and Ms. Ruwanie Perera,
Richmond, BC
Dr. A. Gunadasa, Surrey, BC
Miss. Gayani Hewa Bandula, Surrey, BC (1+1)
Mr. Sisira and Mrs. Indira Hewa Bandula, Surrey,
BC (2)
Ms. Ruwani Hewa Bandula, Surrey, BC
Miss. Kushani Jayasundara, Surrey, BC
Mr. Sanka Jayasundara, Surrey, BC
Mr. Chalaka Liyanage, Surrey, BC (3)
Mr. Viraj Opananda, Surrey, BC
Mr. Chandima & Mrs. Sumudu Panditha, Surrey,
BC
Mr. Don Pathirana, Surrey, BC
Mr. Kapila & Mrs. Shyama Perera, Surrey, BC
Mr. Mervyn and Mrs. Chitramalie Perera, Surrey,
BC
Mr. Palitha and Mrs. Sadhana Perera, Surrey, BC
Mr. Samira Perera, Surrey, BC
Miss. Minurika Perusinghe & Master Harin
Perusinghe, Surrey, BC (2)
Mr. Sena Ranasinghe, Surrey, BC
Mr. Ranjan & Mrs. Manel Ranasuriya, Surrey, BC
Miss. Sajini P. Rangana, Surrey, BC
Miss. Thanuji D. Rangana, Surrey, BC
Mr. Hemal & Mrs. Hemi Ratnakara, Surrey, BC
Master Kavi Ratnaweera, Surrey, BC
Ms. Janaki Samarasekera & Mr. Shantha
Athukorala, Surrey, BC
Mr. Kirithi Senaratne, Surrey, BC
Mr. Upul Seneviratne, Surrey, BC
Mr. Sudu & Mrs. Stella Vatagodakumbura,
Surrey, BC (1+2)
Mr. Gamini and Mrs. Sumana Wijeratne, Surrey,
BC (5+5)
Mr. Sanka Dassanayake, Vancouver, BC
Ms. Ruvini Dematagolla, Vancouver, BC (1+1)
Mr. Eranda Harinath, Vancouver, BC (1+1)
Mr. Gamini Makavita, Vancouver, BC
Dr. Nimal & Dr. Mrs. Daneshwarie Rajapaksa,
Vancouver, BC (8)
Dr. Aruna Somasiri, Vancouver, BC (2)
Dr. Chandana Weerasinghe, Vancouver, BC
(5+2)
Mrs. Nelum Wijesinghe, Vancouver, BC
Dr. Udaya Annakkage, Winnipeg, MB

Mrs. Sasanda Nilmalgoda, Winnipeg, MB (2)
Dr. Gamini and Mrs. Devika Senarath, Nepean,
ON
Mr. Nimal & Mrs. Rupa Dissanayake, Hamilton,
ON
Mr. K. J. Fernando, Oakville, ON
Mr. K. B. Hippola, Ottawa, ON
Mrs. Lalantha Hippola, Ottawa, ON
Mr. Amaranantha Weerakkody, Scarborough, ON
Miss. Isuri Weerakkody, Scarborough, ON
Mr. Bandu & Dr. Mrs. Manel Imbulgoda,
Waterdown, ON (2)
Dr. Lal Samarasekera, Saskatoon, SK
Mr. Rohana Weerasekera, Whitehorse, YT (2)
Mr. Gamini Perera, Piliyandala, Sri Lanka
Sri Lanka – Canada Scholarship Foundation
(SLCSF), Canada (4)

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

*I expect to pass through this world
but once. Any good thing,
therefore, that I can do or any
kindness that I can show for any
fellow creature, let me do it now.*

*Let me not defer or neglect it, for
I shall not pass this way again.*

Unknown

Messages from Scholarship Recipients to Sponsors

Following are some messages from students to their sponsors, extracted from the "Student Profile Cards" from this year's scholarship recipients.

In the following message, a student offers gratitude to the sponsor, on behalf of all Sri Lankan students, for extending a helping hand to innocent children who attempt to succeed in life in the face of thousands of barriers and difficulties...

Message From Student to Sponsor:

දුහාපක් දුක් බාධක මැදින්
ප්‍රීතිකය ප්‍රිය ගන්ත වෙරදරන
ප්‍රභිංචන දු ප්‍රීතනව.....
පුත්තලක් වන්තව
නුම දරන ප්‍රියත්නයට
ශ්‍රී ලාංකික ප්‍රවහාපක්
දරුවන් ගේ කුණිය
මෙලෙසින් වුදු කාරණාවෝමි..

The following student joins a bird in singing about the sponsor's noble human qualities not only in the spring, but throughout the other seasons as well...

Message From Student to Sponsor:

ආච්චි මිහිරාණ ගසන ආන කොවිලාණ ,
ප්‍රඥාණ මනුෂ්‍ය කිරිණි ආකාර ,
අබේ උතුම් මනුෂ්‍යත්වයට තුනි මී ,
වසන්තයේ පඤ්ඤාණි නොව ,
සිසිර , ගිම්හාන , හේමන්ත
සෘතූණි වරාවටම
ගසමි මමව ජන භවිණි තුනි මී ඉතිණි ,
අබේ ආච්චිණි මහේ චිරිණි ,
ජන කොහෙළි අංචා දිවි ගමන ----

In the following message, a student says that people who value the humanity are rare, but her sponsors are one of them. She finds it difficult to express her feelings in words and offer her heartfelt gratitude and wish the sponsors a long life.

Message From Student to Sponsor:

මනුෂ්‍යත්වය අගයන විභිසුන්
 අර්ථය. එනමුදු එනී වදනට බව
 දෙපල පුරුකෙන් එක්කලා ගලේ
 නිව හැක. එනී උතුම් මු මනුෂ්‍යත්වය
 භාවදා බවටා තුට රැඳෙවා!
 හදවතේ තෙරපෙනා මාහැටි
 වදන් කෙරෙහ ප්‍රකාශ කරවද?
 මව්ගෙයේ භීෂමාර්ථන අරුතින්
 ප්‍රකාරයේ බවටා හරි දෝනවරී තුනී
 හමගින් දිනාසිරිය .!

Letters from our Scholarship Recipients

Following are some extracted portions of letters 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 for the university entrance (i.e., G.C.E. Advanced Level) examination.

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

The following letter is from a student in a Samurdhi family (i.e., a family receiving some minimal financial assistance from the Sri Lankan government, because of their extreme poverty). After her father had unexpectedly passed away from cancer disease, the mother is supporting her three children, from the little money earned by casual labour.

සමූහයේ සමූහයාගේ දරුවන් නිදහසෙන් යුත් අප
 පවුලේ නොමැත. මාගේ මව්ගෙයේ භීෂමාර්ථන අරුතින්
 නිසා නොමැත. මව්ගෙයේ භීෂමාර්ථන අරුතින් අප පවුලේ
 සියලුම මව්ගෙයේ භීෂමාර්ථන අරුතින් වෙන වෙනම. ඒ අතරින්
 මව්ගෙයේ භීෂමාර්ථන අරුතින්. දැනට අගතියේ මව්ගෙයේ මව්ගෙයේ
 අප පවුලේ නිදහසෙන් සතුටුදායක මට්ටමින් අධ්‍යාපන කටයුතු
 කරගෙන යයි. මව්ගෙයේ භීෂමාර්ථන අරුතින් මව්ගෙයේ අපගේ
 කර ඇති නමුත් මව්ගෙයේ භීෂමාර්ථන අරුතින්. සමූහයේ

This letter is from a student whose father is currently in prison. Her mother is now supporting the family of six by herself. They don't have electricity and use kerosene lamps. In spite of all these hardships, she had passed the GCE (O/L) exam with excellent grades! She is thankful and grateful to her sponsor for the financial relief the scholarship provides and plans to be a doctor some day in the future...

මාගේ පියවර්ණ ආමාච්ඡයන් ගහන රෙ කි . මාගේ පියාගේ නම
[Redacted] වන අතර ඔහු ඔන්ධනාගාරගත වී ඇත. මාගේ මවගේ නම

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අප සියලු දෙනාගේ ම පියදම් හා කටයුතු මාගේ මවට හත්ව
කිරීමට සිදු වී ඇත. පස අයට විශාල වෙරහසකර කටයුත්තකි.
අප නිවසට පිදුළිය නොලැබී අතර අප පාසම් කටයුතු කරනුයේ ලාම්පු
ආකාරයෙනි. ඔබලො මා හට ලබාදෙන ඔහුගේ මා හට දැඩි රුකුලකි.
පස ගොවිගේ වෙරහසි කටයුතු කර අපගේ අධ්‍යාපන කටයුතු කරවන
මාගේ මවට විශාල අස්වැඩිල්ලකි. ඒ පිළිබඳ මම ඔබලොට ගෞරව
පුර්වක ව සිතුවි කර සිටිමි. මාගේ අරමුණ වනුයේ වහාදිත් අධ්‍යාපන
කටයුතු කර වෙරදපවරියක වී ඔහුගේ වලස ජීවත්වීමට ය. මාගේ මම
අරමුණ වුල කර ගැනීමට ඔබලොගේ කාරුණික අනුග්‍රහය අති විශාල
ශක්තියකි. පවැඩිත් ඔබලොගේ මා හා මාගේ පවුල වෙනුවෙන් දැක් වු
කාරුණික භාවයටත් මාගේ අධ්‍යාපන කටයුතු සඳහා මුලප ආධාර
පිරිනැමීම පිළිබඳවත් නවතත් කෘතඥ පුර්වක ව සිතුවිමි. සිතුවියි !

The following letter is from a student in a remote, rural village. His mother is deaf since birth and cannot speak. He has no father, as someone seems to have taken advantage of his innocent mother and then deserted her.

His dream is to be an engineer some day and cure his mother. He extends his both hands to the sponsor for help and worships the sponsors' feet with heartfelt respect.

මා මගේ අනුරුදු 17 ක්
වූ ඔහුගේකි. ඉතා මුළුදු ගම්මානයක උපත ලැබූ ඉතා දුර්වන් දරුවෙකි.
මාගේ මව උපතින්ම ගොළු, බිහිරි වූ හිසාම මා වැනි පියෙකු නොමැති
දරුවෙකු බිහි විය. පියෙකු නොමැති නිසාම අධ්‍යාපනයේ කඩඬුම පසු කරන්නේ
දැඩි දුකින් නිවැරදිවෙයි. මවගේ නොහොඳුරෙකු වන (මාමා) ඉතා දුකින් වෙහෙර
දිවිකරන මැද මා හට අධ්‍යාපනය ලබාදීමට උදව් කරයි.

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හරිදහස විශය ධාරාව බරින් පුසස් ලෙස
භාර්‍යා දතර වර්තනාවගේ උසස් ලෙස සහගා වර්තනාට දුන්වේ.
ඔහු වලට සහභාගි වීමෙන් දුර්වල හෝ වත් වලට ගැහීමක් දුන්නා
කාරණයන් වී ඇත. අවසන් වර්තනාවේ දුර්වලයන් ලෙස තහවුරු
වැරදිවන නිසාත් අනෙක්ව සහගා ගැහීමට දුර්වලයන් ඇත.

ඒ සඳහා වසරකට රුපියල් හත්දහසක්
මාස වැය වේ. මෙවන් වෛද්‍යාත්මක බලකායක් මා හට ලබා දීම මෙම
හේතුවෙන් වන්නේය. මාගේ දිනපතා වලාංගයන්ගේ
මොටුව මාගේ රුපියල් හත්දහසක් දැනුවත්ව මාගේ උපාය ලබා
ගැනීමේ, මාගේ වන අවසන් කරවීමයි. මා දරන මේ වැයවේ
දුර්වලයන් ගත්තත් කිසිවට මෙම මුදල ගෙවීමට හැකිය. බව මාගේ
අන්තර්ගත, මනවත් උතුරු විනිසේදුන්ගේ උපකාරයක් මොනරයක්ව
වීමට සිදු වූයේ මා මා චිත්ත වන්නා නිසා දුර්වලයන්ගේ
මුහුණ නිසා වැඩි. බව මාගේ මේ සන්නිකාරයට මොනරය
අධාරය ලබා ගැනීමට මාගේ දුර්වලයන්, අසරණ දිනක දින කිහිපයක
මාගේ සෞඛ්‍යයෙන් යුක්තව හා සුදුසුමයන් බවේ වෛද්‍ය චිකිත්සා
වට ගිනම වේ.

This student's family of eight is supported solely by the mother with hard physical labour. His 87-year old grand mother is sick and lives with them. The father cannot do any physical labour because of a broken leg after an accident. They have no electricity. After helping the mother, children study using a kerosene lamp. With all these hardships, he had still passed the GCE (O/L) with 7 A's!

මාගේ වසරකට රුපියල් හත්දහසක්
මාගේ වැය වේ. මෙවන් වෛද්‍යාත්මක බලකායක් මා හට ලබා දීම මෙම
හේතුවෙන් වන්නේය. මාගේ දිනපතා වලාංගයන්ගේ
මොටුව මාගේ රුපියල් හත්දහසක් දැනුවත්ව මාගේ උපාය ලබා
ගැනීමේ, මාගේ වන අවසන් කරවීමයි. මා දරන මේ වැයවේ
දුර්වලයන් ගත්තත් කිසිවට මෙම මුදල ගෙවීමට හැකිය. බව මාගේ
අන්තර්ගත, මනවත් උතුරු විනිසේදුන්ගේ උපකාරයක් මොනරයක්ව
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Audited Financial Statements

Sri Lanka Canada Scholarship Foundation (Canada) Income/Expenses Statement – April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012

Income:	<u>Canadian \$</u>
Scholarship Fund (Donations)	25,058.63
Bank Interest Income	18.11
Fund Raising Event – Income	5,630.00
Fund Raising Event – Misc. Income	117.00
Fund Raising Event – Donations	85.00
Total Income	30,908.74
Expenses:	
Scholarship Fund – Payments to students	
138 Students (Scholarship Period: 2009 -2011)	4,973.40
92 Students (Scholarship Period: 2010 -2012)	12,029.58
93 Students (Scholarship Period: 2011 -2013)	7,117.15
Total Scholarship Fund – Payments to students	24,120.13
Advertisements (Calling for applications in SL newspapers)	273.00
Bank Service Charges	200.07
Fund Raising Event – 2012	1,967.85
Paypal Charges	58.55
Licenses & Permits	25.00
Total Expenses	26,644.60
Net Income (Expenses)	<u>4,264.14</u>

Balance Sheet – As at March 31, 2012

Assets:	<u>Canadian \$</u>
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Bank of Ceylon - Nugegoda, Sri Lanka	4,541.10
Envision Credit Union	
Chequing & Savings	1,521.78
Equity Shares	79.26
Term Deposit	12,500.00
Total Envision Credit Union	14,101.04
Total Chequing/Savings	18,642.14
Total Current Assets	18,642.14
Total Assets	<u>18,642.14</u>
Liabilities & Equity:	
Equity	14,378.00
Net Income (Apr 2011 – Mar 2012)	4,264.14
Total Equity	18,642.14
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>18,642.14</u>

Sri Lanka Canada Scholarship Foundation (Sri Lanka)
Income/Expenses Statement – April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012

Income:	<u>Sri Lankan Rs:</u>
Remittances from Canada	1,420,667.40
Deposits in Sri Lanka	105,000.00
Total Income	1,525,667.40
Expenses:	
Payments to students	
138 Students (Scholarship Period: 2009 -2011)	552,000.00
92 Students (Scholarship Period: 2010 -2012)	1,322,400.00
93 Students (Scholarship Period: 2011 -2013)	781,200.00
Total Payments to students	2,655,600.00
Bank Service Charges	18,730.00
Advertising (Calling for applications in Sri Lankan newspapers)	30,272.00
Total Expenses	2,704,602.00
Net Income (Expenses)	<u>(1,178,934.60)</u>

Note: Canadian \$1.00 = Sri Lankan Rs: 109.00

Balance Sheet – As at March 31, 2012

Assets:	
Current Assets	<u>Sri Lankan Rs:</u>
Cash at Bank – Bank of Ceylon, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka	<u>495,742.61</u>
Liabilities & Equity:	
Equity	1,674,677.21
Net Income	<u>(1,178,934.60)</u>
	<u>495,742.61</u>

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The following special donations have been made during 2011/12. Some of these have been used in meeting specific expenses of the foundation while the remaining have been used to offset other overheads. Any remaining amounts have been pooled to provide additional scholarships.

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- 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 stationery). 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.
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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 is 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 \$150.00 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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