

# Sri Lanka – Canada Scholarship Foundation

www.slcsf.org

December 2017

#### **Table of Contents**

- 205 Scholarships Awarded in 2017!
- SLCSF Students Pass GCE A/L 2016 Exam with Excellent Results!
- SLCSF Seeking a Volunteer for the Secretary Role...
- Fund Raiser by Sri Lankan Students Alliance - University of Western Ontario
- Memorial Scholarship Awards
- Scholarship Sponsors for the Years 2017/18 and 2016/17
- Scholarship Awards 2017
- Past Scholarship Recipient is an Assistant Professor in Japan!
- SLCSF Scholar's Team represents Sri Lanka at Asia Pacific Conference...
- Messages from Scholarship Recipients to Sponsors
- Letters from our Scholarship Recipients
- Audited Financial Statements
- Special Donations
- The Board of Directors
- Sponsorship Form

## SLCSF Students Pass GCE A/L – 2016 Exam with Excellent Results!

Twenty-three students from our 2014 batch of scholarship recipients had passed the GCE A/L (General Certificate of Education - Advanced Level) - 2016 Examination with excellent results. 13 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 <a href="http://www.slcsf.org/achievements.htm">http://www.slcsf.org/achievements.htm</a>.

Sixty-seven other students had also passed the exam in all three subjects. While some of them could gain university admission, many of them plan to sit for the exam again to get better results and enter the Engineering and Medical faculties. We wish them all the success in their future studies.

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

- Nelson Mandela

### 205 Scholarships Awarded in 2017!

We have awarded 205 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 over 2000 scholarships with close to 60 million Rupees donated to Sri Lankan students as scholarship stipends!

# SCLSF Seeking a Volunteer for the Secretary Role...

Our Secretary has been a SLCSF board member since the inception of SLCSF in 1998 and was the Secretary since 2004, for the past 13 years. He has indicated that he needs time to pursue other interests and commitments and thus, will step down from the Secretary position early next year.

Therefore, SLCSF is now looking for a volunteer to take over the role of the Secretary. Our current Secretary will still be available as a passive board member to help the new Secretary during the initial years. If you are (or, anyone else you know of) interested in helping Sri Lankan children in their education by assuming this crucial role in SLCSF, please send us an email at: <a href="mailto:info@SLCSF.org">info@SLCSF.org</a>. We can then discuss more details about what time commitments are needed and other requirements about this role.

### Fund Raiser by Sri Lankan Students Alliance - University of Western Ontario

The Sri Lankan Students Alliance at the University of Western Ontario had organized a fund-raising event and had chosen SLCSF as the beneficiary for donating the net proceeds from the event. We are very thankful to all the members of the Sri Lankan Students Alliance and especially to its President, Mr. Sakunika Seneviratne, and the Fundraising Director, Ms. Himashi Marasinghe, for their efforts in organizing this event with the help of other members of the Alliance. Our thanks also go to the Student Council at The University of Western Ontario for approving the fundraiser.

We appreciate very much the confidence they had placed in SLCSF by selecting SLCSF as the recipient of their donation. We have used this donation to award a new scholarship this year to Miss. G. W. P. Geethanjalee Jayaveera, Buluthota, Sri Lanka.

### **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.

We are very thankful to Dr. Udaya Annakkage, Winnipeg, Manitoba, for his generous donation to the SLCSF for the establishment of the "Mrs. Gunaseeli and Mr. Piyadasa Annakkage Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund" in loving memory of his parents. We have awarded five memorial scholarships this year using the interest earned from this fund. We are certain that Dr. Annakkage's parents' names will be in the hearts of these scholarship recipients forever!

This year we have awarded 91 memorial scholarships! These memorial scholarships and their sponsors are:

### Mrs. D. B. Amarasekera Memorial Scholarship Awarded bv:

Mr. Dammike Amarasekera, Surrey, BC, in loving memory of Dammike's mother.

### Mr. D. W. P. Amarasekera Memorial Scholarship Awarded by:

Mr. Dammike Amarasekera, Surrey, BC, in loving memory of Dammike's father.

### Mrs. Gunaseeli and Mr. Piyadasa Annakkage Memorial Scholarships (5)

Awarded from the "Mrs. Gunaseeli and Mr. Piyadasa Annakkage Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund", established by Dr. Udaya Annakkage, Winnipeg, MB, in loving memory of his parents.

### Mr. A. D. W. Bandaranayake and Mrs. C. M. Bandaranayake Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Mrs. I. Bandaranayake, Craigieburn, Victoria, Australia, in loving memory of her parents.

### Mr. Piyasena Dematagolla Memorial Scholarship Awarded by:

Mrs. Ruvini Dematagolla, Lexington, MA, USA, in loving memory of her father.

### Mr. Dickson Fernando Memorial Scholarship Awarded by:

Awarueu by.

Ms. Dilani Indigahawela, Burnaby, BC.

### Mr. Jelis & Mrs. Asilin Illeperuma Memorial Scholarship Awarded by:

Mr. Ari Illeperuma, Vallejo, CA, USA, in loving memory of his parents.

### Mr. Senarath Sirimanne Jayampathy Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Miss. Minurika and Master Harin Perusinghe, Abbottsford, BC, in loving memory of their grandfather.

### Mr. J. M. Karunarathne Memorial Scholarships (2)

Awarded by:

Mrs. Sheelanganie D. Rathnayake, Florence, NJ, USA, in loving memory of her father.

### Mr. Henry Arthur Perusinghe and Mrs. Soma Perusinghe Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Miss. Minurika and Master Harin Perusinghe, Abbottsford, BC, in loving memory of their grandparents.

#### Mrs. Anula Rathnayake Memorial Scholarships (2) Awarded by:

Mr. Priyantha C. Rathnayake, Florence, NJ, USA, in loving memory of his mother.

#### Mr. & Mrs. De Silva and Mr. & Mrs. Nanayakkara Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Miss. Enoli De Silva, Maple Ridge, BC, in loving memory of her grandparents.

### Mr. Don Sumanaratne de Alwis Jayasinghe Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Dr. Gemunu Widyarathne & Mrs. Dushmanthi Jayasinghe in loving memory of Dushmanthi's father.

#### Dr. Tissa Kappagoda (Professor of Medicine) Memorial Scholarship

Awarded from the "Dr. Tissa Kappagoda Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund", established by Mr. Sudu & Mrs. Stella Vatagodakumbura, Surrey BC, in loving memory of their friend.

### Mrs. P. T. Kuruppu and Mr. D. A. Kuruppu Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

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

### Mrs. B. A. M. Panduwawala Memorial Scholarship Awarded by:

Mr. Sunil Weeratunge & Dr. Mrs. Ursla Fernando, Winnipeg, MB, in loving memory of the mother of their friend, Dr. Mrs. Janitha Wanasundara.

### Mr. Dayananda Panduwawala Memorial Scholarship Awarded by:

Dr. Udaya & Mrs. Janitha Wanasundara, Saskatoon, SK , in loving memory of Janitha's father.

# Mrs. Hettiarachchige Harriet Ranasinghe & Mr. Carolis Ranasinghe Memorial Scholarship Awarded by:

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

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

Awarded by:

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

### Mr. Lional Serasinghe & Mrs. Lissi Beatrice Serasinghe Memorial Scholarship

Awarded by:

Dr. Upali and Mrs. Chulani Hippola, St. Albert, AB, in loving memory of Chulani's parents.

### 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.

### Mr. Wijenayake Tennakoon Memorial Scholarships (2) Awarded bv:

Mr. Beumal & Mrs. Eresha Fernando, Edmonton, AB, in loving memory of Eresha's father.

### Mr. K. D. N. Tilakaratne Memorial Scholarships (3) Awarded by:

Dr. Ms. Nim Wickramasekara, Calgary, AB, in loving memory of her grandfather.

### Mrs. Kalyani Wanasundara Memorial Scholarship Awarded by:

Dr. Udaya & Mrs. Janitha Wanasundara, Saskatoon, SK , in loving memory of Udaya's mother.

### Mr. & Mrs. T. B. Weerasekera Memorial Scholarships (10)

Awarded by:

Mr. Rohana Weerasekara, Whitehorse, YT, in loving memory of his parents.

### Mr. Eddie Widyaratne Memorial Scholarship Awarded by:

Dr. Gemunu Widyarathne & Mrs. Dushmanthi Jayasinghe in loving memory of Dushmanthi's father.

### Master Nuwan Wijayasinghe Memorial Scholarships (20) Awarded by:

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

### Mrs. Adeline G. Wijesinghe Memorial Scholarship Awarded by:

Dr. Ananda M. Wijesinghe & Dr. Mrs. Ifiyenia Wijesinghe, Livermore, CA, USA, in loving memory of Ananda's mother.

### Mr. Martin P. Wijesinghe, Esq. Memorial Scholarship Awarded by:

Dr. Ananda M. Wijesinghe & Dr. Mrs. Ifiyenia Wijesinghe, Livermore, CA, USA, in loving memory of Ananda's father.

### **Mr. Gampolage Wijetunge Memorial Scholarship** Awarded by:

Dr. Darshana Muthumuni & Mrs. Punya Wijetunge, Dr. Mrs. Ursla Fernando & Mr. Sunil Weeratunga, Winnipeg, MB, in loving memory of Punya's father.

#### Mr. Albert Kathriarachchi Memorial Scholarships (5) Awarded by:

Mr. Gayan Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC, in loving memory of his grandfather.

### Mrs. N. W. Gunasekera Abeysundara Memorial Scholarships (10)

Awarded by:

Dr. Bandula & Mrs. Lalitha Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC, in loving memory of Bandula's mother.

### Mr. S. W. Abeysundara Memorial Scholarships (10) Awarded by:

Dr. Bandula & Mrs. Lalitha Abeysundara, 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!

We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses."

- Abraham Lincoln

### Scholarship Sponsors for the Years 2017/18 and 2016/17

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 2017:

- 20 memorial scholarships sponsored by Dr. Mahendra and Mrs. Chandrani Wijayasinghe, Edmonton, AB.
- 12 scholarships sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Dylan Modder, Burnaby, BC.
- 10 scholarships sponsored by Mr. Chalaka Liyanage, Ottawa, ON.
- 10 memorial scholarships sponsored by Mr. Rohana Weerasekera, Whitehorse, YT.

- 10 scholarships sponsored by Mr. Asoke & Dr. Mrs. Nandanie Weerasinghe, Edmonton, AB.
- 7 scholarships sponsored by Dr. Nimal and Dr. Mrs. Dhaneshwarie Rajapakse, Vancouver, BC.

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

The following is the list of our sponsors (including memorial scholarship sponsors) during the years 2017/18 and 2016/17. We sincerely apologize if we have missed any names or for any incorrect spelling.

#### Notes:

When more than one scholarship is sponsored, the number of scholarships awarded is indicated within brackets. (x+y) indicate the number of new scholarships sponsored in 2017 (x) and 2016 (y), respectively.

#### **ALBERTA, CANADA**

Anonymous Donor, Calgary, AB

Mr. Gihan Abeysundara Edmonton, AB (1+1)

Miss. Heshanie Abeysundara, Edmonton, AB (1+1)

Mr. Rohan & Mrs. Sama Abeysundara, Edmonton, AB (1+1)

Mr. Sarath Adikary, Calgary, AB

Mr. Beumal & Mrs. Iresha Fernando, Edmonton, AB (2+2)

Ms. Harshitha Gunawardana, Calgary, AB (5)

Ms. Lanchanie Gunawardana, Calgary, AB

Dr. Patrick & Mrs. Srianthi Hettiarachchi, Calgary AB

Dr. Ms. Nim Wickramasekara, Calgary, AB (3)

Dr. Upali and Mrs. Chulani Hippola, St. Albert, AB

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

Dr. Nimal & Mrs. Chitra Rajapakse, Edmonton, AB (4)

Dr. Sunil & Mrs. Nelum Ranasinghe, Edmonton, AB

Mr. Leslie & Mrs. Padma Samarajeewa, Calgary, AB

Mr. K. Sajana Samarasinghe, Edmonton, AB

Mr. Asoke & Dr.Mrs. Nandanie Weerasinghe, Edmonton, AB (10+10)

Mrs. Gothami Wickramasekara, Edmonton, AB (5)

Dr. Mahendra & Mrs.Chandrani Wijayasinghe, Edmonton, AB (20+20)

Mrs. Mahinda & Mrs. Nayanthara Witharana, Edmonton, AB (1+1)

#### **AUSTRAILIA**

Mrs. I. Bandaranayake, Victoria, Australia

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

Ms. S. S. Kuruppu, Victoria, Australia (1+1)

#### **BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**

Dr. Bandula & Mrs. Lalitha Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC (20+25)

Mr. Gayan Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC (5+5)

Miss. Namal Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC

Mr. Navin Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC

Mrs. Kaumalie Adikaram, Surrey, BC (2)

Mr. Dammika Amarasekera, Surrev. BC (2)

Mr. Charith Ariyaratne, Coquitlam, BC

Master Siyath Ariyaratne, Coquitlam, BC

Mr. Thineth Ariyaratne, Coquitlam, BC

Dr. Nihal & Mrs. Tamara Ariyawardena, Coquitlam, BC

Dr. Upul & Mrs. Deepthi Atukorala, Vancouver, BC (2)

Mr. Gavesh Bandara, Port Coquitlam, BC

Miss. Gayani Hewa Bandula, Surrey, BC (2+2)

Mr. Sisira & Mrs. Indira Hewa Bandula, Surrey, BC (4)

Ms. Dhananthi Batcha, Langley, BC (1+1)

Ms. Kaushalya Bodinagoda, Richmond, BC

Mrs. Lisa Brown, Chilliwack, BC (4)

Mr. Sanka Dassanayake, New Westminster, BC

Dr. Ediriweera & Mrs. Mahendra Deshapriya, Burnaby, BC

Mrs. Charitha Dharmaratne & Mr. Upali Sirikumara, Burnaby, BC (1+1)

Dr. Mrs. Mala Fernando, Coquitlam, BC

Mr. Nimal and Mrs. Chitra Fernando, Vancouver, BC (2)

Mr. Roshan & Mrs. Belle Fernando, Surrey, BC (1+1)

Mr. Harsha Galgewela, Abbotsford, BC

Mr. Dhananjaya Gamalath, Langley, BC (1+1)

Dr. A. Gunadasa, Surrey, BC

Ms. Dilani Indigahawela, Burnaby, BC

Dr. Sarath & Mrs. Krishanthi Jayawardena, Surrey, BC

Mr. Channa & Mrs. Gayani Lokugamage, Port Coguitlam.BC (2)

Mr. & Mrs. Dylan Modder, Burnaby, BC (12+10)

Mrs. Lakmini Nanayakkara, Surrey, BC (2)

Mr. Viraj & Mrs. Thyagee Opananda, Surrey, BC

Mr. Chandima & Mrs. Sumudu Panditha, Surrey, BC

Mr. Palitha & Mrs. Kumudini Palliyaguru, Coquitlam, BC

Dr. Arjuna Perera, Vancouver, BC (1+2)

Mr. Kapila & Shyama Perera, surrey, BC (2)

Mrs. Vajira Perera, Chilliwack, BC

Mr. U. D. Niroshan and Ms. Ruwanie Perera, Victoria, BC

Miss. Minurika & Master Harin Perusinghe, Surrey, BC (2)

Dr. Nimal & Dr. Mrs. Dhaneshwarie Rajapaksha,

Vancouver, BC (7)

Mr. Sena Ranasinghe, Surrey, BC

Miss Thanuji D. Rangana, Surrey, BC

Miss Sajini P. Rangan, Surrey, BC

Mr. Hemal & Mrs. Hemi Ratnakara, Surrey, BC (1+1)

Mr. Kavi Ratnaweera, Surrey, BC

Mrs. Janaki Samarasekera & Mr. Shantha Athukorala,

Surrey, BC (1+1)

Mr. Siva Sathasivam, Surrey, BC

Mr. Upul Seneviratna, Surrey, BC (2)

Miss. Enoli De Silva, Maple Ridge, BC

Mr. V. Achala N. Soysa, Vancouver, BC (1+1)

Mrs. Ruwani Sodhi, Surrey, BC (2)

Mrs. Chandra Stokes, Mission, BC (2+2)

Mr. Ryan Stokes, Mission, BC (2)

Mr. Sudu & Mrs. Stella Vatagodakumbura, Surrey, BC (4)

Dr. Chandana Weerasinghe, Vancouver, BC

Mr. Karunitha Wimalasooriya, Surrey, BC (1+4)

#### **JAPAN**

Dr. K. I. Amila Sampath, Noda City, Chiba, Japan

#### MANITOBA, CANADA

Dr. Udaya Annakkage, Winnipeg, MB (5)

Dr. Darshana Muthumuni & Mrs. Punya Wijetunge, Winnipeg, MB

Mr. Upali & Mrs. Sasanda Nilmalgoda, Winnipeg, MB (2)

Mr. Sunil Weeratunga & Dr. Mrs. Ursla Fernando, Winnipeg, MB (2+1)

#### **NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA**

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

#### **ONTARIO, CANADA**

Anonymous Donor, Windsor, ON (2)

Mr. Bandu & Dr. Mrs. Manel Imbulgoda, Waterdown, ON (2+2)

Mr. Chalaka Liyanage, Ottawa, ON (10)

Mr. Hasantha & Mrs. Kanchana Sirisena, Brampton, ON (2)

Dr. Lal Samarasekera, Thornhill, ON

Dr. Gamini & Mrs. Devika Senarath, Nepean, ON

Mr. Amarakantha Weerakkody, Markham, ON

Sri Lankan Student Alliance, Univ. of Western Ontario, ON

#### SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

Dr. Chandra & Mrs. Ruwandi Andrahennadi, Saskatoon, SK (2+2)

Dr. Del & Mrs. JoAnne Fredlund, Saskatoon, SK (1+1)

Ms. Thilini Samarasekera, Saskatoon, SK (18)

Dr. Udaya & Dr. Mrs. Janitha Wanasundara, Saskatoon, SK (2+1)

Dr. Gemunu Widyarathne & Mrs. Dushmanthi Jayasinghe, Saskatoon. SK (2+1)

Sri Lanka Association of Saskatoon (SLAS) (2)

#### **UNITED STATES**

Ms. Ruwani Dematagolla, Lexington, MA, USA

Mrs. Dhammika Ekanayake, Woodland, CA USA (2)

Mrs. Sepali and Mr. Mahen Gunasekera, Davis, CA, USA

Ms. Chathuri & Ms. Manulya Gunasekera, Davis, CA, USA (1+2)

Dr. Eranda Harinath, Lexington, MA, USA

Mr. Ari Illeperuma, Vallejo, CA, USA

Dr. Dharmasena & Mrs. Pushpa Kumari Peramunage, Olympia, WA, USA (2)

Mr. Priyantha C. Rathnayake, Florence, NJ, USA (2)

Mrs. Sheelanganie D. Rathnayake, Florence, NJ, USA (2)

Dr. Lasantha & Mrs. Kumari Ubaysena, Indiana, USA

Dr. Ananda M. Wijesinghe & Dr. Mrs. Ifiyenia Wijesinghe, Livermore, CA, USA (2)

#### YUKON TERRITORIES, CANADA

Mr. Rohana Weerasekara, Whitehorse, YT (10)

#### SRI LANKA

Mr. S. N. J. Senaratne, Panawitiya, Deekerikewa (1+1)

Sri Lanka-Canada Scholarship Foundation (SLCSF) (6+12)

#### Scholarship Awards - 2017

This year we have selected 205 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. Nimalsha Diwyanjalee, Buluthota

Miss. R.P. Pramudi Sachethanie, Getamanne

Miss. R.M.P. Udayangani Rajapakshe, Balalla

Miss. H.P.C. Bhagya Karunathilake, Bulathkohupitiya

Miss. D.M.I. Dilhani Janasinghe, Ibbagamuwa

Miss. U.B. Chathumini Lakshman, Pelmadulla

Miss. K.H. Nethsarani Anuththara, Horana

Mr. C. Devinda Gamage, Galapitimada

Mr. E.V.T. Lakshitha Siriwardhana, Dewanagala

Mr. M.H. Dilshan Perera, Kirindiwela

Miss. H. Hansani Madhubhashini, Kadawatha

Mr. H.V. Rasith Vidusara, Weligatta

Mr. I.G.S. Ishara Jayasena, Beligamuwa

Mr. W.A Dilshan Madhusanaka, Atakalanpanna

Miss. H.G. Hashanthi Lakshani, Rambukkana

Miss. L. Achini Pramoda, Matara

Mr. W.A. Charuka Dimantha, Akuressa

Miss. E. Thathsarani Chathumini, Bentota

Mr. M.H. Udesh Wimantha, Pilimathalawa

Miss. R.M.T. Sandeepanee Rathnayaka, Uhumeeya

Mr. P. Saranga Ediriweera, Ambalanthota

Miss. W. Nishani Sandunika, Kirama

Miss. V. Nimasha Abeysiriwardana, Kirama

Miss. W.S.A. Sewmini Samarasinghe,

Angunakolapelessa

Miss. A.H. Sandasarini Wijenanda, Danowita

Miss. N.K. Sewmini Oshadhi, Kalubovitiyana

Miss. H.M. Wasana Karunasena, Buluthota

Miss. H.M.S. Ruvanthi Jayaratne, Badulla

Miss. H.P.N. Madhubhashini Athula Herath, Atala

Miss. K. Prasadi Darshika, Kolonna

Mr. S. Jayathilaka Gamage, Walasmulla

Mr. H.R.N.A. Ravishan Senarath, Warapitiya

Mr. P.H.H. Sandaruwan Premakumara, Balalla

Mr. R.R.P. Tharaka Dilshan, Devinuwara

Miss. L. Thakshila Madhumali, Matara

Miss. Y.M.S. Chathurangi Yapa, Kandegedara

Miss. K. Chula Sapanee, Matara

Miss. R. Sanduni Nisansala, Getamanna

Miss. K.G. Imesha Sewwandi, Batapola

Miss. H.S. Deshani Rajapaksha, Kamburupitiya

Miss. M.M.G.D. Dayanjalee Jayathilaka, Gamunupura

Miss. R.R.S. Ravindya Ranamuka, Kurunegala

Miss. W.M.H. Wathsala Sewmini, Bibila

Mr. M.G. Praveen Dulakshitha, Matara

Miss. T.M.D.L. Kumari Tennekoon, Hatharaliyedda

Miss. D. Amasha Sarindi, Matara

Mr. P.G.D. Sasindu Jayatissa, Matale

Miss. P.H. Udeshani Imansa, Kahatagastenna

Miss. O.G. Maleesha Nayanathari, Kolonna

Mr. T.K.B. Sahan Chandrasekara, Eheliyagoda

Mr. S.D. Sahan Madushanaka, Batapola

Miss. S. Sewwandi Weerarathne, Nochchiyagama Miss. R.H. S. Prasadini Dyananda, Maha Uswewa

Mr. K.M.T. Suranian Dissanavake. Ambanpola

Miss. K.K. Dinithi Taruka, Wathurugama

Miss. K.G.R.M. Lavanya Sithumini, Molkawa

Miss. R.M. Jayani Sandunika, Mirigama

Miss. P.M. Nawoda Jayamini, Kolonna

Miss. W. Ayesha Madurangi, Kirama

Mr. K. Ashan Madhushanaka, Handugal, Matara

Mr. Janith Edirisinghe, Hanwella

Miss. W.V. Piyumi Lakshani, Unanvitiya

Miss. T.D. Dashadanee Dilukshika, Galpatha

Mr. D.M.N. Tharuka Dissanayake, Siripura

Mr. M.A.P. Sharaka Wijayaratne, Kariyamaditta

Mr. J. Maduranga Nilupul, Ampara

Mr. T.M.A. Sanjula Thilakarathna, Palagala

Miss. K.A.N. Nayanathara Karunarathne, Undugoda

Miss. R.M.S. Malshani Ramanayake, Polonnaruwa

Miss. H.P. Apsara Sandamali, Kolonna

Miss. L.H.P.S. Nadeesha Wijerathna. Hunumulla

Mr. A.M.A. Isuru Alahakoon, Parakaduwa

Mr. P.H.R.M.D. Lakshan Dharmathilaka, Bogahawewa

Miss. I.T. Dilani Dilrukshi, Godakawela

Miss. A.G.A. Madhumalika Sewwandi, Pundaluoya

Miss. R.M. Subodi Nawanjana, Okkampitiya

Miss. H.M.T.S.U. Kumari Herath, Naula

Miss. S.I. Maduwanthi Sumanarathna. Kolonna

Miss. K.A.M. Sewwandi Dharmapala, Kolonna

Mr. A.L. Mahesh Madhusanka, Walahanduwa

Miss. R.S.P. Shenali Hansika, Eppawala

Miss. M.A. Dasuni Anuththara, Madampe

Miss. G. Hashana Arunodi, Neboda

Miss. G.W.P. Geethanjalee Jayaweera, Buluthota

Miss. R.K. Nirukshi Kaushalya, Embilipitiya

Miss. K.T. Apsara Kaluarachchi, Dewahuwa

Miss. R.M. Madhushika Prabodani, Badalkumbura

Miss. L.G. Imalka Chamodani, Embilipitiya

Mr. K.B.D. Bimsara Abeyratne, Padiyathalawa

Mr. J.M.L. Jananjaya Kumarasiri, Nittambuwa

Miss. J.H.S. Yawasha Jayathilaka, Polonnaruwa

Miss. W. Dinusha Sewwandi, Walasmulla

Miss. W.D. Peshika Abhilashini, Galle

Miss. W. Rekha Ruwanthi, Nindana

Mr. S.I.C. Madusanka Kaduruwana, Angulugaha

Miss. M.A. Hiruni Tharinidi, Morawaka

Mr. Naseerkhan Ishaq, Parakaduwa

Mr. P.V. Damith Udesh, Kotapola

Mr. H.M.I. Madhushanka Herath, Ambanpola

Miss. P.N. Sathsarani Gamage, Embilipitiya

Miss. W.M.N. Shanika Weerasinghe, Kiriella

Miss. R.M.S. Dulanji Rathnayaka, Okkampitiya

Miss. P.G.H. Kavindhi Jayarathna, Matale

Miss. K.N. Yashodha Karunanayake, Kuruwita

Miss. T.W.G.B. Chamodani Jayaweera, Anuradhapura

Mr. P.G. Dulsara Perera, Welmilla Junction

Miss. M. Yasodha Virajini, Elpitiya

Miss. K.A.W.N.I. Kumari Kohona, Girithale

Mr. H.L. Chamod Sandeepa, Rakvana

Miss. N.P.Y. Sewwandi Muthunayake, Gokarella

Miss. G.L.D. Thisarani Dassanayake, Meegoda

Miss. H.G.A. Prabodhani Jayarathna, Mahasenpura Miss. R.M. Rasangi Rasanjala, Okkampitiya

Miss. G.M. Hashini Sandareka, Eheliyagoda Miss. E.S. Avishaka Gimhani, Mattaka Miss. K.I. Prabodi Manuththara, Galle Miss. R. Sathsarani Sellahewa, Bandarawela Mr. E.M. Dilash J. Ekanayaka, Ethanawatta Mr. E.M. Dishan J. Ekanayaka, Ethanawatta Mr. J.H. Fahad Hussein, Eheliyagoda Mr. K. Asela Lamabadhusooriya, Hungama Mr. B.A.K. Sandakelum Jayasinghe, Getaheththa Miss. T. Dilshani Dewendra, Makola Miss. M.T. Sathsarani Gunasekara, Polonnaruwa Miss. W.M. Vindya Prabodani, Medirigiriya Miss. W.M. Chamodi Madushika, Bandarawela Miss. T.M.P. Kumari Thennakoon, Pothuhera Mr. I.D. Sachith Dilshan, Rathgama Mr. S. S. Sanketh Kaluthanthri, Palapathwala Miss. K. Yehemini Vidushika, Angunakolapelessa Mr. H. Chamudika Wanigasinghe, Ethiliwewa Mr. B.M.B. Kumara Basnayaka, Polonnaruwa Miss. A.H.T.A. Dilhani Ariyasinghe, Ambanpola Miss. N.E.P. Nishadi Sandunika, Padavi Siripura Miss. U.T.M.J. Kaushalya Tennakoon, Matale Mr. R.P.S. Malith Prabodhya, Tangalle Miss. K.W.M.S. Ruwanthika Dilhani, Hatton Miss. P. Upeksha D. Pathinayake, Yatalmatta, Galle Miss. G.D. Kavindya Weerasinghe, Undugoda Miss. S.H. Tharushi Avishka, Tangalle Mr. W.K. Thushan Amarawansa, Kalagedihena Miss. R.K.S. Nethmini Wasana, Ahangama Mr. G.G.B. Hemantha Bandara, Madwala Ulpatha Miss. G.L. Rashmi Navodya, Poddala Miss. A.M.S. Isurika Alagiyawanna, Gonawila Miss. K.T.M. Sithmi Apsara, Kirama Miss. M.T.N. Sanjula Perera, Seeduwa Miss. L.V.U.R. Samindika Bandara, Manikdiwela Mr. D.M.C. Udayanga Disanayake, Rambukkana Miss. P. Nirasha Pradeepani, Pokunuwita Miss. R.P.A. Ishara Rajapaksha, Balangoda Mr. N. Dinelka Wijesekara, Panagala Miss. W.H.H. Roshini Samarasinghe, Balalla Miss. G.H. Sewwanthi Silva, Moronthuduwa Miss. K.R. Dinusha Lakmini, Gampaha Miss. K.L.G. Pehara Kasundi, Thalagaswela Miss. W.B. Thathsarani Wickramsooriya, Ingiriya Miss. L.W. Raveesha Sewwandi, Ampara Miss. R.B. Imali Madhushansi, Matara Miss. A. Isuruni Udyoga, Hakmana Mr. B.A. Kalana Weranga, Hikkaduwa Miss. W.D.C. Madhubhashini Dissanayaka, Halmillawewa Miss. W.P.S. Dewmandi Wijesekara, Thunkama Miss. R.L.T. Hansani Ranathunga, Polonnaruwa Miss. S.P.D.P. Dewmini Gunasekara, Wewagama

Miss. S.G. Nipuni Nethmini, Akuressa

Mr. R.M. Suneth Dilshan, Ettampitiya

Miss. R.M.V. Dulangani Weerasinghe, Badulla Miss. R.M.P. Kavindya Rathnayaka, Eppawela Miss. W.K. Duvindi Malsha, Walallawitha Mr. S.A.W. Lakshan Manjula, Kotugoda Miss. A.S. Sithara Sewwandi, Nihiluwa Miss. D.M.C. Sewmini Dasanayake, Kosdeniya Mr. V. Chamindu Tharupathi, Millewa Miss. V.I. Chathurani Ananda. Nittambuwa Miss. H.B. Janani Ashinka, Matara Miss. J.M.S.H. Murangi Jayasundara, Kurunegala Miss. C. Nisansala Abeynayake, Agaliya Mr. M.P.D. Madusanka Senaratne, Kegalle Mr. H.M.S. Diluska Bandara, Ambanpola Miss. J.P. Nadeeshani Theja, Henegama Miss. S. Dewmini Muthumala, Ampegama Mr. P.A.S. Sewmina Pathiraja, Ruwanwella Miss. W.M.S. Shashikala Wijesinghe, Madampe Miss. R.M.N.D. Sewwandi Rathnayake, Badulla Mr. K.G. Gihan Ganganath, Uhana Miss. L.S. Minupama Withanachchi, Kuruwita Mr. A.M.T. Supun Adhikari, Minuwangata Miss. A. Meedum Hansika, Wathugedara Miss. G. Thashmi Sanjana, Ampara Miss. N. Chethana Rasangi, Ganemulla Miss. S.P.D.P. Sewmini Gunasekara, Wewagama Miss. N.V.H. Nisansa Diwyanjana, Dikkumbura Miss. K.Y. Gayathri Karunarathna, Thalawa Miss. T. Dasunika A. Wijethunga, Galle Miss. K.A. Tharuni Navodhya, Kalutara Miss. R. Kaveesha Sewwandi, Madampe Miss. R. Thakshila Sewwandi, Madampe Miss. W.M.S. Sewwandi Wijekoon, Kanaththewewa Miss. P.D. Sathsarani Thisera, Madampe Miss. D.P. Maleesha Amarasooriya, Maha Ambagaswewa Miss. H.W.M.D. Nisansala Fernando, Maggona Miss. R. Thilini Prasadini, Deniyaya

Miss. P.L. Anuradha Sewwandi, Galle

Miss. W.G.T. Lakmali Bandara, Minuwangate

Miss. P. Maneendra Wellappili, Aparekka

One of the most tragic things I know about human nature is that all of us tend to put off living. We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon instead of enjoying the roses that are blooming outside our windows today.

- Dale Carnegie

#### SLCSF has awarded over 2000 scholarships now!



The above chart shows the number of scholarships awarded each year since the inception of SLCSF in 1998. Thanks to our sponsors, we have now awarded over 2000 scholarships, and has donated close to 60 million Sri Lankan Rupees to students as scholarship stipends.

Note: In 2010 and 2011, the number of scholarships awarded had dropped to 94 and 93. While we had donations to award more scholarships in these years, for some unknown reason, we didn't receive that many applications from deserving students in these two years. Therefore, the number of scholarships awarded had to be limited to 94 and 93.

#### Past Scholarship Recipient is an Assistant Professor in Japan!

In some of our previous newsletters we have published articles on the successes and achievements of our past scholarship recipients. In this newsletter, we are happy and proud to publish an article from another past scholarship recipient – Dr. K. I. Amila Sampath. He was awarded a SLCSF scholarship in 2002. Here is Dr. Amila Sampath's success story...

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

I am K. I. Amila Sampath, a past recipient of a scholarship awarded by the Sri Lanka – Canada Scholarship Foundation (SLCSF) in 2002. I am from Elpitiya and I did my GCE Advanced Level studies in Dharmasoka College, Ambalangoda. I am extremely happy that I was able to re-establish contacts with the SLCSF and my scholarship sponsors - Mr. Leslie & Mrs. Padma Samarajeewa, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, few months ago, after about 15 years!

My family consisted of five members - my parents, two younger brothers and myself. At that time, we didn't have a stable monthly income. My parents were trying their best to fulfil our daily needs and educate us by doing day-to-day casual work, which was heavily dependent on the weather. We were fortunate to be born in a country where the education was free (and still free today). However, that had created a big competition too. It is difficult to compete nowadays without being able to attend

private tutoring classes, especially for the GCE Ordinary Level and university entrance (GCE Advance Level) examinations. It was challenging for my parents to pay for my tutoring classes with their daily wages, while fulfilling the needs of my younger brothers, in addition to myself. That was the time I applied for a SLCSF scholarship, at a time when I really needed financial support the most, to continue my journey. I was blessed to benefit from the great vision and mission of SLCSF, with the generous help of my kind sponsors - Mr. Leslie & Mrs. Padma Samarajeewa, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, during the period of 2002-2004.



Dr. Amila Sampath graduating with Ph.D (Eng.) Degree

With reduced financial burden on my parents and myself due to the great support provided by the scholarship, I was able to focus on my studies in my final years of high school. As a result of that, I won a scholarship from the Government of Japan for higher studies and I moved to Japan in 2006.

Thanks to many who helped and supported me with my studies, I completed my Ph.D. in Optical Communications in March 2017. Currently I work as an Assistant Professor in a university in Japan. My educational pursuits would not have been possible without the generous support from my sponsors through SLCSF at a turning point of my life. I wish to express my deepest gratitude to the sponsors of my scholarship for their generosity and kindness. I would like to extend my special thanks to volunteer executives of SLCSF as well for their commitment, and helping students such as myself, who are in financial need to be successful in education.

To all the past and current sponsors of SLCSF scholarships: On behalf of all the recipients of SLCSF scholarships, I thank you for your generosity and kindness in helping students like myself! You are making a huge, positive difference in someone's life and you can be extremely happy about that!!

May SLCSF continue to be a Light for Education for our children in Sri Lanka!

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

**Editor's Note:** We are very thankful to Dr. Amila Sampath for sponsoring a new scholarship this year, thereby extending his helping hand to a bright student in Sri Lanka and giving back to the community. We are also very grateful to Mr. Leslie and Mrs. Padma Samarajeewa (Calgary, Alberta) for not only sponsoring Dr. Amila Sampath for a scholarship in 2002, but other talented students as well.

### SLCSF Scholar's Team Wins 1st Place to represent Sri Lanka at Asia Pacific Conference

Mr. W. Lahiru Sandaruwan Karunarathne, currently a 4th year medical student at University of Kelaniya, is one of SLCSF's scholarship recipients. His team of six had won the 1st place among 32 other teams for research on community medicine. They had been selected to represent Sri Lanka at the 14th Asia Pacific Medical Education Conference (APMEC) held in January 2017 in Singapore. The team had also received the Dean's Award of Excellence from University of Kelaniya for their poster. These are great achievements and we offer our Congratulations to Lahiru and his team on their accomplishment!

SLCSF celebrates these achievements with great delight and takes this opportunity to thank all donors because without the generosity of our donors, we would not get the opportunity to be associated with such achievements.

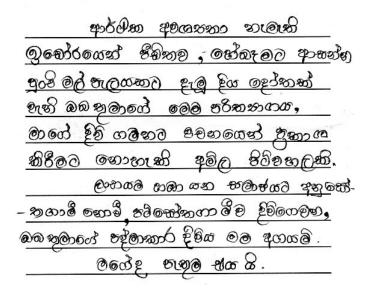
Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.

- Pope John XXIII

#### **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:**



This student says she cannot express in words how much of an assistance and relief she gets from her sponsor's donation. She compares it to a handful of water poured on a small flowering plant that was withered and parched by the drought of financial difficulties.

She values her sponsor's generosity in a society that constantly seeks and goes after money. Her wish is to be someone like her sponsor.

### **Letters from our Scholarship Recipients**

Following are extracted portions of letters written by students to their sponsors. Students express their gratitude to their sponsors for helping them realize their dreams for a better future. Many of them are determined to help other financially disadvantaged students some day in the future, 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 is doing her GCE Advanced Level studies in Biology stream. Even though her teachers say that Biology stream is a wide subject area that students need to research and learn a lot, she is wondering how she could do it when she doesn't have money to buy any additional books. Her father is a driver and with his meager monthly income, it's even very difficult to pay for daily living expenses and tuition fees. Good tuition classes are in cities like Kandy and Gampaha, but she cannot afford to go to them. So, with extreme hardships, she is attending tuition classes in Polonnaruwa, just for the 3 main subjects. Without attending tuition classes, she says, the marks the students get in school term tests are lower. The school and the tuition class teachers want the students to buy various text books, but she laments how she could afford to buy them when she does have money to buy even the basic necessities such as pencils, pens and exercise books. When she runs out of exercise books to write her class notes, until her father gets his wages, she even uses pages of calendars to write down her notes.

මම දැනට උ/ිරෙල ජීව විදුනව ව්ෂය බාරාව සදාරම් ජීව විදනා ව්ෂය බාරාව ව්ශාල වූලල් අරාසයක දැනුමක් භොයා දැන ගත යුතු වීෂ්යක් රැයි ගුරුවරුන් පවසයි නමුත් අමතර පොත්පත් මිලදී මුදල් නොමැති නම් කුමක් කරම්ද? ජීවිතේ ගැටගුනගෙන හිඟ කන්න බැරිකමට කුල් රල් රියදුවරින් අජ්පච්-චිට මාණෙකුට මගේ එදිහට වැඩ කරන ැගෙන මු දලින් තුන්<del>බ</del> බොන්ඬ ශි<sup>¹</sup>, පන්ති ගා ස්තුශි **දූ** දෙන්නෙ බොහොම අමාරුවෙන් ජන්නි ගින්න හොඳ අවතර නුවර, ගම්අන වගේ නගර වල ජින් පන්ති තිගෙන්නේ ් <u>ගනින සලිළි නැහැනේ ඉතින් පාසල් අඛනාපනය විතර</u>්ම වතලා මාර් විතාග ල්ව්වම ල*තු* නු අඩු වෙනුවා. ථ නිසා බොහොම අශාභලවන් මිහුලොන්නු 6ැමවම අමනාර ගෙවන්න දීම්රේස් රහුවෙලා 'රළඟ මා6ස් මැදදී ජනකොට බැණුම් අහන්න 6වනවා හැමදාම එනකොට පන්නි <u>මලින් ඉැස්කෝලෙන් ජක ජක පෙක් ම්ලට අරගෙන</u> කරනින කිගනවා දුප්හන් අජි වගේ ළමග් කොඩොමද . මේ හෙන් ගන්නේ ?? යාලුවෝ අරගන්නට අරිට දෙන්නේ නෑ. ඉංගෙන ගන්න ළියන්න පොත්, පෑන්, පැන්සල් නැතුව ස්න්ති වලදී No te ලියන්න තනුරූල් හෙන් ගන්න අර්රච්චි ගාව ඇලිලි නැතුව සල්ලි ලැබෙනකම් කැලැන්ඩර ්කොලවල ලිගිනවා. මොනව කුර්න්නද මොන දුක සුරි විදම්ගන · හොඳට ඉගෙනාගෙන රේරාදෙණි. ග් ඉවේදා ජීය්යාට ගන්න තමරි අරමුණු. ඡීන ගෙඬත් නියනුවා ඒත් ඒ ඡීන හැබෑකර්ගන්න බාඛක එද්දි හීන අතු රෙන්න හිතෙනවා. මං ගිනනවා අමාරුකම් වලට සහනයක් දෙන්න කැනඩා ශීෂීනත්ව පදනමට පුළුවන් වෙයි කියලා .

With all the hardships, she wants to study hard and get in to the Medical Faculty of University of Peradeniya. That's one of her dreams, among many others.

මෙලමට සාවනා කරනවා හිත සන්සුන් කරගන්නේ ස්කෙන් තම ගි ජීවීමත් තම නැතිවෙලා නෑනේ අරමුණට ගන්නා කොස්වර මා ගා තිබුණාන් අරමුණ කරා ම පාක්රිස් සෙබ් වගේ වෙලා නිග මත සා/පෙල කරදීදී අ පන්න් ගවලා උගන්වන්න පම්මග් අජ්ජමාවග් නොවැදු දුකක් නෑ මහත් ත ගෝ දුම්මා පවට අව්වේ වත් ඔනලා මින්ස් සුන් ට විතුණා විතුණා දැහලවා ම ස්වට හරි ගන්න විභාගේ හොඳට හා සි වුණා ස්ත් උ/පෙල කරන්න අමාරුග්. අම්මටත් දැන් අසනීහර අත්තම්මගි , සිගර් බලන්න මින අනිත පනිති ගාස්තු බුදු ගණන්.

She practices meditation to keep her mind calm. In the midst of all roadblocks, she is determined to reach her goal by crawling gradually like a lobster. During her GCE (Ordinary Level) studies, her

mother and father had undergone lot of pain and suffering to pay for her education, with her mother selling rice packets in the hot sun.

She too likes to buy good text books, past exam question paper kits, etc., for her studies and then get good employment to take care of her mother and father. However, one needs money for all these. When she sees how much her father suffers to buy them pens, pencils, shoes and school bags, she feels sad to even request for a candy from him.

පැරිති ආසගි සොළ පොත් රිති, අපශිණි පතු තට්ටල අරගෙන දෙගිගනේ තිගල ඉගෙනගෙන රස්සාවක් කරල අම්මටගි තාත්තටගි කාන්න අළින්න දෙන්න. එහ් සාමදේටම සල්ලි ඕනනේ රුන් රාන්සල් සහත්තු, බැග් ගන්න අද්පච්චි විඳින දුක දැක්කුසම ටොරියක් ඉල්ලන්නත් දුක හිතේනවා. එගට කරදර කරනින බැ පුස්තකාලේ තිබුණට ඒවට ගන්න වෙලාවක් නැ පූස්තකාලේ අපි සොගන හෙත් නෑ නැත්තම විවා වහලා අරිට ඉගෙන ගන්න කොම්චර අමාරුකම් තිබුණුත් මනුස්සකම නාම නැතුවෙලා නෑ මහන්තගේ සමහර ළමග් රාට රාට සහත්තු සෙරෙජ්පු දාලා හොත් කට හොත් 2 කි අරගෙන කාර්, වැන් වලින් රැන්නි හැදිදි හැමදාම භකම ආදුම ආදගෙන එකෙම භකා හොතක් උස්සන් අරි හන්ත් හින්න් ගාවනවා. අතට දෙන රුපිගල්

She further states that while there are libraries, either she does not have time to go there or, the library does not have the books she need. When some children come to school in vehicles with colorful shoes and carrying all the required books, she walks to school in the same clothes every day, carrying just a single book. She realizes the value of money and even from the meagre 20 rupees her mother gives her for daily expenses, she saves some of it and gives back to her mother...

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

In the next letter, the student states that there are four members in his family. His father works in a quarry. His only sister suffers from epilepsy from her birth. At present, she cannot even stand up, eat or even drink water. His mother cannot work, as she has to take constant care of the sick sister. The

small wage earned by his father is not sufficient at all for the family expenses. Under these circumstances, it's extremely difficult to spend any money on his education.

මුඛ තුමාලට ඇත බැනි දිළිඳු නිනානාවට දෙවිනේ බැනි ශුනේ නැගිය. එබනු මටේලා මා ගට ලිබා දෙන මෙම කුඩාර මුදලෙන් නිසි ශුනේ න් හ ගැනීම මාගේ නිරම ලැනුණකමක , මාගේ කුඩාතතන ලිගකිය ඔබ <del>ගත</del> තුමන්ලා හාව මම තෙන් බහි. ඔබ තුමන් ලා බදහළ ව තෙන ගෙම් සිම් කුනි කාළන් නිය නගේ ශිතට මදි අඩු තඩු බනි. නමුන් මා බගේ ගදු විනි නැත මා ගට කුඩාර කිරීමට මුදිරිනන් වූ හරු නා ගරු මෙම්. මා වැනි කුඩාර දිනකාන ගෙනේ ලුතු තාමාන් සිතුන්ට මෙවැනි කුඩාර දිනකාරි කිරීමට හැක බේවා. හියට ශාන්තිය කෙඩුදුණයේ ගුදු නියේවා දෙවිනෙන් ගේ හිට කුරෙන නොවන ලැබේවා. ගෙන නම සමුදුණයේ ගුදු නියේවා ලැබේවා නැති මා ගතද නොවනම තනම්. එසේම මා

The student says his sponsors are like his gods. He thinks it is his utmost duty to spend the scholarship stipend wisely to get the maximum benefit from it. He cannot thank enough his sponsors for this scholarship. He wishes his sponsors the continued ability to help other helpless children as well. He is determined to make his future dreams come true using this financial assistance.

Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of another people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition.

- Steve Jobs

#### **Audited Financial Statements**

# Sri Lanka Canada Scholarship Foundation (Canada) Income/Expenses Statement – April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017

Income:	<u>Canadian \$</u>
Sponsor Donations	58,171.74
Bank Interest Income	2,783.21
Special contributions	927.23
Total Income	61,882.18

#### **Expenses:**

Scholarship Fund – Payments to students

 170 Students (Scholarship Period: 2014 -2016)
 11,970.00

 180 Students (Scholarship Period: 2015 -2017)
 29,624.00

 192 Students (Scholarship Period: 2016 -2018)
 18,282.00

Total Scholarship Fund – Payments to students
Donation for school supplies
Bank Service Charges
Paypal Charges
98.84
Total Expenses
59,876.00
908.46
149.15
61,032.45

Net Income (Expenses) 849.73

#### Balance Sheet - As at March 31, 2017

#### Assets:

Current Assets
Chequing/Savings
Bank of Ceylon - Nugegoda, Sri Lanka
Chequing
772.69

Savings 32,055.13
Term Deposits 8,565.46

Total Bank of Ceylon 41,393.28

**Envision Financial** 

Chequing & Savings 5,367.38 Equity Shares 90.99

Total Envision Financial 5,457.37
Total Chequing/Savings 49,211.65
Total Current Assets 49,211.65

**Total Other Assets** 

Endowment Fund - Kegalle 17,000.00

Endowment Fund – Dr. Tissa Kappagoda 2,360.00

Other Assets 234.74 **Total Assets** 66,446.39

Liabilities & Equity:

Equity

Opening Balance 65,596.66
Net Income 849.73

Total Equity 66,446.39

Total Liabilities & Equity 66,446.39

# Sri Lanka Canada Scholarship Foundation (Sri Lanka) <a href="Income/Expenses Statement">Income/Expenses Statement</a> – April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017

Income:	Sri Lankan Rs:
Remittances from Canada	6,811,178.00
Sponsor donations - Deposited in Sri Lanka (Chequing)	64,500.00
- Deposited in Sri Lanka (Savings)	300,953.81
Add: Fixed Deposit Interest - BoC	44,482.20
Fixed Deposit Interest – The Finance	149,737.50
Savings A/C Interest 127,997.74	
Less: Withholding Tax on Interest 12,799.77	115,197.97
Total Income	7,486,049.48
Expenses:	
Payments to students	
170 Students (Scholarship Period: 2014 -2016)	1,275,000.00
180 Students (Scholarship Period: 2015 -2017)	3,240,000.00
192 Students (Scholarship Period: 2016 -2018)	2,023,500.00
Total Payments to students	6,538,500.00
Donation for school supplies	101,375.00
Bank Service Charges	1,800.00
<u> </u>	•
Total Expenses	6,641,675.00
Net Income (Expenses)	844,374.48

Note: Canadian \$1.00 = Sri Lankan Rs: 111.59

### Balance Sheet - As at March 31, 2017

Current Assets	Sri Lankan Rs:
Cash at Bank – Bank of Ceylon, Nugegoda Fixed Deposits - Bank of Ceylon, Nugegoda Fixed Deposits – The Finance Co., Kegalle	3,840,475.42 1,000,000.00 <u>1,947,804.00</u> <u>6,788,279.42</u>
Liabilities & Equity:	
Equity	5,943,904.94
Net Income	<u>844,374.48</u>
	6,788,279.42

#### **Special Donations**

The following special donations have been made during 2017. Some of these have been used in meeting specific expenses of the foundation while the remaining has been used to offset other overheads. Any remaining amounts have been pooled to provide additional scholarships.

We thank the following donors for their special donations:

- TELUS Cares Team, BC \$400.00 Consisting of: \$200.00, in recognition of community volunteering services of Mr. Karunitha Wimalasooriya, Surrey, BC, and, \$200.00 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 from Telus!
- Anonymous donor, Sri Lanka Expenses for Advertising (Calling for applications in Sri Lankan newspapers), printing/photocopying, stationery & postage
- Mr. Gayan Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC \$68 for web site domain and hosting
- Dr. Bandula Abeysundara, Coquitlam, BC for:
  - \$162.29 for registration fees, stationery and postage
  - Rs: 100,000 for donating school supplies to a rural school
  - Rs: 130,000 for donating a photocopier to Kawantissapura School, Tissamaharama.

If you are willing to make a special donation for a specific purpose, please contact our Treasurer by e-mail at <a href="mailto:info@slcsf.org">info@slcsf.org</a> or phone at (604) 507 3272.

#### **SLCSF Board of Directors**

President: Secretary: Sri Lankan Coordinator: Lal Samarasekera Bandula Abeysundara Devika Jayawardena

Treasurer: Asst. Secretary: Asst. SL Coordinator: Sisira Hewa Bandula Chandra Stokes Delerine Ratnapala

Addl. SL Coordinator: Newsletter Editor & Web Master:

Gunadya Bandarage Praneeth Abhayasundere Gayan Abeysundara

#### For more information...

Web site: <a href="https://www.SLCSF.org">www.SLCSF.org</a>
E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@SLCSF.org">info@SLCSF.org</a>
Phone: (604) 507 3272

**Mail:** Sri Lanka – Canada Scholarship Foundation

118 – 8655 King George Boulevard Surrey, BC, V3W 5C4, Canada

### **Sponsorship Form**

### Sri Lanka – Canada Scholarship Foundation

Name (Ven./Rev./Mr./Mrs./	Miss./Ms./Dr.):	
Mailing Address:		
		Phone (home):
		Donation Amount: Can\$/SL Rs./Other:
Category of scholarship (Ple	ease circle): Memorial / R	egular
For memorial scholarships	s: Please indicate in whose	memory the scholarship(s) is/are to be awarded:
Name:		
Relationship	to Applicant:	
For new sponsors (optiona	l): How did you learn abo	ut SLCSF?:
Date:		

For sponsoring a scholarship, the donation amount is \$180.00 CAD per year for 2 years or, Canadian \$ equivalent in other currencies.

Please mail us a single cheque for \$360 CAD (per scholarship) for both years or, a cheque for \$180 CAD (per scholarship) for the 1st year, and a year later another cheque for \$180 CAD for the 2nd year.

Please make your cheques payable to "SLCSF" or "Sri Lanka – Canada Scholarship Foundation".

Sponsorship donations can also be made through pre-authorized monthly bank deductions or, by credit cards using PayPal (secure transaction) at the SLCSF website: <a href="www.slcsf.org">www.slcsf.org</a>. Note: Donations by cheque or pre-authorized monthly bank deductions are preferred, as PayPal deducts a service fee for credit card transactions.

Even if you are already a sponsor, please complete the above form and mail it (or, e-mail the information to: info@SLCSF.org) to one of the following addresses. This will help us in keeping our records up to date and sending you future newsletters in a timely manner.

Treasurer, SLCSF 118 – 8655 King George Blvd Surrey, BC, V3W 5C4, Canada Sri Lankan Coordinator, SLCSF 125/14 Peterson Lane, Colombo 6 Sri Lanka

Revised: Nov 2017