



## SWISS LADIES CHARITY GROUP International Christmas Charity Bazaar 2012

Last December, the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Charity Bazaar took place at the Hilton Residence Ballroom. The event was an overwhelming success as the Swiss Ladies made another fantastic profit of Rs. 615'000/-.

This amazing amount is the result of the ladies' initiative and persistence to bake, create, present and source a lot of traditional Swiss food such as cheese, dried meat and chocolates. As always, the ladies showed true Swiss enterprise and organization, making our table one of the most popular in the whole bazaar.



One of our best sellers still was the first cookery book in the world of European recipes in all three languages, English, Sinhala and Tamil. Created by one of our valuable members, Mrs. Christa Stuber, the book is still available, so if you haven't got your copy yet, please contact us.



At the stand, the 30 kilos of cookies baked by the Swiss ladies and Dinesh, the Chef of the Swiss Residence, went like "hot cake" along with all the Zoepfe and cakes baked or donated by individual ladies for our table.

The raffle draw also contributed greatly towards the success of this year's event and drew a lot of interest due to the valuable prizes on offer.



A big thank you goes out to all of you for your contributions and support in making this year's bazaar an amazing success and a very enjoyable experience for all. Heartfelt thanks go out to all the people and organizations who donated prizes for the raffle draw, namely: Ceylon Tea Trail, Mrs. Danny Hameed, Amaya Resort and Spa, Mrs. Simona Abeywardana, Mr. Walter Hubacher, Mr. & Mrs. Anne Marie Lankatilake, Mr. Christopher Debarera, Aman Resort & Spa, The G.M. The Hilton Residence, The G.M. Galadari Hotel, The G.M. Mt. Lavinia Hotel, Chesa Swiss Restaurant, Jetwing Hotel Management, Mrs. Dolly Fernando, Mr. Thusal Gunawardena, Kemara Spa, Nestle.

Last but definitely not least, we would like to thank all the people who collected and brought down food and other items from Switzerland in their luggage. A special thanks goes to Madeleine Fernando and Jocelyne Mollet who keep on tirelessly sourcing many different items and food for this event.

As usual, the funds raised were utilized for charitable causes that the Swiss Ladies Charity Group supports. All these projects have been brought to our attention by our Swiss members over the years. The Swiss ladies pay regular visits to the different institutions to closely monitor that the donated funds are being used for their original purpose.

This year, we decided to continue to support

- IDE SCHOOL which caters to children with learning disabilities (Rs. 200'000/-)
- ECSAT in Galle helps teachers to include disabled children in the classroom alongside non-disabled children (Rs. 50'000/-)
- NAILANDER which supports people with poliomyelitis (Rs. 50'000/-)
- ST FRANCIS BOYS HOME, ST STEFAN SCHOOL and CHESHIRE HOME to provide food, musical instruments and uniforms to school children from the slums in the Negombo region (Rs. 115'000/-)
- DAYA MINA which cares for the poor and disabled (Rs. 50'000/-)
- SHARE which provides hot meals for the elderly and ill in Kalutara (Rs. 50'000/-)

And we took on two new projects:

- Diyagala Boys' Town, Ragama (Rs. 50'000/-)
- The Colombo Home for Children Needing Special Care in Nugegoda (Rs. 50'000/-)

### **How can you make a difference this year?**

Please help us, by bringing back food items for us when you return from Switzerland, donating a prize for the raffle, joining the Swiss Ladies Charity Group and offering your time and contacts, or attending the bazaar and spending all your money there! Whatever your contribution may be, we look forward to reaching our goal in 2013 with your help.

**The International Christmas Charity Bazaar 2013 will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December.**

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