

SWISS LADIES CHARITY GROUP International Christmas Charity Bazaar 2018

Dear Members & Donors,

On the 38th International Christmas Charity Bazaar which took place at the Galle Face Hotel in Colombo on the 25th of November 2018, we made a profit of LKR 765'000/-.

Adding an amazing donation of LKR 150'000/-, we earned a total of LKR 915'000/-!





Full of typical Swiss products, such as Christmas biscuits, chocolates, cheese, wine, bread, coffee, mayonnaise, mustard, cereals, toffees, jam, tea, roesti and fondue, our stall was full and very attractive once again.













WE SINCERELY THANK THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS who made a monetary contribution or donated some goods for our table, namely:

Mr. Anselm Perera from **Mlesna Tea**

Mrs. Danny Hameed

Mrs. Denise Lanz from Switzerland Mrs. Katharina Kunz from Switzerland

Mrs. Katharina Twerenbold

Mrs. Madeleine Fernando and her friends in Switzerland

Mr. Marc Scheifele from Switzerland

Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Marlis Bruellmann from Switzerland

Mrs. Ramany Fernando
Mr. Rolf Blaser from Baurs
Mrs. Sharika Erne Sharma
Mrs. Shivani Hegde from Nestlé
Mrs. Silvia Attalla from Switzerland

The Swiss Business Circle, Sri Lanka

In order to bake 35kg of typical Swiss Christmas biscuits with the help of Chef Donald, we invaded the kitchen of the Swiss Residence once again. A big thank you to HE Mr. Hanspeter Mock, Ambassador of Switzerland, and his wife, Karin, for having us.







Both publications by the Swiss Ladies Charity Group were sold again:

- 1. "Swiss in Sri Lanka", retracing the life and impact of Swiss people and organisations in Sri Lanka
- 2. Our famous Cookbook, the first cookbook in the world of European recipes in English, Sinhalese and Tamil



Please note that all the printed copies of the cookbook were sold. From now onwards it is only available as eBook on Amazon worldwide:

https://www.amazon.com/Swiss-Cuisine-Switzerland-English-Sinhala-

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO ALL THE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS MENTIONED BELOW WHO GENEROUSLY DONATED A PRIZE FOR OUR RAFFLE DRAW.



Bayleaf Restaurant, Colombo

Mr. Cassim Bazeer

Mr. Christopher Dabarera Mr. Dominique Nordmann

Mr. Giles Scott & Mrs. Anthe Ickx

Mrs. Jackie Samarasinghe Mr. Jawana Fernando Mr. Jerome Auvity

Kingfisher Leisure (Pvt) Ltd

Mrs. Kishani Gunawardene Lion Royal Resorts

Mr. Louis Siriwardena Mr. Mahendra Jayasekara

Mrs. Rohini Nordmann

Mr. Sampath Siriwardena Mrs. Simona Abeywardena

> SIRIS Pvt. Ltd. Sun Siyam Resorts

Mr. Suresh Ratwatte

Mr. Walter Hubacher

Mr. Wendell Rebeira

Bayleaf Restaurant, Colombo

Mt. Lavinia Hotel

Rico Shadow Guest House, Waikkal

Wild Coast Tented Lodge, Yala

Villa Wambatu, Heenatigala, Galle

Kiku Restaurant, Colombo 3 Sisters Beach House, Matara

Jetwing St. Andrew's, Nuwara Eliya

Kingfisher Hotel, Unawatuna

Kemara Spa, Colombo

Coco Royal Beach Resort, Kalutara

Ambaralla Lodge & Spice Garden, Hunumulla

Lankatiles & Lanka Walltiles PLC

Ophir Skin Care

Galadari Hotel, Colombo Secret Garden, Unawatuna

Siris Crystal & Health Spa, Colombo

Sun Aqua Pasikudah Hotel Topaz, Kandy

Ayubowan Swiss Lanka Bungalow Resort, Bentota

Epicure Restaurant, Colombo

These great prizes made our raffle very attractive and helped us to sell a lot of tickets!

There would be no Swiss stall without the people who collect money, food and other items and/or carry them in their luggage from Switzerland to Sri Lanka.

Arlette & Alan Palmer Christopher Dabarera Jocelyne Mollet Madeleine Fernando Max Gamper from Switzerland René Brechbuehler from Switzerland Silvia Attalla from Switzerland Stéphanie Périllard Another big thank you goes out to Mr. Philippe Bardet, Director Interprofession du Gruyère in Switzerland who sponsored some of our cheese. As usual, the cheese was very sought after and sold out very fast! **MERCI BEAUCOUP Mr. Bardet!**





DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

The collected funds are always distributed among the charitable organisations which we have been supporting for many years:

IDE SCHOOL, Colombo – LKR 265'000/-







The Association of Individual Development Education School is a centre for children and adolescents (ages: 4 - 22 years) with various disorders, such as Cerebral Palsy, Down's Syndrome, Autism, Attention Deficit Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder, and heavy learning difficulties.

Our contribution will be used to help pay the salaries of the very dedicated teachers.

SUPEM NIWASA (THE COLOMBO BOYS' HOME), Nugegoda – LKR 100'000/-

The Supem Niwasa is a home and day care center for children in need of special care. Our contribution will be used for the maintenance of the classrooms.

THE SHARE FOUNDATION, Kalutara-LKR 130'000/-







The SHARE Foundation is a community health service that provides home nursing and free medical care to the poor, the sick and the elderly in the Kalutara / Payagala area.

Our contribution will be used to provide meals for 10 differently abled children/young adults who

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DIYAGALA BOYS' TOWN, Ragama - LKR 100'000/-











The Diyagala Boys' Town supports marginalized, underprivileged, handicapped and abandoned boys and provides them with an effective learning environment for a better future by training them in technology, agriculture and animal husbandry.

Our contribution will be used for their Hostel Water Project and to purchase 150 t-shirts for the boys.

DAYA MINA, Nugegoda – LKR 80'000/-







Daya Mina is a day centre, run by the Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary, which is dedicated to the care, education and life training of differently abled children and young adults.

Our contribution was given at a crucial moment when the centre had run out of funds to buy milk powder!

NYLANDER, Ragama - LKR 80'000/-









Nylander is the first co-operative society for disabled people in Sri Lanka where people with poliomyelitis live and work together.

Our contribution will be used to expand and improve the plant nursery and pottery they started recently as a means of raising funds.

ST FRANCIS BOYS' HOME, Negombo – LKR 70'000/-





The St. Francis Boys' Home provides education for school children from underprivileged areas around Negombo.

Our contribution will be used to buy school books and uniforms for the children.

THE WESTER SEATON CHESHIRE HOME, Negombo – LKR 10'000/-







The Wester Seaton Cheshire Home cares for intellectually and physically impaired men and woman.

Our contribution will be used to provide a lunch in memory of Mrs. Joana Mendis, a Swiss lady who spent her last years in this home.

THE CANCER HOME, Kandy – LKR 80'000/-







The Cancer Home in Kandy is where cancer patients who have no means to stay somewhere during their treatment can stay for free. Mr. Mohan Samarakoon who is in charge of the Cancer Society in Kandy has dedicated his life to the betterment of the poorest cancer patients in and around Kandy.

Our contribution will be used to upgrade a bathroom in one of the wards.





We make sure that our donations are being used for their original purpose by paying regular visits to the different institutions, and we assure you that these organisations really need and benefit from our support.

DEAR DONORS AND BENEFACTORS,

WE SINCERELY APOLOGISE FOR OUR LATE REPORT. PLEASE DON'T LET THIS DISCOURAGE YOU FROM CONTRIBUTING THIS YEAR AS GENEROUSLY AS YOU DID LAST YEAR.

ALL OF THESE CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS ARE STRUGGLING EVEN MORE WITH THEIR FUNDING SINCE THE ATTENTION WAS DIVERTED TO THOSE WHO WERE AFFECTED DURING THE ATROCIOUS ATTACKS IN APRIL.

THEY NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT MORE THAN EVER!

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We are always in need of more team members, so do give us a call if you'd like to join and help us. You will meet some nice people and have lots of fun, that's a promise!

We also request you to get in touch with us if you or other people you know have extra weight or luggage allowances and are willing to transport food items for us from Switzerland to Sri Lanka. We can arrange for the items to be bought and delivered to the necessary places.

The next International Christmas Charity Bazaar will be held on the 24th November 2019.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you require any further information:

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Thank you, once again, for helping us to achieve such a great result. We look forward to seeing you at the next bazaar!

In appreciation,

Sabine & Marina