

# SWISS LADIES CHARITY GROUP

## International Christmas Charity Bazaar 2019



Dear Members & Donors,

On the 39<sup>th</sup> International Christmas Charity Bazaar which took place at the Galle Face Hotel in Colombo on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2019, we made a profit of LKR 900'000/-, and received another amazing donation of **LKR 250'000/-**. Therefore, this year we were able to distribute **LKR 1'150'000/-** !



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



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

Anna & Ruth Röthlisberger, Danny Hameed, Denise Lanz, Katharina Twerenbold, Ramany Eger, Silvia Attalla, Rolf Blaser from **Baurs**, Fabrice Cavallin from **Nestlé** and **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.





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

2 NIGHTS FOR 2 AT CAPE WELIGAMA, Weligama  
2 NIGHTS FOR 4 AT VILLA WAMBATU, Heenatigala  
2 NIGHTS FOR 2 AT 3 SISTERS BEACH HOUSE, Matara  
1 NIGHT FOR 2 AT LAKE LODGE BOUTIQUE HOTEL, Kandalama  
1 NIGHT FOR 2 AT SUN AQUA, Pasikudah  
1 NIGHT FOR 2 AT KASSAPA LIONS ROCK, Digampathaha  
1 NIGHT FOR 2 AT GOLDI SANDS HOTEL, Negombo  
1 NIGHT FOR 2 AT KINGFISHER HOTEL, Unawatuna  
1 NIGHT FOR 2 AT SECRET GARDEN, Unawatuna  
2 NIGHTS FOR 2 AT AYUBOWAN BUNGALOW RESORT, Bentota  
2 NIGHTS FOR 2 AT HALDUMMULLA ESTATE BUNGALOW  
2 NIGHTS FOR 2 AT RICO SHADOW GUEST HOUSE, Waikkal  
2 NIGHTS FOR 2 AT MOND TREEHOUSE, Hiriketiya  
2 NIGHTS FOR 2 AT ICEBEAR GUEST HOUSE, Negombo  
DINNER FOR 2 AT CINNAMON LAKESIDE, Colombo  
DINNER FOR 2 AT JETWING BLUE, Negombo  
DINNER FOR 2 AT MOUNT LAVINIA HOTEL, Mt. Lavinia  
DINNER & HIGH TEA FOR 2 AT GALADARI HOTEL, Colombo  
LUNCH FOR 2 AT KIKU RESTAURANT, Colombo  
DINNER FOR 2 AT PAPOU'S RESTAURANT, Negombo  
LUNCH/DINNER FOR 1 AT THE BAY LEAF & HARPO'S PIZZA & PASTA  
HAMPER FROM OPHIR SKIN CARE  
2x 1 DAY TREATMENT FOR 2 AT JASMIN VILLA AYURVEDA RESORT  
DEEP RELAXATION MASSAGE AT KEMARA SPA, Colombo  
FACELIFT AT SIRIS CRYSTAL & HEALTH SPA, Colombo  
MASSAGE & STEAM PEDICURE AT BREATHE DAY SPA, Colombo  
TREATMENT AT TONY & GUY, Colombo  
3 YOGA CLASSES AT PRANA LOUNGE, Colombo

Courtesy of  
**Resplendent Ceylon Pvt. Ltd.**  
**Villa Wambatu Team**  
**Mr. Jawana Fernando**  
**Mr. Michel Chapelain**  
**Sun Siyam Resorts**  
**Lions Royal Resorts**  
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**Mrs. Simona Abeywardena**  
**Mr. Walter Hubacher**  
**Haldummulla Estate Team**  
**Mr. Christopher Dabarera**  
**Mr. & Mrs. R & J Fernando**  
**Mr. Gerry Haisch**  
**Mr. Rohan Fernandopulle**  
**Mr. Hashan Coorey**  
**Mr. Bazeer Cassim**  
**Mr. Sampath Siriwardena**  
**Mrs. Jackie Samarasinghe**  
**Mr. Chandana**  
**Bay Leaf Restaurant**  
**Mrs. Rohini Nordmann**  
**Jasmin Villa Negombo**  
**Mrs. Kishani Gunawardene**  
**Siris Pvt. Ltd.**  
**Nail Anatomy**  
**Tony & Guy**  
**Prana Lounge**

**Thanks to these wonderful prizes we had a lot of happy winners!**



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



**THANK YOU VERY MUCH** Anna & Ruth Röthlisberger, Christopher Dabarera, Denise Lanz, Denise Mader, Family Bräm, Family Brechbühler, Family Brüllmann, Karl Kaiser, Robert Hug, Sabine Nyffeler and Silvia Attalla. **WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP & SUPPORT!**

**ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU** goes out to **Mr. Philippe Bardet** from **Interprofession du Gruyère** in Switzerland who sponsored CHF 200/- towards the Gruyère, and **Mr. Nicolas Escoffey** from **Fromagerie de Pringy** who provided the cheese at a special rate. As usual, the cheese was very sought after and sold out very fast! **MERCI BEAUCOUP MESSIEURS!**



## DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

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

### IDE SCHOOL, Colombo – LKR 300'000/-



The Association of Individual Development Education School is a centre for children and adolescents with various disorders and heavy learning difficulties. Our contribution will be used to help pay the salaries of the very dedicated teachers.

### SUPEM NIWASA (THE COLOMBO HOME), Nugegoda – LKR 130'000/-



The Supem Niwasa is a home and day care centre for differently abled children. Our contribution will be added to the building fund for the ongoing construction of a new wing.

### NYLANDER, Ragama – LKR 110'000/-



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 renovate one of their bathrooms.

### ST FRANCIS BOYS' HOME, Minuwangoda – LKR 90'000/-



The St. Francis Boys' Home provides education for school children from underprivileged areas around Negombo. Our contribution will be used to buy new furniture for the home.



**DAYA MINA, Nugegoda – LKR 130'000/-**



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 will be used to provide milk tea and snacks as well as shoes (including correction shoes) for the students.

**THE SHARE FOUNDATION, Kalutara– LKR 160'000/-**



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 supply dry rations and meals for one year to 10 elderly patients and 10 children at the Youth Day Care Centre.

**THE WESTER SEATON CHESHIRE HOME, Negombo – LKR 20'000/-**



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.

**DIYAGALA BOYS' TOWN, Ragama – LKR 130'000/-**



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 to buy new tools for their workshop.



## THE CANCER HOME, Kandy – LKR 80'000/-



The Cancer Home in Kandy accommodates patients who are on long stay treatment at the Kandy General Hospital, unable to travel from distant places, as well as terminally ill patients who cannot be looked after in their own homes. Our contribution will be used to buy much needed medicine and milk powder for the patients.

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**DEAR DONORS AND BENEFACTORS,** 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 our support.

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We always welcome new team members, so do give us a call if you'd like to join and help us get ready for the next bazaar. 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.

In the meantime, if you miss Swiss cuisine, you should try out the recipes from our famous **Cookbook**: The first cookbook in the world of European recipes in English, Sinhalese and Tamil. It is available only as eBook on Amazon worldwide. A portion of the proceeds will be distributed among our charities:

[https://www.amazon.com/Swiss-Cuisine-Switzerland-English-Sinhala-ebook/dp/B07JX77S95/ref=sr\\_1\\_15?keywords=swiss+cuisine+cookbook&qid=1558845883&s=gateway&sr=8-15](https://www.amazon.com/Swiss-Cuisine-Switzerland-English-Sinhala-ebook/dp/B07JX77S95/ref=sr_1_15?keywords=swiss+cuisine+cookbook&qid=1558845883&s=gateway&sr=8-15)

**We have no information yet as to how and when this year's International Christmas Charity Bazaar will be held but we shall update you as soon as possible.**

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are in charge of the Swiss stall. Please contact us if you require more information.

Thank you, once again, for helping us to achieve such a great result. We hope that all of you and your families are safe and doing well and look forward to seeing you at the next bazaar!

In appreciation,  
Sabine & Marina