

SWISS LADIES CHARITY GROUP

International Christmas Charity Bazaar 2020



Dear Members & Donors,

Due to the pandemic and all corresponding restrictions, the 40th International Christmas Charity Bazaar was held online. Despite the limitations we faced, we decided to go ahead and try our best to spread a bit of Christmas joy and sell some goods in order to help and support our beneficiaries in these difficult times.

The result was much better than we could have imagined. We were able to distribute **LKR 900'000/-** : LKR 445'000/- from the online sales and LKR 455'000/- received as donations!

We owe this successful accomplishment to our benefactors and are extremely thankful for their wonderful and generous support.

- Nestlé donated LKR 200'000/-
- The Swiss Business Circle donated LKR 150'000/-
- Mrs. Stéphanie Périllard & Mr. Randel van Heerden donated LKR 30'000/-
- Mrs. Madeleine Fernando donated LKR 25'000/-
- Some other well-wishers who prefer to stay anonymous donated LKR 50'000/- and LKR 20'000/- respectively
- Bours provided a variety of goods that were sold online.
- Mrs. Katharina Twerenbold and Mrs. Danny Hameed also donated goods that were sold online.

Our product range included Swiss chocolates, wine, braided bread, sugar free toffees, lemon curd, quality sun glasses, pens, key tags and our home made Christmas biscuits.



Finding a place to bake the biscuits was another challenge. We didn't want to take any risks and chose not to do it at the Swiss Residence as usual although we would have been welcomed by Mrs. Hayam Furgler, the Swiss Ambassador's wife. Fortunately, we were given access to a professional kitchen at **The English Cake Company** in Colombo. Eli and Yohan Galapitage were very kind and generous and gave us permission to invade their Café for a day. A big thank you goes out to them for helping us so spontaneously and allowing us to bake 30 kilos of traditional Swiss Christmas biscuits in a safe environment.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

The collected funds were distributed among the charitable organisations that we have been supporting for many years:



IDE SCHOOL, Colombo – LKR 200'000/-

The Association of Individual Development Education School is a centre for children and adolescents with various disorders and heavy learning difficulties.

DAYA MINA, Nugegoda – LKR 100'000/-

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.



NYLANDER, Ragama – LKR 90'000/-

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

ST FRANCIS BOYS' HOME, Minuwangoda – LKR 80'000/-

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



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 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.



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

The Supem Niwasa is a home and day care centre for differently abled boys from financially challenged families.

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.



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.

The committee of the International Christmas Charity Bazaar deserves a big thank you for all the effort and hard work that went into creating this online event, starting with the website to sorting out all the orders and ending with a smooth delivery/pick up service. Kudos to the whole team for a job well done!

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 who are really in need of our support and appreciate it very much.

We always need help to get ready for the next bazaar and warmly welcome newcomers into our great team. Give us a call if you're interested in joining us this year. We'll happily answer all your questions. 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=gate&sr=8-15

We have no information yet as to how and when the next International Christmas Charity Bazaar will be held. We shall update you as soon as possible.

Please contact us if you require more information and/or if you would like to offer your help.
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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.

Sincerely,

Sabine & Marina
Swiss stall coordinators