



SWISS LADIES CHARITY GROUP International Christmas Charity Bazaar 2017

Dear Members,

The 37th International Christmas Charity Bazaar took place at the Ballroom of the Hilton Colombo Residences on the 26th of November, and we are very proud to announce that we collected **LKR 795'000/-** for the charities we support.



Our stall looked fabulous with all the typical Swiss items on offer, such as Christmas biscuits, chocolates, cheese, wine, bread, muesli, mayonnaise, mustard and even sunglasses.



The beautiful handmade Christmas decorations, made by Mrs. Sriyani Fernando, gave our stall a special Christmas touch. We are grateful for her participation.

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** goes out to our **BENEFACTORS**, the companies and individuals who made a monetary contribution or sponsored some wonderful goods for our table, namely:

Brigitte Badurdeen
Claude and Cécile Berger from Switzerland
Danny Hameed
Friends and family members of Madeleine Fernando and Arlette Palmer in Switzerland
Katharina Kunz from Switzerland
Katharina Twerenbold
Paul & Marlis Bruellmann from Switzerland
Sharika Erne Sharma
Shivani Hegde from **Nestlé**
Thomas Daetwyler and Lakshman Niyangoda from **Baurs**

We also thank HE Mr. Heinz Walker-Nederkoorn, Ambassador of Switzerland, and his wife, Senta, for allowing us to take over their kitchen in order to bake some traditional Swiss Christmas biscuits for the bazaar. With the help of their Chef, Donald, we produced 35 kg of delicious biscuits of different shapes and sizes.



Both publications by the Swiss Ladies Charity Group were on sale again:

1. **“Swiss in Sri Lanka”**, retracing the life and impact of Swiss people and organisations in Sri Lanka
2. Our famous **Cookery Book**, the first cookbook in the world of European recipes in English, Sinhalese and Tamil



Please feel free to contact us to obtain these books for yourselves or as gifts for family members and friends.

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

These attractive prizes arouse a lot of interest and helped us to sell many raffle tickets.



Mr. Cassim Bazeer	Mt. Lavinia Hotel
Mr. Christopher Dabarera	Rico Shadow Guest House
Mr. Denesh de Silva	Amaya Resort & Spas
Mrs. Denise Lanz	
Mr. Dilesh Dias & Mrs. Marcelline Paul	UGA Escapes
Mr. Dominique Nordmann	Resplendent Ceylon
Eat Right, Kohuwela	
Mrs. Evangeline Ekanayake	Villa Saffron
Mr. Jerome Auvity	Jetwing Sea
Mr. Karim Schadlou	Hilton Colombo Residences
Mrs. Kishani Gunawardene	Kemara Spa
Lion Royal Resorts	Kassapa Lions Rock
Mr. Mahendra Jayasekara	Lankatiles & Lanka Walltiles PLC
Mr. Markus Marti	Moevenpick Hotel
Mrs. Rohini Nordmann	Ophir Skin Care
Mr. Sampath Siriwardena	Galadari Hotel
Mrs. Simona Abeywardena	Secret Garden
Sun Siyam Resorts	Sun Aqua Pasikudah
Mr. Suresh Ratwatte	Hotel Topaz
The Nail Anatomy	
Mr. Walter Hubacher	Ayubowan Swiss Lanka Bungalow Resort

We depend on and very much appreciate all the people who collect money, food and other items and/or carry them in their luggage from Switzerland to Sri Lanka. Our stall would not be the same without their significant and indispensable contributions. Therefore,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Alan & Arlette Palmer
 Christopher Dabarera
 Claude & Cécile Berger from Switzerland
 Denise Lanz
 Jossy Wellauer from Switzerland
 Karin Meienberger from Switzerland
 Katharina & Fritz Kunz from Switzerland
 Michael Spiegel from Switzerland
 Michel & Eveline Berger from Switzerland
 Paul & Marlis Bruellmann from Switzerland

Additionally, we send a special « **MERCI BEAUCOUP** »

to **Mr. Gérald Roux** from **Fromage de Gruyère** in **Bulle, Switzerland**.

He generously offered some of their excellent **Gruyère cheese**, beautifully packed into individual slices, which was very much appreciated and sold very well.



DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

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

IDE SCHOOL, Colombo – LKR 255'000/-



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.

THE SHARE FOUNDATION, Kalutara– LKR 110'000/-



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

DIYAGALA BOYS' TOWN, Ragama – LKR 90'000/-



The Diyagala Boys' Town supports marginalised, 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 fund their educational projects.

SUPREM NIWASA (THE COLOMBO HOME), Nugegoda – LKR 90'000/-

The Suprem Niwasa is a home and day care centre for children in need of special care. Our contribution will be used for the refurbishment of the new classrooms.

(We apologise for the lack of photographs. They will be provided in the next report.)

DAYA MINA, Nugegoda – LKR 70'000/-



SISTERS OF CHARITY SERVICES
DAYA  **MINA**
Centre for the Differently Abled

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 towards rebuilding the roof that collapsed recently.

NYLANDER, Ragama – LKR 70'000/-



Nylander Industrial Co-Operative Society Ltd.

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 furnish the guest house they built as a self-fund raising project.

ST FRANCIS BOYS' HOME, Negombo – LKR 60'000/-



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.

WECARE Worldwide Animal Charity Sri Lanka – LKR 40'000/-



WECare Sri Lanka consists of a team of veterinary surgeons and nurses from the UK, volunteering in the South of Sri Lanka, with the aim of providing a high level of veterinary expertise to animals that don't have access to any other form of healthcare.

Our contribution will be used to supply some necessary medication.

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



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

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.

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.



If you are interested in joining an enthusiastic team and having lots of fun organising the event, baking the Christmas biscuits and taking part in the bazaar, just give us a call. We'll happily explain everything over a nice cup of tea or coffee.

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 25th November 2018.

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are in charge of the Swiss Stall.

Please contact them if you require more information or if you would like to offer your help.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the next bazaar!

Warm regards and take care,

Sabine & Marina