



2022

CHARITY REPORT

Maris Stella College

Old Boys Association UK

**OVER LKR 2.2M ACCROSS THREE
CHARITY PROJECTS**

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Our Mission

Helping children has always been our main mission. This has taken a higher priority within our association to date. We have helped children in their educational needs and in their families welfare.

Since its inception 20 years ago, our OBA has participated in various charitable activities and projects.

This year, Maris Stella College Negombo celebrates its 100th year. In memory of this unique occasion we at the MSC OBA UK worked hard to go that extra mile to help out as many children as possible in Sri Lanka (our mother land).

How we raise funds

We raise funds for our charities through various means mainly they are raised amongst our association members, their colleagues and close friends.

For two consecutive years, our members participated in charity cycle rides to raise awareness and raise funds for worthy causes.



Project I

Lady Ridgeway Hospital - Colombo

Lady Ridgeway Hospital is the country's leading children's hospital set up in 1895. Hospital's running operations heavily depend on government grants and private donors. In recent years, funding has become a major issue for its functioning.

Due to the lack of foreign reserves, the government is compelled to restrict imports, including basic medicine and essential food commodities. This has resulted in a significant shortage of life-saving medicines across many hospitals in Sri Lanka.

MSC OBA UK donate LKR 1 million (circa £2,500) worth medicines to the children's hospital. The donation was handed by the college Principal Br. Sunanda Alwis on 3rd of November 2022.



Lady Ridgeway Hospital - Appreciation

Project I

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Mr.Amal Weerasinghe,
President Maristela College,
O.B.A,
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Letter of Appreciation

Lady Ridgeway Hospital (Teaching) is the largest tertiary care hospital in Sri Lanka, exclusively treating and managing children from all parts of the country. It manages children suffering from various illnesses and handles thousands of children annually.

Now we are experiencing difficulties in managing the patients as there is a severe shortage of essential drugs, surgical consumables, Lab consumables and other commodities due to the economic crisis currently prevailing in the country. On behalf of the Lady Ridgeway Hospital and the staff I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for your generous donation of following items.

• Tab Hydrocortisone 5mg	2000	Rs.70000.00
• Tab Hydrocortisone 10mg	3000	Rs.234000.00
• Tab Cinacalcet 30mg	500	Rs.195000.00
• Tab Desmopressin 100mcg	510	Rs.153000.00
• Tab Sevalamer 800mg	500	Rs.95000.00
• Cap Ethosuximide 250mg	392	Rs.215600.00
• Tab Fludrocortisone 100mcg	200	Rs.40000.00

We highly appreciate your support during this difficult time. We look forward for your continued support in the future to heal the children in need.

Thank you,
Yours Sincerely


Director -LRH

Dr. G. Wijesuriya
Director
Lady Ridgeway Hospital for Children
Colombo 08.



Project II

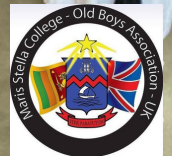
Elivitiya Primary School

As a recognition of the college's 100 year celebration, our association decided to donate 100 boxes of dry food rations among needed families. We spent LKR 1 million (circa GBP 2,500) on this project ensuring each donation box contains healthy food items for a family.

Elivitiya Primary School in Puththalum district was selected for this project. School is located in a rural area of Kumarakattuwa and it provides primary education for 70 pupils. Due to current economic difficulties, many families are struggling to find a daily living to adequately provide for their children.

The food boxes were distributed on the 25th of November 2022 by Br.Noel Fonseka.

The 30 remaining boxes were handed to Maris Stella College principal to distribute among needed families in the school and surround areas.



Project II

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Project III

Donation to Sri Lanka Medical and Dental Association

A generous donation of GBP 500 to Sri Lanka Medical and Dental Association in United Kingdom.

A Registered Charity Organisation in UK : Registration No: 800821)

Sri Lanka Medical and Dental Association is a non- political, non-racial organization respecting equality and diversity without any religious affiliations. It was founded in 1982 with a membership of Sri Lankan doctors & dentists exceeding 400 at present.

The main aim of the SLMDA is to assist undergraduate medical & dental education in Sri Lanka. However the constitution has recently been extended to support humanitarian causes of exceptional significance to Sri Lanka. (E.g. 2004 Tsunami)

<https://www.srilankan-mda.org.uk/about-us/>



Charity Fund Statement

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	<u>GBP</u>	<u>GBP</u>	<u>412.6 LKR</u>
B/F funds from 2021		2,353	
2022 Bike Ride - JustGiving	3,090		
- JustGiving commission	(107)	2,983	
Direct Donations		196	
Total Donations		5,532	
Funds sent to Sri Lanka		(5,000)	2,063,107
<u>Project I</u>			
Lady Ridgeway Hospital			(1,000,000)
<u>Project II</u>			
100 Food ration boxes			(956,500)
Gifts for school teachers			(26,665)
labour hire - load & unload 100 boxes			(5,000)
labour hire - driver & assistant			(5,000)
Donation to Maris Stella College			(70,000)
<u>Project III</u>			
Sri Lanka Medical & Dental Association		(500)	
Balance in Charity Account		32	(58)



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9th December 2022

An Appreciation

“A life is no life Unless & Until we live it.” In the process of living our life what is counted is the actions involved, not just the thoughts or/& words. Boundless Legacy of Maris Stella College, Negombo, invites all the Maristonians Present & Past to mold their lives according to the pragmatic approach, laid down by the Marist Brothers.

It's heartening to see that Past Maristonians taking this invitation seriously, moving abreast with the signs of the time & responding to the needs of the people around.


In the recent past, I was fortunate enough to participate in the 2 Charity Projects, conducted by the Maris Stella College, OBA, London Branch, namely

- (1) Handing over the medical items over SLR One Million to the Lady Rigway Children's Hospital, Boralla, Sri Lanka.
- (2) Distribution of over 100 boxes of Food Items to the needy School Children of Puttlam District, Sri Lanka. Those two projects were timely & worthy initiatives.

Dear Maristonians of London,

Well Done!

Blessings on Your Creative Collective Future Projects!


Bro. Sunanda Alwis
Principal



Thank You

Thank You

THANK YOU to all our donors, without your kindness and support none of these projects would have been possible.

We pledge to you and give our word to spent every pound you have given us to the most needed causes. We hope that we have kept our promises to you.

We pass our special thanks to friends and families in Sri Lanka that helped us to organise all these projects.

Specifically to:

Dr Novoda Athapatthu

Br Sunanda Alwis

Br Noel Fonseka

Mr Weerasinghe & Family

Mr Amarasekara & Family

Mr Lambert and Family.

Omegaline Private Limited.

Thank you all and we look forward to your continuous support in future

