

# CDF

PATIENT TRANSPORT CHARITY



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HELPING TO BATTLE CANCER



## 'FEEL GOOD' SURVIVAL STORIES... OUR REWARD

### Baby Viku

Viku's story is one of many. This 2 year old boy with a brain tumor needed to attend the main Cancer hospital which was 6 hours away. His mother was unemployed and did not have the means to bring Viku to the hospital. CDF came to the rescue to save his life with multiple trips regardless of the distance, time and cost. Living 200km away from the hospital, Viku's mother battling poverty in addition to her own health issues was a daunting task.

Surviving cancer after gruelling treatment is a huge milestone in a child's life. CDF takes pride in giving life changing support to children like Viku by receiving the treatment they need on time to extend their lives and resume living a normal life again.



### Little Kusal

Little Kusal was only 8 years old when he was diagnosed with leukemia. unable to travel 40km regularly by more than one bus route, he was transported for more than a year for treatment. He is now free of the illness. He can go to school and play with his friends again. Timely treatment makes all the difference in the world.

### Indra

60 year old Indra was battling Cancer during the peak of Covid. If it wasn't for CDF Indra would have had a painful end to her life without being able to get to the hospital





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### Little Malik

Little Malik needed regular treatment during Covid and his mother Fatima did not have any other way to bring him to the hospital regularly



### Hemasiri

Hemasiri is a Kidney patient who needs regular dialysis to survive. He wasn't fit enough to travel by public transport. CDF regularly helps him with his weekly trips to the hospital to receive the dialysis

### Kalyani

Kalyani is a palliative state patient who needed transportation to relieve her pain





## CDF PATIENT TRANSPORT CHARITY VALUES

### COMPASSION

Reaching out to all those in need to alleviate their distress, irrespective of age, race, gender or status with empathy during an unimaginable daunting time in their life. "A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal".



### DEDICATION

Accomplishment of an initiative that fulfills a fundamental necessity for those in need. The definitive privilege of realization and contentment of making a difference in people's lives

### FULFILMENT

Commitment to deliver this extraordinary humanitarian act with honesty, integrity and compassion for those who are suffering in silence. We are there to lend a hand and touch their hearts regardless of distance, time or day





## CDF CHARITY FOUNDER/PRESIDENT MESSAGE



It has been a remarkable time period reaching out to relieve the pain of human misery for those who are fighting relentless battles of sickness and poverty. Unfortunately, sickness does not have holidays, it's a daily reality of life. Some of us can relate to the psychological stress families face due to financial insecurity which becomes tenfold during serious illness.

At CDF we are rewarded by going to the rescue of these helpless families enabling timely treatment to save lives, to manage the illness with dignity, alleviate the pain and fear, and to make a profound life-changing difference. When the next meal is a struggle, the cost of travel to get treatment cripples these families financially. What a privilege to provide a free service irrespective of time, distance and cost for a fundamental need. CDF goes off the beaten track to extend a hand of reassurance and comfort.

Every dollar contributed relieves the financial burden of numerous trips to the hospital for those bearing the brunt of poverty. To be pain free is priceless. How blessed we are with the best of facilities at hand, spoiled with mod cons in our comfort zones. In spite of our comforts, our world can turn upside down suddenly when faced with serious illness. We all have our battles in life, a good way to heal our wounds is to help those with bigger wounds in their lives. The happiness we give to others will always come shining back to us, It is the law of karma.

All contributions take a step towards reaching our goal of relieving the burden to cope with the ordeal of serious illness traumatising the families. Saving lives cost money, we need your support to join our crusade, be a life saver and share the power of humanity with empathy to make the world a better place in spite of poverty.

CDF is fortunate to fly under the wings of Royal Flying Doctor Service. CDF is also blessed with a large donor community from all walks of life, regardless of life's accomplishments and social status, may be an artiste, engineer, sportsman or a medical professional, the most whose outstanding attribute is the empathy towards humanity. As we are one big family universally with common aspirations.

Our sincere thanks to all those kind hearts who have contributed generously in many ways to this humanitarian cause. Contributions play a powerful role to create a lasting change, giving a new lease of life to those who have no hope.

We are inspired by your compassion to help tormented families who are suffering in silence, to keep them smiling through the toughest times, to help them get back on their feet and live again with a brighter future.

Thank you for making CDF a charity of your choice.

*Binara Dhamawardena*



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Prime Minister of Sri Lanka

MESSAGE FROM THE HON. PRIME MINISTER

Reaching out to those in need to ease their pain and agony is a kind and human endeavour, driven by empathy.

The provision of transportation facilities for terminally ill patients throughout their treatment has been implemented in response to concerns raised in underprivileged communities in Sri Lanka. These concerns have been addressed by the Cyril Dharmawardena Foundation Patient Transport Charity, an initiative launched by the family in honour of the late Cyril Dharmawardena, a renowned actor and a very good friend of mine.

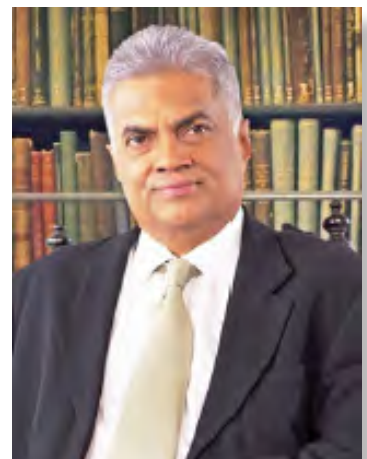
Within a very short period since its inception, the Foundation has been able to offer a helping hand for thousands of people suffering from cancer and other terminal illnesses.

This Transport platform is Sri Lanka's 3rd. largest free of charge Ambulance Service, addressing a gap in public non-emergency services. It provides a service for impoverished people in rural communities, suffering from terminal illness, regardless of distance, time or location.

With considerable support from the government and compassionate donors and sponsors, I believe that this valuable service will be expanded to cover a wider range of communities.

It brings me great pleasure to wish all stakeholders their level best in achieving their vision to eradicate cancer and terminal illnesses.

Ranil Wickremesinghe  
Prime Minister



Current President of Sri Lanka



## RECOGNITION FOR THE RARE SERVICE BY THE HEADS OF THE GOVERNMENT

Former Prime Minister/Incumbent President of Sri Lanka inquiring about the progress made so far in 2019



Felicitation by the Speaker of Parliament of Sri Lanka whilst receiving invaluable memorabilia by the President of Sri Lanka cricket in 2018

Visit by the President of Sri Lanka to inspect the progress in 2017



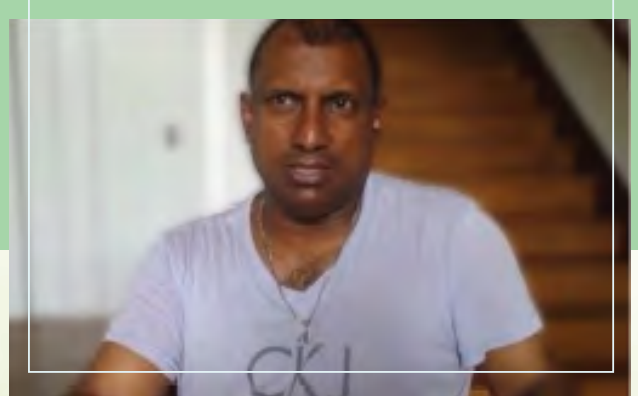
President of Sri Lanka at the inauguration of stage 2 in 2016



## CDF ENDORSEMENTS



Late great Sunil Perera during his endorsement



Cricketing Legend Aravinda De Silva's Endorsement of CDF



Dr Chantel Thornton of Epworth Hospital at CDF High Tea



Prof Benjamin Soloman of Peter MacCallum Cancer Center



CEO of Cricket Victoria - Tony Dodemaide



Special invite from the permanent representative at the UN Headquarters in New York to introduce the credentials of CDF





## PARTNERSHIP THAT DELIVERS THE SERVICE



The Royal Flying Doctors Service of Victoria is going the distance with CDF. CDF has progressed by leaps and bounds with the strength of key partners like the Royal Flying Doctors Service whose ambulance contributions have been a tremendous support. CEO for Victoria Scott Chapman understands the value of reaching out to those who need transport due to sickness and distance. As the Royal Flying Doctors is close to reaching a milestone of almost 100 years in service we wish them strength and success moving forward



Off the beaten track CDF Ball - Scott Chapman CEO of Royal Flying Doctor Service



## TEAM CDF

### Trustee Board

Nish Wickramaarachchi  
Lakshika Bogoda  
Jaliya Fernando  
Bert Ekenaike

### Immediate Past Board Members

Mithra Samaranayake  
Ajith Perera

### Executive Committee

Binara Dharmawardana  
Jenny De Zoysa  
Swarna Kanthi Rajapakse  
Shehani Dharmawardana  
Amila Pieris  
Nirosh Fernando  
Ann Perera  
Madu Gamlath

### CDF Representatives in NSW

Don Iddamalgoda  
Kaushi Iddamalgoda



## OUR STORY



Cyril Dharmawardana

When renowned actor and public personality in Sri Lanka Cyril Dharmawardana was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer, he was grateful to receive the best care in Australia. Having witnessed the sad disparity of medical facilities in Sri Lanka & Australia he envisaged to provide a service that gave dignity and comfort to terminally ill patients at a time of pain and suffering. A facility that extended a helping hand to underprivileged communities experiencing financial hardship due to deep-rooted poverty. Within a year of Cyril Dharmawardana's sad passing in November 2013 his vision was made a reality by initiating and creating The Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation.

Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation (CDF) is an Australian based Non - Profit Charity organisation with the primary focus of assisting terminally ill patients with their transportation requirements between Hospital and home during their treatment. This is provided free of charge regardless of distance the patient need to travel. This facility currently operates in the Southern and North Central regions of Sri Lanka as well as to the main Cancer hospital in the Western Province of Colombo. With ongoing donor support, CDF plans to implement and extend this facility to other Cancer hospitals.

Reality for terminally ill patients after treatment is to travel long distances back home by Public transport in the Developing World. Often on dusty roads under unhygienic conditions. These patients have difficulty travelling physically due to illness and financially due to poverty, some would rather lie on a concrete floor in a hospital to recuperate or forgo meals to save for bus fare. CDF has pioneered the only Free Non-Emergency Ambulance service outbound from hospitals to homes.



## WORK BEHIND THE SCENS



Considerable amount of work goes in reconditioning and reconfiguring the vehicles prior to shipment. Mechanical, body repair, rust management, electrical, electronic, metal fabrication expertise are required to meet the import control and customs requirements



## EXISTING FACILITY



CDF is proud to provide well equipped world class Mercedes Benz and Toyota ambulances complete with patient carers.

The ambulances comply with QA standards are equipped with safety belts and harness's for patient's safety, mobile cushioned stretcher facilities, dual air conditioning, heat and light protected ambience for patient comfort, hygienic environment, emergency siren & beacon (available if required) and extensive use of wheelchair access for patient mobility. CDF employs professional drivers and patient carers. An experienced volunteer management team member regularly travels on board for supervision.





## PROCESS



Doctors & nurses recommend and issue a written directive to pick up and/or drop selected patients who are underprivileged and in critical condition. Patient consent forms and travel details are logged and recorded for reference at the hospitals. CDF plans and executes the journey based on patient drop off destinations in an efficient manner, minimising travel time for patients. Random checks are conducted by QA to maintain required standards.

All patient consent and travel details are logged on a daily basis. The data collected remains confidential. CDF also help hospitals to transfer patients when treatments are halted or when equipment is down



CDF help patients to get to an external scan or a test. CDF also provides snacks and drinks for patients who haven't eaten and dehydrated



CDF team work during weekends and public holidays when required

CDF team follows compassionate patients handling ethics to ensure patient satisfaction



CDF also allows patients to approach the highest level in the organisation structure for feedback and recommendations



## CDF VISION

To provide transportation facilities for every single Cancer & other terminally ill patient at the time of their treatment. Enabling a comfortable return & dignity without them getting exposed to infectious diseases when traveling in public transport.

Contributing to a world leader in Cancer Research the Peter MacCallum Cancer Center to find a cure for Cancer







## RAISING FUNDS FOR CANCER RESEARCH



CDF supports Peter Mac's world-renowned cancer research which is committed to development and breakthrough discoveries of effective treatments and management of cancers improving the quality of life of those battling with life threatening illnesses impacting the whole community. CDF has supported through volunteer activities at Peter Mac's fundraisers and continue to make donations annually





## COMPASSION BEYOND DUTY OF CARE



Sadly, CDF encounters many tragic stories of patients on a daily basis, the most recent moving story is of a one month old baby with brain cancer, living over 100 km away from hospital in Udawalawe, she's grateful for the timely access to hospital to treat the baby. With the distance & baby's condition she cannot travel by bus.

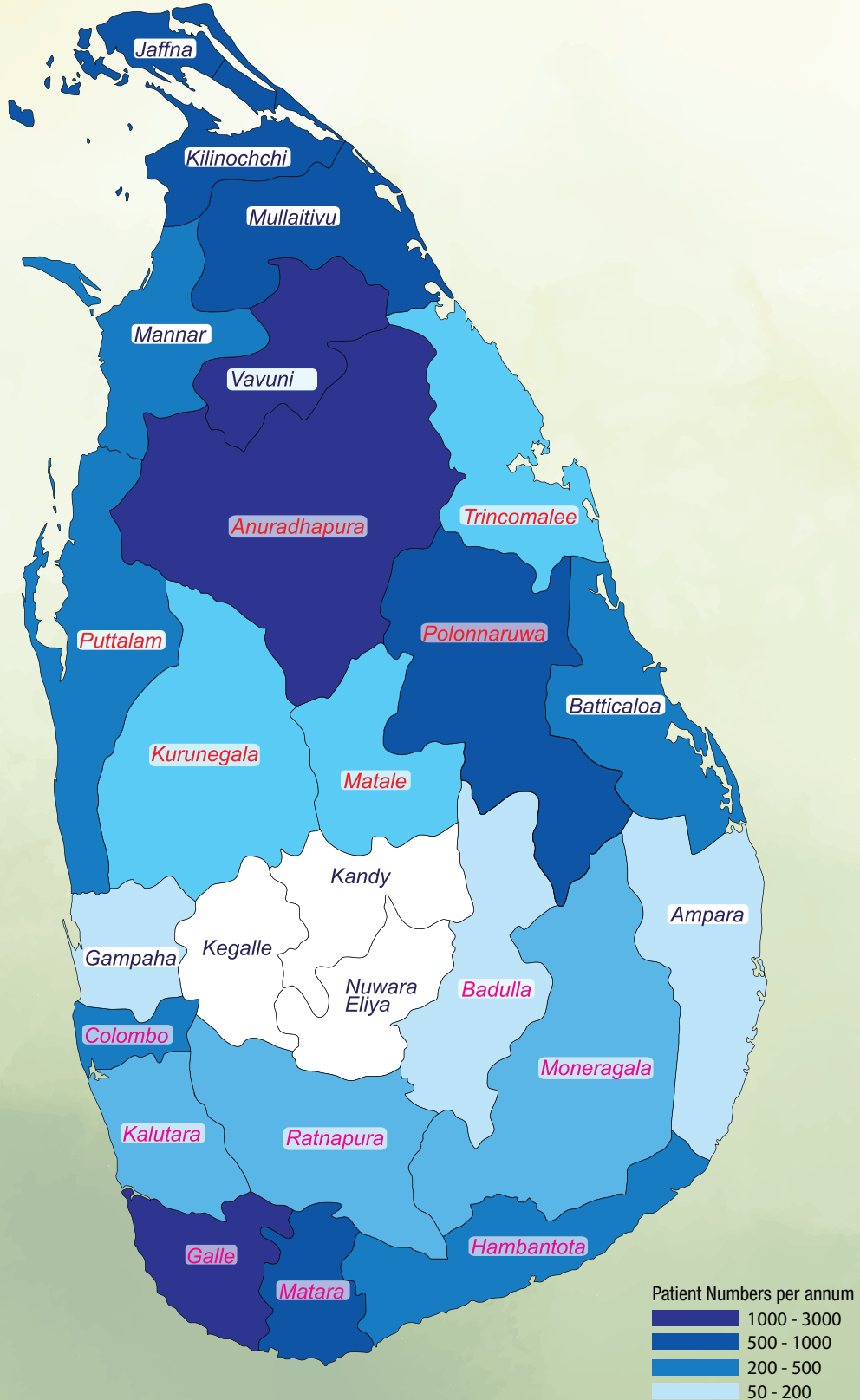
Ranasingha was a patient in a palliative status with a week to live. CDF transported him from the hospital to be with his daughter in Mahiyanganaya, a 6hr journey (291 kms) so he can spend his last hours in peace and dignity.



Niluka's story is one of many, she was 10 years old when she lost a leg to cancer, she was unable to travel by bus with one leg, she became part of the CDF family being transported for over a year with numerous visits to hospital. Living 40 km away from the hospital, battling poverty, Niluka was able to escape the harsh reality of her condition being transported in comfort by CDF back & forth to hospital. She is now free of cancer and was recently transported 140 km away from home to a hospital to fit her new prosthetic leg, a dream come true to be able to walk again with both legs.



# COVERAGE 2021/2022





# CDF HEROES



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### CATHY'S GRAND ADVENTURE

**\$6,890** raised  
53 donations

Cathy Cruse successfully completed a gruelling race at the hot & rocky Grand Canyon in September 2017. Cathy challenged herself in a feat of endurance with competitors worldwide over 7 days walking 273 km self supported to raise awareness & funds for CDF



## Conquering Stok Kangri for cancer



**\$3,660** raised  
50 donations

Balbeer Bhurjhee's historic expedition to Trans Himalayan Stok Kangri 6070m from sea level to raise funds for suffering Cancer patients to get to a hospital to receive treatment for survival



St Peter's College OBA organised a fund raising event in 2021 during the height of Covid and donated the proceeds to CDF.

What a kind gesture by the St Peter's college old boys.



### The Walk for CDF Challenge

Fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc by Amila Amarakoon, Isha Gayani Kulatunge and 2 other friends

\$7,020 of \$7,000 raised

141 people donated.

Ended

Walk for CDF challenge- spearhead by Amila Amarakoon was a great initiative to get people active & on their feet & raise funds for a cause by completing 25kms & nominating others to complete the challenge. CDF appreciates every single one of the participants, with special shout outs to Amila Amarakoon, Rukshan Rodrigo, Riza Muthaliph, DJ Rush, Nick Clarke, Mahesh Perera and many more



## BIRTHDAY FUND RAISES

This is another beautiful way to give back to those in need on your special day by organising a birthday fundraiser. CDF has been fortunate to have compassionate supporters who have organised these online appeals. CDF wishes to thank everyone who has organised & participated in these events.



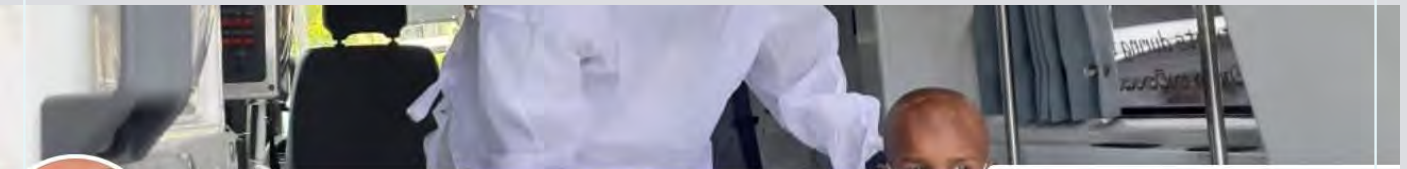
### Dulip's Birthday Fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc

Fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc by Dulip Jay and Sustain Cdf

\$11,148 of \$5,000 raised

252 people donated.

Ended



### Naz's birthday fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc

Fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc by Naz Soysa

This fundraiser has ended and can no longer receive donations.

[Donate](#) [Share](#) [...](#)

#### Fundraiser has ended

Thanks to everyone who donated!

\$3,053 of \$5,000 raised

Swarnakanthi Rajapakse, Ann Sandaruwani Perera and 67 others donated.

[Donate to Charity](#)

#### Fundraiser progress

69  
donated

503  
invited

2  
shared



Swarnakanthi, Ann and Chandra donated.

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TO THEM



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### Buddhika's birthday fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc

Fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc by Buddhika Jayasinghe

Donate Share ...

#### Fundraiser has ended

Thanks to everyone who donated!



Shehani Dharmawardana, Buddhika Jayasinghe and 59 others donated.

#### Fundraiser progress

61 donated 315 invited 25 shared



### Rangana's fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc

Fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc by Rangana Prageeth

Donate Share ...

#### Fundraiser has ended



Swarnakanthi Rajapakse and 49 others donated.

#### Fundraiser progress

50 donated 132 invited 17 shared



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Fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc by Sandun Alawattegama

Donate Share ...

#### Fundraiser has ended

Thanks to everyone who donated!



Ann Sandaruwani Perera, Shehani Dharmawardana and 20 others donated.

#### Fundraiser progress

22 donated 82 invited 3 shared



Ann, Shehani and 6 other friends donated.

Donate to Charity



## Jagath J's birthday fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc

Fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc by Jagath J Edirisinghe · 🌐

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### Fundraiser has ended

Thanks to everyone who donated!

  
Ann Sandaruwani Perera, Shehani Dharmawardana and 14 others donated.

[Donate to Charity](#)

### Fundraiser progress

**16** donated      **55** invited      **2** shared

  
Ann, Shehani and Swarnakanthi donated.

### About

For my birthday this year, I'm asking for donations to Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc. I've chosen this charity because their mission means a lot to me,


### Created by


 Jagath J Edirisinghe [Message](#)



## Ann's birthday fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc

Fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc by Ann Sandaruwani Perera · 🌐

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 Ann Sandaruwani Perera invited you to this fundraiser  
Show your support by sharing this fundraiser.

[Following](#)

### Fundraiser has ended

Ann reached her birthday goal! Thanks to everyone who donated.

  
 Ann Sandaruwani Perera, Nirosh Fernando and 50 others donated.

### Fundraiser progress

**52** donated      **709** invited      **13** shared



## Nirudaka's fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc

Fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc by Nirudaka Netthasinghe · 🌐

[Donate](#) [Share](#) [...](#)

### Fundraiser has ended

  
 Swarnakanthi Rajapakse, Thisara Hewapathirana and 16 others donated.

[Donate to Charity](#)

### Fundraiser progress

**18** donated      **1.5K** invited      **3** shared



Swarnakanthi, Thisara and 3 other friends donated.

### About





## Vajra's birthday fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc

Fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc by Vajra Bulathwatte De Silva · 🌐

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### Fundraiser has ended

Thanks to everyone who donated!



Shehani Dharmawardana, Kaushali Iddamalagoda and 15 others donated.



### Fundraiser progress

**17**  
donated

**168**  
invited

**2**  
shared



## Michelle's Birthday Fundraiser for CDF Patient Transport Charity

Fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc by Michelle De Silva Sansoni · 🌐

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### Fundraiser has ended



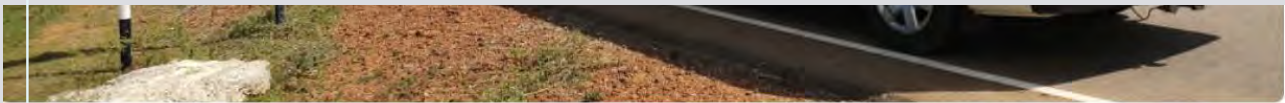
Michelle De Silva Sansoni, Shehani Dharmawardana and 9 others donated.

### Fundraiser progress

**11**  
donated

**0**  
invited

**2**  
shared



## Ian's fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc

Fundraiser for Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc by Ian Eshwara · 🌐

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A special Thank you to Lozaine Paul for her generosity for organising a party for her friends & family on her Birthday & requesting for donations to CDF in lieu of gifts.



# CDF CHARITY HIGH TEA

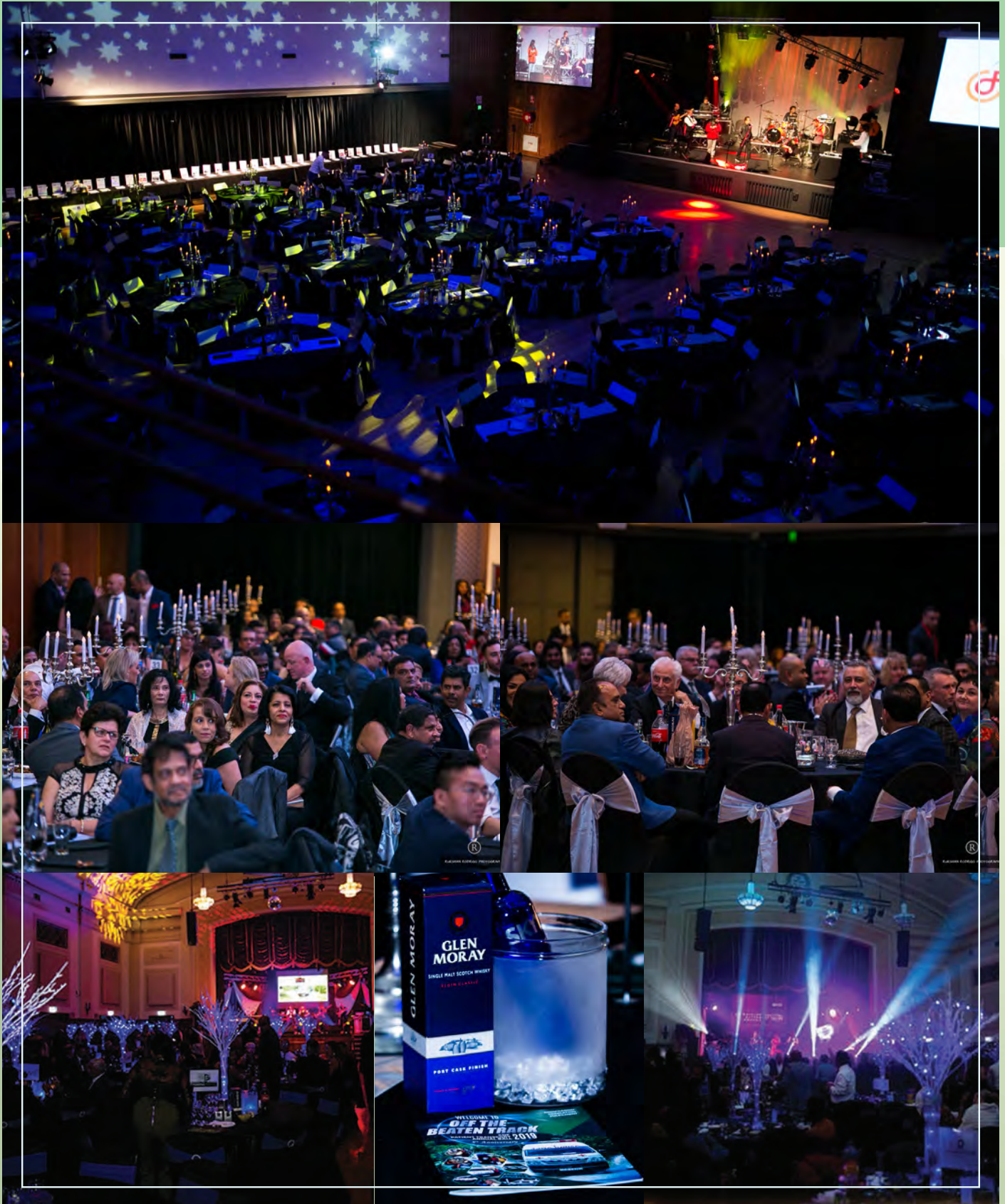
CDF's most popular annual events- an afternoon of food, wine & entertainment. Prizes & surprises. With glamorously dressed people frolicking in a stunning backdrop. All the while, helping raise funds for the cause.





## DINNER DANCE "OFF THE BEATEN TRACK"

CDF's flagship event, held annually across Melbourne & Sydney. It is a night of Black tie glamour with cocktails & dinner. An elegant event of music, dancing & the biggest night of fund raising in the CDF calendar, collecting much needed money through auction items, raffles & donations.





## HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

### FUNDRAISE FOR US

#### ORGANISE A BIRTHDAY / ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER TO CDF USING ONLINE PLATFORMS SUCH AS FACEBOOK & GOFUNDME

You can create a Fundraiser from your FACEBOOK account by selecting Create fundraiser for a charity. Then you can search CDF charity by typing to select Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation.

Follow the prompts and enter the target amount and create your fundraiser by writing a little description. Please contact [secretary@cdfcharity.org](mailto:secretary@cdfcharity.org) for any images or description you need. CDF is a Registered charity where all donations will automatically transferred to CDF. All you need to do is invite your FACEBOOK friends to Donate and Share.

CDF is a Tax deductible charity.

Please contact us 0432977791 or email : [secretary@cdfcharity.org](mailto:secretary@cdfcharity.org)



### MONTHLY DONATION

For your chosen amount as a donation setup a monthly recurring donation from your bank account.

Please contact us on **0432977791** for any further information in setting up or about Tax deductions related information

### ULTIMATE GIVING

#### SPONSORING AN AMBULANCE

Sponsoring an ambulance comes with an option of a personalised dedication in memory of a loved one as a tribute or a business logo by an organisation. Please contact us [secretary@cdfcharity.org](mailto:secretary@cdfcharity.org)

#### LEAVE A BEQUEST IN YOUR WILL

Writing a will or part will for a benevolent cause to help patients with terminal illnesses.

Please contact us [secretary@cdfcharity.org](mailto:secretary@cdfcharity.org)





## For Individuals and Families

**Setting up a standing order** for your chosen amount as a donation. Birthdays, Death Anniversary – for selected special day / days or a period of time in a month or year can be dedicated (birthday, anniversary or in memory of someone) to make a contribution or on behalf of love ones. A meaningful way of remembering a loved one or friend is to make a donation in their memory

**Instead of flowers;** Many families like to honour those close to them by requesting donations to a charity close to their hearts in lieu of flowers at funerals of loved ones. If you wish to support CDF in this special way we will be happy to arrange personalised envelopes to be sent to the funeral or memorial service. Most funeral organisers will be happy to arrange this on your behalf.



## Fundraise for us @ Corporate workplaces

Corporate workplaces enable Good2Give, Benevit. CDF is available to most of these platforms. Multinationals & Australia's largest corporate HR departments will be able to help you with this.



## EFFORTLESS CONTRIBUTION

### ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

Electronic funds transfer, Credit Card Payments, Cheques and Cash directly to CDF Accounts or simply donate via the website.

[www.cdfcharity.org](http://www.cdfcharity.org)

PO Box 2502 Mount Waverley 3149 VIC



### CDF Account Details

<b>BSB</b>	-	<b>033009</b>
<b>ACC</b>	-	<b>541752</b>
<b>Bank</b>	-	<b>Westpac</b>
<b>Name</b>	-	<b>Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc.</b>



### CDF Bank Details

<b>Account Na</b>	-	<b>Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation</b>
<b>Bank</b>	-	<b>Commercial Bank</b>
<b>Branch</b>	-	<b>Galle City Branch</b>
<b>Account No.</b>	-	<b>1270060205</b>



Donations will ensure the survival of this much needed facility helping those in a desperate predicament of terminal illness to receive the highest level of quality care at a vulnerable time, as well as provide employment to dedicated staff- ambulance drivers and patient carers, helping their families to escape the poverty cycle.

Donations/Investments are fully protected by the CDF insurance partner Continental insurance PLC and backed by DIMO agents for Mercedes Benz & Toyota in Sri Lanka.

CDF (Cyril Dharmawardana Foundation Inc.) is a DGR (Deductible Gift Recipient) Charity. All gifts & donations above \$2 are tax deductible.





## SPONSORED AMBULANCES



### ULTIMATE GIVING

CDF offers its generous donors the opportunity to contribute towards sponsoring an Ambulance. This is an ultimate gift of life & can be dedicated to a departed loved one or a sponsorship from a company or an individual. The Ambulance will carry the name of the sponsor and a special message.













# CDF IN SRILANKA





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