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## NEWSLETTER

**A LOVING HOME  
FOR EVERY CHILD**

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**“NOTHING SEEMS MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN TO TAKE CARE OF A CHILD”**

DR. HERMANN GMEINER, FOUNDER SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES



## THE BOARD PRESIDENT SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES SRI LANKA

*Nandasiri Ponnampereuma (FCA, FCMA, MBA)*

### Greetings!

I am happy to take this opportunity to address you – our valued friends, through this annual SOS newsletter. As an organization, SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka has come a long way in 38 years and has had a great impact on Sri Lankan society. We have reached several milestones along the way, and have created a positive impact in the lives of Sri Lankan children who needed our support to start a new life, after losing parental care at a very young age. SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka has raised over 2000 Sri Lankan children without parental care by providing an environment of a loving home with the warmth of a caring mother, educated over

25000 children, trained over 1800 youth for employment and alleviated over 3300 families out of poverty since our humble beginning. In our society, we focus on feeding children who don't have meals every day and sending them to school and give them an opportunity to better themselves as a primary need. Whilst this is true, we need to pay more attention to the emotional well-being of the children who have gone through the traumatic experience of losing their primary care givers in life and being left alone in this world without having a mother or a family to call their own. At SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka,

these children once again are made to belong to a mother and a family. As they become part of a family and a community, their emotional stability increases daily. Such children become better adults in our society as they know the value of love and relationships. I kindly request you to ask your friends, family, relatives and colleagues to come forward and support SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka with this social and charitable endeavor, just like you have. I also wish to thank all of our existing valued donors for standing by SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka with commitment and understanding, so that we can continue doing what we do best; that is to care for children without parental care in Sri Lanka.

Thank you

## THE BRAND AMBASSADOR SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES SRI LANKA



*Deshabandu Roshan Mahanama*

### Greetings!

I consider it a great honour and privilege to be the Ambassador for the SOS Children's Villages in Sri Lanka. Over the past few years, I joined the resilient management in their continued efforts to help orphaned, abandoned and vulnerable children across Sri Lanka, giving them safe homes and caring parents, while also strengthening disadvantaged families by integrating them into safe and nurturing communities.

My hero, my father, the late Dr. Upali Mahanama constantly told

me, "Charity is a characteristic of a great human being". I truly believe that as Sri Lankans, charity is embedded in our core and this is a great opportunity for us to give back to Mother Lanka by brightening a child's future.. I take this opportunity to thank all the donors of SOS Children's Villages for your kindness and generosity, and also request you to spread the word about the great work done at the SOS Children's Villages to your family, friends and colleagues, so that they too can extend their kind support in nurturing our children,

and ensuring their future is indeed brighter and truly promising. Let's all stand together as one, for our children, for our communities, and our Sri Lanka!

Thank you



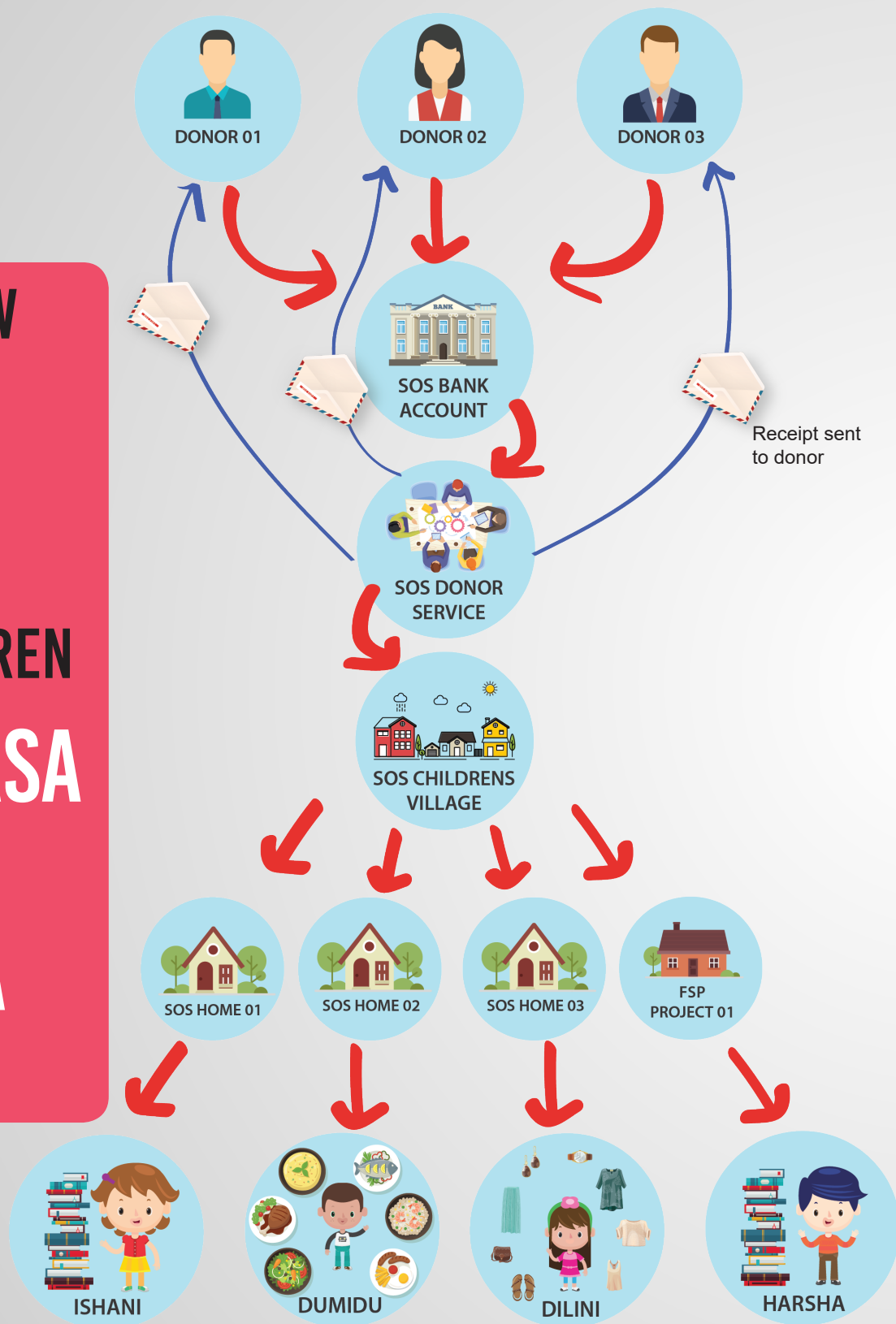


Children enjoy being loved, and they are so innocent. SOS Children's Villages exist for a cause. The cause is to love children, give them a wonderful family, bring happiness and success into their lives, and make their future bright, colorful and fruitful. Children at SOS Children's Villages have nobody but you to help sustain everything they have got. Therefore, at SOS, we would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being a generous donor to us. And please, do spread the message of SOS to everyone you know, so they too can open up their kind heart to these children just like you have.





**THIS IS HOW  
YOUR  
DONATIONS  
REACH  
OUR CHILDREN  
SENEHASA  
AND  
DHIRIYA  
DONATIONS**





# ACCADEMIC ACHIEVERS FROM THE SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES AND SOS FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMMES IN 2018

## SFC & FSP

## GRADUATES OF SOS

	PROJECT	ENGINEERING	COMPUTER (BIT)	MANAGEMENT	SCIENCE	AGRICULTURE	AESTHETICS	ARTS	TOTAL
01	PILIYANDALA	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	6
02	N'ELIYA	1	1	2	0	0	1	2	7
03	GALLE	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3
04	ANURADAPURA	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
05	MONARAGALA	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
06	JAFFNA	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
07	PERALIYA (FSP)	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
		1	1	7	2	0	5	7	23

## UNDERGRADUATES OF SOS

	PROJECT	ENGINEERING	COMPUTER (BIT)	MANAGEMENT	SCIENCE	AGRICULTURE	AESTHETICS	ARTS	TOTAL
01	PILIYANDALA	0	0	2	0	1	3	2	8
02	N'ELIYA	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
03	GALLE	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	5
04	ANURADAPURA	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	4
05	MONARAGALA	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
06	JAFFNA	2		1	1		2	4	10
07	GANDARA	0	0	0	1	0		8	9
08	PERALIYA (FSP)	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
		3	1	6	5	1	7	20	43

GRAND TOTAL (SFC + FSP) = 66

# CAN YOU HELP US FIND LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE YOU

We look after the children at SOS Children's Villages with the help of your generous donation. More kind hearted people like you are always appreciated.



Referring SOS to your friends and family



Referring SOS to your office colleagues



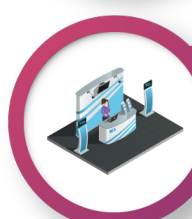
working with SOS to create awareness in your organization



working with SOS to create awareness in your neighborhood



Helping SOS approach your organization to request corporate partnership



Sharing information such as locations/and or events of your organization or in general where SOS can carry out awareness campaigns.

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# HE HAS SO MUCH POTENTIAL, YOU ARE HELPING HIM EXPLORE IT

Lasantha successfully completed his Ordinary Level Examination in 2018 and chose commerce stream for Advanced Level because he wants to be a Chartered Accountant.

Lasantha Kumara is quite a famed boy at SOS Children's Village in Piliyandala, because the first thing that comes to everyone's mind is his name when organizing events! He believes in giving back to the village the best way he can which exhibits his appreciative nature. This 17 year old boy has so much potential that he always keeps himself occupied.

Lasantha Kumara teaches 6 to 7 children from the village spelling every single day,



Lasantha Kumara

He teaches the subject entrepreneurship to around 4 children three times a week. Owing to his tutoring, students' marks have greatly improved in the subject of entrepreneurship. Lasantha Kumara does revision for children just before their term exam and trains participants of SOS holiday camp for carom tournament.

- Secretary of the SOS youth club
- Treasurer of the area youth council
- Announcer for SOS youth events and functions
- Taekwondo green belt holder

Such talent and capacity deserves to be fostered further so that boys such as Lasantha Kumara can reach their highest potential in life. SOS Children's Villages will be behind Lasantha Kumara every step of the way, and you as our donor is our biggest strength to do everything that we are able to do for him.



JAFFNA



ANURADAPURA



PILIYANDALA



THANK YOU FOR LOVING US



GALLE



MONARAGALA



NUWARA ELIYA



# FROM HOMELESS, TO A HAPPY HOME WITH YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT !

**Imagine** having to live in someone else's home indefinitely because you don't have your own. How would you feel? This is exactly what Malini's family had to go through until SOS Family Strengthening Program field officers found them. Malini's family completes five years in the programme at the end of 2019, and now they are living in their own house peacefully.

Malini has four children. Two are in their teens, 18 and 14 years old, and the other two are below 10 years of age. Her husband is a woodcraftsman and an alcoholic; this addiction has diminished his ability to contribute to the welfare of the family. She is so grateful to SOS for supporting her family via the FSP programme that has enabled them to save money and build a house of their own. All educational expenses of three of her children have been covered by the FSP programme for

the past four years and the current fifth and final year will be covered as well. It is this major saving that has helped them build the house.

Malini's elder daughter is quite talented and showed us a handful of medals which she has won in athletics. She is quite studious as well. Such families as Malini's are able to reach better standards of living because of the benefits provided by the FSP programme by SOS Children's Villages, Sri Lanka. If not for this programme, Malini's family would have had to continue living in outsiders homes helplessly.



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# YOUR HELP MAKES THEIR DREAM A REALITY...

## THE STORY OF SHANE

SOS Children's Villages gives equal opportunities to all our children, no matter what their aspirations maybe, as long as it's ethical and socially acceptable. This is why we did all that we could for our young hopeful star from SOS Children's village in Anuradhapura - Shane Manohara - a boy who joined SOS at the age of 10 in the year 2003. He lived with his SOS mother and eight siblings in a loving home. Shane loves them very much and always says they are his adored family. His biggest role model is Michael Jackson. Shane claims he draws inspiration from the pop legend's style and way of singing and is very good at performing impressions of MJ's hits.

Shane's commitment to his dream is evident when considering his tireless efforts to organize musical concerts back in 2009, 2010 and 2012 in which he performed. Shane asserts the concert in 2012 which took place at Swarnapali Balika Maha Vidyalaya, Anuradhapura was the most successful. Shane also doesn't miss any opportunity to sing at events organized by SOS Children's Villages. On 22nd of March 2019, Shane launched his first single called 'Vannama'. To mark the launch, a special event was organized at SOS



Not only during the launch, SOS has always been supportive of Shane's ambition and encouraged him. Because as a child care organization, we understand and respect our SOS youngsters right to follow their dreams; and we will support them - always.



Children's Village in Piliyandala. Shane performed many songs from other artists including his original single for the entertainment of everyone.



“A  
mother's  
love is  
endless”



SOS Children's Villages supported this aspiring young man by providing a platform for his launch and getting him the best possible media coverage so the people of Sri Lanka will get to know about Shane's talent.



Please Like, Comment and  
Subscribe Wannama Song

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On 14th of January 2019, Mr. Siddhartha Kaul who is the President of SOS Children's Villages International set foot in Sri Lanka. Apart from visiting all six SOS Villages, it also turned out to be a wonderful occasion to commemorate his forty years of sacrifice and toil for this organization. It is his hard work that brought about the first SOS Children's Village in Sri Lanka.



Now Seylan Bank is a proud corporate partner of SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka. Seylan Bank signed the partnership agreement on 22nd of January 2019 and also offered six internships to youth from SOS Children's Villages every year.



In April this year, SOS Children's Villages International reached its 70 year hallmark of caring for children without parental care globally; whilst SOS Children's Villages in Sri Lanka completed its 38 years of presence in Sri Lanka this July.

This year, we were able to have a spectacular Avurudu celebration with the help of your April donations. All six SOS Children's Villages had a joyful time playing Avurudu games. Here are some of those moments. Can you help us do the same next year as well with your kind donations?



SOS Holiday Camp – A biennial sports event and talent show held with the participation of all six SOS Children's Villages took place in Nuwara Eliya this year. The seven day event turned out to be an amazing experience, and children in SOS Children's Villages Nuwara Eliya became the champions this time.





# HOW YOU CAN HELP A CHILD IN NEED

## SENEHASA

(Individual Child Sponsorship)

RS.2500/-  
(PER MONTH)

RS.30,000/-  
(ANNUALY)

## DHIRIYA

(Strengthen a family)

RS.1500/-  
(PER MONTH)

RS.18,000/-  
(ANNUALY)

## SENEHASA

(Family Sponsorship)

RS.15,000/-  
(PER MONTH)

RS.180,000/-  
(ANNUALY)



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## YOU CAN DONATE THROUGH



STANDING ORDER



CREDIT / DEBIT CARD

Beneficiary's Name / Address :  
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National Office, P.O.Box 05,  
Kesbawa, Piliyandala.

## LET'S KEEP THEM SMILING

SELECT YOUR PAYMENT METHOD



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= RS. 4000



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