



CEYLON FELLOWSHIP OF SERVICE

CFS PRITHIPURA HOME

Serving the differently abled

ANNUAL REPORT

2024- 2025



Vision

A Home for persons with mental and physical disabilities

Mission

Lifelong residential care for the differently abled in a community environment to live life to its fullest

WELCOME -

A warm welcome to you, to the Annual General Meeting 2024/2025 of the Ceylon Fellowship of Service - Prithipura Home.

I am pleased to present to you the Annual Report for the year 2024/2025.

THE HOME -

Ceylon Fellowship of Service-Prithipura Home was established in 1962 with the object of providing lifelong residential care to persons with mental and physical disabilities and are in need of special care and attention. Presently we shelter 60 residents in 7 cottages situated in a three and a half acre land along the sea coast of Palliyawatta, , Hendala which land is held in Trust solely for the benefit of the residents.

CFS Prithipura Home is a registered Charitable Organization and is an Approved Charity under Inland Revenue Act No. 24 of 2017 para 1(a) of the 5th schedule and gazette no. 2288 of 12 th July 2022. This is a re-approval of the approval obtained in 1964.

We are also registered as a Home for the Disabled under the Western Province Social Service Department bearing Registration No. WP/SSD/G1DH/2011.06 ; a Voluntary Organization registered under Section 20 of the Protection the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act No. 28 of 1996, bearing Registration No. MSS/NSPD/R/94; also as a Voluntary Social Services/Non-Governmental Organization registered under Voluntary Social Services Organizations (Registration & Supervision) Act No. 31 of 1980 (as amended) bearing Registration No. FL113316.

MANAGEMENT OF THE HOME –

The rules and regulations governing the Management and Administration of the Home are enshrined in the **Constitution** of the Ceylon Fellowship of Service. The 1962 Constitution was amended in March 2021 to streamline, amend and update the rules to cover new areas of progress made in the past 60 years of the existence of the Home and to enable the Executive Committee to manage and administer the Home more efficiently and professionally.

The Executive Committee is in overall charge and control of the Management and Administration of the Home and consists of four Office Bearers (Trustees) - the President as the Chief Executive, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and a maximum of 15 Committee Members all of whom work on a voluntary basis.

The Executive Committee employs suitable Staff headed by a Matron for the management of the day to day running of the Home and caring for the residents, and an Administrative Officer manages the office and attends to the general administration.

STAFF AND REMUNERATION

Staff comprises of –

The Home Management Staff – headed by the **Matron, Catherine Fernandez** is in overall charge of the day to day operations of running the Home; currently 13 Care givers also referred to as House Mothers are allocated to the 7 cottages, two in each cottage and two kitchen staff, a driver and a gate-keeper. All Home Management staff are resident at the Home and are on call 24/7. The driver who lives close to the Home is also on call.

Office Staff – The work relating to the Administration of the Home is handled by the Administrative officer. The Gate Keeper and the Gardner are supervised by the Admin Officer. Mr. Ashoka Gunatilleke resigned in October '24 due to personal reasons and **Mr. R.S. Rohana** retired Air Force Officer joined the Home as Administration Officer in November. We welcome Mr Rohana to the Prithipura Family.

The School/ Activity Centre is run by two teachers **Ms Lakshika Fonseka and Ms Sameima Bohoran** who have been trained in working with the disabled.

The Home Management Staff plays a pivotal role in managing the day to day activities of the Home. We have long standing and experienced House Mothers familiar with the temperament, habits, food preferences and health issues of the residents and care for them with great responsibility and kindness.

The Home is short staffed and unfortunately there is a quick turn over of new recruits who do not seem to have the loyalty and staying power of the senior house-mothers. This could be due to the economic difficulties experienced by most Sri Lankans especially the lower income groups.

Our staff has been given substantial salary increases over the years and now earns a reasonable salary package; they are members of the EPF/ETF and are entitled to a retiring gratuity after 5 years of service.

We are happy that **Ms. Gayani Gunawardene** who resigned due to ill health rejoined the Home in July '24 as **Assistant Matron** after a lapse of six months. Her input is valuable.

Our **Carers (House-mothers)** total **13** currently. Their service with us is as follows-

Over 15 years	- 1	
10- 15 years	- 1	
5-10 years	- 3	
Over one year	- 6	
Less than one year	- 2	Total 13

Kitchen Staff

Over 15 years	- 1	
5-10 years	- 1	Total 2

RESIDENTS

1. (a) Our priority is caring for, and the welfare of the residents. Our 60 residents from the ages of 14 to 65 live in 7 cottages. The concept of life in a cottage is to create a feeling of belonging and living in a Home in a community environment. During the course of year 2024 a third cottage for females was built and ceremoniously opened in order to redistribute the 28 females as Prithi and Bates cottages were over crowded. 32 males reside in four cottages Norad, Jayawardene , Rosy and Canada. The cottages are provided with necessary facilities, including furniture, wash rooms and toilets, fans, TV, Wheel chairs etc.

The residents in each cottage are cared for by two care givers.

Most residents come in as children to the Home, sent by the

Courts through Probation Officers and the Social Services Dept. Prithipura Home takes care of them from childhood to adult hood and throughout their lives.

(b) **Danuja –**

Danuja sat the GCE Ordinary Level Exam in May 2023. He passed in 5 subjects.

Following this he sat for a proficiency exam at the National Vocational Training Institute and fared well at IT. He was chosen for a two year course in IT where English is also a priority. He now resides at the VTI in Seeduwa and will be returning to the Home during holidays. He seems to be enjoying the course and interacting well with others whose mental faculties are better than his friends at Prithipura Home. Being a very talented Artist his intention is to specialize in Digital Art and Design.

Unfortunately his participation in Paralympic rowing has had to be postponed due to logistic issues.

c) **Farzan –**

Farzan was sent to our Home in 2019 by the Pugoda Magistrate Courts after he was found loitering. He has the condition ADHD had been ward at Angoda Mental Hospital many times before he was sent to us. His behavior is very erratic and tends to become violent when he does not get what he wants.

As he is a threat to the others as well as to him-self, we have attempted to get him transferred to another Home but have not been successful so far. His mother does a cleaning job as a daily and has two other younger sons and the father has been in Jail periodically for drug peddling and abuse.

During year 2024 Ms. Zohara M. Buhary from an Islamic volunteer group worked tirelessly to find an alternative place for Farzan. Having tried a few places that were not successful, we finally approached his mother about taking him back as he was always asking for her. She expressed her willingness if we could set her up with a “kade” adjoining her parent’s home in Welimada. Ms Zohara managed to find 30% of the funds required for this construction from a Mosque in Colombo and our very generous Donor

Mr. Salman Elias funded the balance 70%. Farzan and his two younger brothers now live with their mother in Welimada with the “kade” running a thriving business.

Our very grateful thanks to Ms Zohara and Mr Salman Elias for their commitment and generosity. Having spoken with Farzan’s Mother, the Magistrate Courts granted permission for Farzan to be handed back to his mother. We wish Farzan and his family all the best and hope that he will thrive in his own surroundings with minimum disruption. We all miss him as he was a very likeable and entertaining character when he was not disruptive!



(2).Health Care –

We have an aging population of residents and many have age related illnesses and need hospitalization frequently and private attendants are required to stay with them in hospital, for which we have to incur additional expenses. Many of the residents are registered with clinics at the General Hospitals in Colombo and Ragama and get their regular medicines from the clinic. However, due to the shortage of medicines in the country, we are compelled to obtain medicines from private pharmacies at a considerable cost.

The age-wise composition of our 60 residents is as follows –

<u>Age group (years)</u>	<u>males</u>	<u>females</u>
10 -20	1	2
20 -30	11	3
30 -50	5	7
50 -60	7	13

Over 60	8	3
Total	32	28

A special thank you to Dr Arundathi Kurukulasuriya our Executive Committee member for all the professional help and advice given with regard to the medical issues of the residents and staff.

- (3) **Meals** for the residents are according to a set meal plan which is periodically revised, where we try to ensure that a balanced diet is provided to them at all times. Despite the non-availability of essential food items in the market and the rising cost of food we still provide the residents with a daily egg together with fish or chicken.

Sumithrayo – Negombo Branch –



From mid-2023 we had come to an arrangement with the Volunteer Group, Sumithrayo of the Negombo branch to visit our Home once in about two months to hold interactive counseling sessions with our staff. We feel that it is very necessary as the staff live in the premises and cope with the residents 24/7 and are also faced with having to deal with other staff members with varying personalities. The staff seem to enjoy the sessions

and is also offered the chance to discuss their personal issues with the volunteers on a one-to-one basis with utmost confidentiality. Swun the Secretary and I have attended some of their sessions and found their methodology very impressive.

Our sincere thanks to Ms Srima Peries, Anusha Fernando, Anoja Fonseka , Sasindu Perera and the other volunteers for their dedication and for taking us on board.

SCHOOL AND ACTIVITY CENTRE -

Ms. Lakshika Fonseka, heads the school/ activity centre and is assisted by Ms. Sameima Bohoran. Lakshika has been working as a teacher at the Home with dedication since 2013. She has been trained to work with people with special needs. Ms. Bohoran also followed a course in special needs education which has enhanced her capability in teaching singing, dancing, cookery and handwork. The residents attend “school” wearing their special uniforms - for half a day on week days. Their cookery day is a much looked forward to event by the residents.

We encourage Lakshika and Samima to attend workshops and training programs for the differently able so that they continue to enhance their knowledge for the benefit of our residents.



BUILDINGS AND MAINTENANCE -.

NEW BUILDINGS

The rebuilding of the Activity Centre, new Cottage for females, complete upgrading of Rosy and Canada Cottages were completed in the second half of 2024. Our very grateful thanks to Mr Salman Eliyas for choosing us (by chance) for his generosity with (no strings attached) and for the love and care bestowed on our residents. Our very best wishes to him and his family. In order to honour this great gesture we have named the new female cottage “ Nasima” Cottage after Salman’s mother.

The furniture requirements for all these buildings were funded from the Donation received of Aus \$ 10,000 from the last Will of Mrs Vera Fonseka of Australia. Thank-you to Irina Fonseka, Mrs. Vera Fonseka’s daughter for facilitating this.

NEWLY DONE-UP ACTIVITY CENTRE



NEW COTTAGE FOR FEMALES – “NASIMA” COTTAGE





RECONSTRUCTED ROSY COTTAGE



RECONSTRUCTED CANADA COTTAGE



LANDSCAPING OF THE GARDEN

Having upgraded our Buildings we felt the need to spruce up our garden area. We have now paved the roadway leading to the new cottage and the administrative building and planted the garden area in front of the kitchen with fruit trees and vegetables. The garden area behind Bates Cottage is also being prepared for planting fruit trees and vegetables. Our staff and residents enjoy tending the garden.



MAINTENANCE

Our existing buildings are very old and need continuous maintenance. The toilet pits of the cottages also need clearing periodically all of which cost a considerable amount of money.

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Bi-annual Newsletters have been circulated to the members of CFS Prithipura Home and they have been uploaded to our Website.

< www.cfsprithipurahome.com >.

FUND RAISER – 2024 – A Violin/Piano Recital by well-known musicians Sulara Nanayakkara and Johann Peiris

The year 2024 has proved quite a challenge financially with donations showing a sharp decline, no doubt due to the economic hardships experienced by many. In order to raise funds as well as to create awareness about CFS Prithipura Home; we decided to present a recital of western classical music. Sulara Nanayakkara (Violin) and Johann Peiris (Piano) were happy to collaborate with us and a well-attended Recital was held on 18th August 2024 to a very appreciative audience. We thank Sulara and Johann for a very interesting evening.

Our appeal for funds resulted in a sizable donation from classical music enthusiast abroad and from Sri Lanka. We thank all those who contributed generously towards our fundraiser.



Violin - Piano Duo Recital
A charity fundraiser for CFS Prithipura Home

SULARA NANAYAKKARA
JOHANN PEIRIS

Since 1962, **CFS Prithipura Home** has been a beacon of hope for individuals with mental and physical disabilities, offering a loving and supportive residential home environment.

With your help, we can continue to provide essential care, therapy, and enriching activities for our 60 residents.

Purchase a ticket to our fundraiser concert and support those who need it most. Every ticket sold brings us closer to giving our residents the life they deserve.

Immerse yourself in a captivating evening of classical music, showcasing masterpieces by **Mendelssohn, Hindemith, Bloch, Paganini, Kreisler, and others.**

Revel in the enchanting harmonies and virtuosic performances that have stood the test of time.

Tuesday, 13th August at 7.30pm
Lionel Wendt Theatre
Box Office: 0112 695 794

Tickets Priced at Rs. 5000, Rs. 4000, Rs. 3500, Rs. 2000 and Rs. 1000 (Balcony)

ACTIVITIES during the course of year with the participation of the residents -

1.Poya day religious activities and observing sil

2.Vesak Poya day religious activities and making and decorating the Home with vesak lanterns and observing Sil.

3. Sightseeing tour of Vesak decorations in a bus sponsored by Mr. Kalum Costa

4. Aluth Avurudu Celebrations with Piumi Bagya and team and CTB Wattala.

5. Picnic at the beach organized by the teachers

6. Residents and staff outing to Galle Face and Vihara Maha Devi Park sponsored by Mr.Anura de Silva





7. Visit by volunteer from 20 years ago from Holland – Marieke Dijkman and her daughters

8. Participated in the Women's International Club X'mas Bazaar



8. Christmas Party including a Magic Show organized by the Catholic Media Unit, Negombo.



9. Visit to the zoo organized by “The Cool Boys”



10. Sumithrayo (Negombo branch) conducted 3 sessions of “Befriending” with our staff and residents.
11. Fifteen residents and four staff attended the Fundraiser Violin/ Piano Recital at the Lionel Wendt Theatre presented by Sulara Nanayakkara and Johann Peiris.
12. The newly built Activity Centre and Female Cottage were formally opened with a simple ceremony and lunch attended by our benevolent donor Mr Salman Eliyas and his family and our Patrons Brigadier Asoka Perera and Mrs Indrani de Silva. Mr. Salman also treated all present to “Il Gelato” Ice cream.
13. Visit by the Grade 6 students of Elizabeth Moir School who spent the day with fun activities for the residents and hosted lunch.
14. Mr. Akila Weragoda and family took the residents and staff to the Kelaniya Temple.
15. Twelve residents and three staff attended the play “Lokka Leda Wela ‘ at the Lionel Wendt Theatre.

16. Ms Georgina Spinaze our loyal and long standing friend from Australia visited the Home with her friends Jan Colwell, Annie Kempe and Michelle Grant in February '25 and were hosted to lunch at the Home. The residents performed the song "Indunil Gangulel" by Rukantha Goonetilleke dressed in costumes of the four main communities.

Georgina brought with her AUS \$ 5800 collected from her friends and relations in Australia. We missed Margaret who was not able to visit Sri Lanka this time.



E-mail received from Georgina Spinaze (28th March 2025)

“We had a heartwarming visit to Prithipura in February 2025. We were made to feel very welcome and we were given a tour of the cottages, kitchen, vegetable garden and recreation centre. The Matron and staff were enthusiastic and caring, and the residents appeared content and happy for us to visit. The cook and kitchen staff do an excellent job of providing good nutritious food to all. It was so good to see the new cottage and recreation centre plus renovations to other buildings. A highlight was the visit to the recreation centre where the teacher and teacher aide demonstrated great warmth and rapport with the residents. As a result the residents were happy, on task and keen to show us their work. The residents also put on a short performance which showed the different cultures which thrive side by side in Sri Lanka. At conclusion of our special time at Prithipura we had great fun dancing with some of the residents.

We will send financial support to the CFS Prithipura Home for as long as we can. The need is obvious to anyone who visits or who knows about the function of this home.

We have great respect and admiration for the President of the Board, Mrs Devika Anthonisz and for her supporters on and off the Board. It is a huge ongoing task to keep Prithipura functioning as a true home for so many worthy residents, and a rewarding place for staff to work.

Georgina and Margaret“



REMEMBERING MRS. INDRANI DE SILVA (President 2004-2016) -



We announce with sadness the passing away of our **Patron Mrs. Indrani de Silva** at the age of 91 on 28th February '25. Indrani was President for 11 years from 2004 to mid-2016 having served in the Executive Committee for many years prior to that.

She had the difficult task of handling the issues that arose due to the Tsunami in December 2004. Under her leadership the Home survived with no casualties although some of the buildings and equipment were damaged.

She was also responsible for obtaining our original “approved charity” status with the Department of Inland Revenue as well as getting many of the registrations needed for certifying CFS Prithipura Home as a residential home for the disabled.

Indrani continued to support Prithipura Home throughout her life time. Her last visit was to attend the opening of our Activity Centre and New Cottage on 2nd November '24.

A Dana was held at Prithipura Home a week after her passing attended by her family. This was organized entirely by the staff that knew her and had a great respect for her. May she attain the supreme bliss of nibbana.



OUR CANINE FAMILY -



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE –

My sincere thanks to our Trustees, Vice-President Indira Wettasinghe, Treasurer Lakshman Rupasinghe, Secretary Swun-kou Fernando; and the other members of the current Executive Committee, Minoli de Soysa, Dr Arundathi Kurukulasuriya, Maj. General Lohan Goonewardena and Renuka de Soyza for supporting me at all times in major decisions and assisting me in carrying out my duties as President. It was a pleasure working with you.

Badra Jayaweera resigned from the Executive Committee shortly after the last AGM due to other commitments.

We are desperately looking for like-minded persons who would join the current Executive Committee to carry on the work we have committed ourselves to. Constitutionally the office bearers have a term of three years and the Secretary and I have now completed two years. Hence it is of utmost importance and urgency that the membership of CFS decides on a course of action for the continuance of our beloved Home.

So, over to you dear Members!

DONATIONS RECEIVED IN CASH OVER Rs 50,000/= during the year 2024

Our grateful thanks to the following donors who have donated over Rs 50,000/= during the year 2024.

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DONATIONS OVER RS 50,000/= in response to the FUND RAISER – DUO RECITAL in August '24

MR. DEVAN DE MEL
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We apologize to any donor who has been inadvertently omitted.

We wish to thank specially **Georgina & Margaret of Australia** and **Van den Bos & partners in Holland** our loyal friends from overseas for their continued support over the years.

We also thank the Arulanandan Yesuvadian Trust, Little Lion Associates, The Loganathan Family Trust, Mr. I.S.P Wanigasekara, Elizabeth Moir School, Colombo International School, Pheonix Industries, Heritage Teas, Forbes & Walker, Mr Vasu of Deva Jewellers and East West Foods (pvt) Ltd for their loyalty over many years.

We acknowledge with thanks the annual grant received from the Department of Social Welfare and the Samurdhi Fund

We do appreciate and thank all other donors for their generosity whatever the quantum of the donation has been.

DONORS WHO SPONSORED FULL DAY DANA IN 2024

MRS. RATHIKA & RAJIVAN
MRS. A NIVEDAN
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MR. KELUM COSTHA
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NOTE - The Number of Full Day sponsorship is indicated within brackets

We acknowledge with grateful thanks the many Donors of daily meals without whom we could not have carried on the running of the Home.

DONATION OF GOODS during the year 2024/25

Our thanks to the numerous donors who have donated much needed items including the following -

Adult Diapers, Dry Rations, Toiletries, Medicines, Milk Powder, Egg, clothes and shoes –

Thanks to the donors who donated the following equipment –

Wheel chairs – Ms. I Perera, Mr. M.L. Dilruwan, Late Ms. Manel Moonesinghe, Ms. Prathiksha, Mr. Godson,

Water Boiler – Mr. Niroshan

Furniture - People's Bank Transport Division
 Ms. Shyamala Abeyratne
 Dr. Arundathi Kurukulasuriya

Blood Pressure Monitor – Wimalwathi (House mother)

TV s - Mr. Niroshan, Mr. Dakshinya, Elizabeth Moir School –grade 6

Printer 3 in 1 – Canon - Mrs Weragoda

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Pedestal Fan -)

We acknowledge and greatly appreciate the advice and assistance given to us by the following -

Lawyers from FJ & G De Saram – Ms. Shehara Varia & Ms. Raneesha de Alwis for their prompt response always to our numerous issues that cropped up during the course of the year, Kreston MNS & Co -
Auditors and Tax Consultants

NGO Co-ordinator- District Secretariat, Gampaha – Ms. Nimmi

Patron, Brigadier Asoka Perera who has been a great support to us.

REMEMBRANCE

We remember the dedication of the Patrons, Presidents and Vice-Presidents of CFS who have since passed away.

General Nalin Seneviratne – Patron

Dr. Gladys Jayewardene – Founder President

Mrs. Mala Seneviratne, Mr. M.A.P. Jayawardena, Mr. Sanjeev Mohan, Mrs Indrani de Silva - Presidents

Ms. Beryl Fernando & Mrs. Hermoine Unamboowe – Vice- Presidents

THE YEAR GONE BY -

As with the year 2022 & 2023; year 2024 too saw our country in grave economic, social and political crisis and instability which resulted in the escalation of the cost of living, increase in the prices and shortages of food including essentials like milk, medicines, diesel, petrol and cooking gas. All this greatly disrupted the normal day to day routine of running the Home and the usual life style of the residents. We could not commence the Physiotherapy and Speech therapy sessions which were halted at the time of Covid as there was a huge exodus of Physiotherapist and Speech therapist who left the country seeking greener pastures.

The economic situation in the country resulted in a sizable drop in the usual donations received in the past. In year 2024 we have had to use all of the interest income which we received from our Savings to just manage a break-even situation in our finances.

THE WAY FORWARD –

The much needed upgrading of our Buildings is completed and the Activity Centre and newly done up buildings are all functioning well. Now that we have looked after the physical comfort of our residents, the executive committee hopes to initiate ways in which to uplift the mental capabilities of our residents to the best of their potential. Physiotherapy and Speech Therapy are a priority in this respect.

We also have plans to create a structure within our premises for a “Charity shop” where the products made by the residents and staff can be displayed for sale. We plan to get the staff and residents involved in running the shop which we hope will encourage our residents to be creative and productive and learn new skills. We hope to launch a “crowd funding” exercise to collect the required funds for this.

The unfortunate misdeeds of the former Manager who left our service at the end of August '22 having joined the staff in April 2021; resulted in the current executive committee having to deal with many issues that stemmed from her dishonesty. Although a police complaint was filed there has been no progress on this by the Police. We have handed over the case to a criminal lawyer and hope that there will be some progress.

Although we enjoyed the high Deposit Interest rates offered during the latter part of year 2022 for part of year 2024 too, the deposit Interest rates have since been reduced significantly. The Interest earnings on our Deposits in the year 2025 are insufficient to bridge the gap between

our Income & Expenditure. The Executive Committee has to come up with some plans for raising the additional funds as the countries' situation is affecting our usual benevolent donors who maybe experiencing difficulties of their own.

Regarding the future management of the Home; attracting young members to join the management team is a challenge, perhaps also due to the current economic climate.

The current Executive Committee is well past retirement age and the membership of CFS Prithipura Home must urgently come up with a solution to this problem. I appeal to you ALL to give this some serious thought. Appealing to the relevant government authorities should be our very last resort!

I thank my fellow Executive Committee members for the support given me and hope that we will stay loyal and committed to this Home until we can find a sustainable solution to the issue of succession.

I thank the Matron Ms.Catherine Fernandez for her dedication and loyalty amidst all the challenges of the last two years. And lastly the staff who work 24/7 doing work that most of us will not be able to cope with even for a day, Thank you, we greatly appreciate your dedication.

As always a big thank you to the delightful residents who make one feel that facing all the recent challenges is not in vain!

Devika Anthonisz,
President
26th April 2025

CEYLON FELLOWSHIP OF SERVICE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – APRIL 2024 TO MARCH 2025

- PATRONS** - Mrs. Rohini Yoheswaran
 Brigadier Asoka Perera
 Mrs. Shanthini Perera
 Mrs. Indrani de Silva - upto 28th February 2025
- PRESIDENT** - Mrs. Devika Anthonisz
- VICE PRESIDENT** - Mrs. Indira Wettasinghe
- SECRETARY** - Mrs. Swun-kou Fernando
- TREASURER** - Mr. Lakshman Rupasinghe – from 1st August 2024
- COMMITTEE** - Ms. Minoli de Soysa
 Dr. Arundathi Kurukulasuriya
 Major General Lohan Goonewardene
 Mrs. Renuka de Soysa

To sponsor a meal, please contact the Matron and arrange for a date.
The current Rates for meals (including the staff) are as follows-

Breakfast	- Rs 10,000/=
Lunch	- Rs 20,000/=
Tea	- Rs 5,000/= (for Tea and Biscuits only)
Dinner	- Rs 12,000/=
FULL DAY (Concessionary rate) - Rs 40,000/=	

Method of payment –

- 1) Cash payment at the office
- 2) Cheque payment – Drawn in favour of “ Ceylon Fellowship of Service” and crossed “Account Payee only”
- 3) Direct Deposit to Bank - Bank Name : Bank of Ceylon - code 7010
Account Number: 0001630360
Account Name : Ceylon Fellowship of Service
Branch: Kollupitiya – code 034
Address: 28, St. Michael’s Road, Kollupitiya
Sri Lanka
SWIFT CODE: BCEYLKLX

PLEASE ENTER YOUR NAME (and date of dana, if possible) in the Bank Advice for ease of receipting and acknowledging the payment . Also, send bank advice to our Whatsapp no 0777916147

CONTACT DETAILS:

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