

Sri Lanka UNITES

Youth Movement for Hope and Reconciliation

28th July 2011

Dear Mr/Mrs.....,

Sponsor a student to attend the Future Leaders' Conference Season 3

The Youth of Sri Lanka are the missing link to a peaceful, vibrant, diverse and united Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka Unites (SLU) is a youth movement for hope and reconciliation. Since its inception, the movement has grown rapidly and now consists of a diverse group of over 5000 students from over 50 school clubs representing every district in Sri Lanka. We bring students from all over Sri Lanka together by providing crucial interaction between communities and ethnicities, paving the way forward to a reconciled future generation and a unique Sri Lankan identity.

The Future Leaders' Conference is the flagship event hosted by SLU. It is a five day residential conference attended by student leaders from various religions, ethnicities and cultures from all parts of Sri Lanka. Throughout the conference, these students are taught about the need for reconciliation, develop good leadership skills, and are equipped with the tools needed to promote positive change in their communities and heal the wounds of conflict. As such, it encourages youth to unite in order to solve the national issues and engage in the country's development process.

Eminent speakers such as Ambassador Jayantha Dhanapala and Mrs. Nayana Karunaratne (members of Sri Lanka Unites Board of Trustees), together with motivational luminaries such as Ashan Mallasekara, Ms. Jezima Ismail, Mr. Raghavan Kadirgama, senior members of the Sri Lanka Cricket team, and youth reconciliation experts Simbarashe Mambhasha from South Africa, will address the conference participants. Contemporary entertainers namely Dushyanth Weeraman, Ashanthi, Krishan Maheson and King Rathnam, will be performing at evening festivities as well. The conference is also attended by over 75 volunteers and media both local and international. The DVD enclosed in this packet is a documentary about the Future Leaders' Conference held in 2009 and 2010; it will give you a better idea about the conference and the work we do.



This year, the third annual Future Leaders' Conference is going to be bigger and better. The conference will be held in at Trinity College, Kandy, Sri Lanka from the 10th – 14th of August 2011. SLU is expecting approximately 750 student leaders and a total of 1000 participants to join this journey of youth led reconciliation this year. Youth and young adult delegates from the Sri Lankan diaspora have also shown great enthusiasm and will be participating in the conference this year. This opportunity will be a life changing experience for these young leaders.

Students are given a full scholarship to attend this 5 day residential conference, so that all will be able to attend. On average, each district has close to 50 students attending and if you could offer to sponsor some of these students, we will be able to accommodate new registrations coming in from keen students. The cost of sponsoring one student is Rs. 6000, which covers their accommodations and food for 5 days, a conference booklet, a comprehensive post-conference guidebook , a t-shirt other tokens and post conference follow up expenses.

We sincerely hope that you will partner with us in this valuable venture. By sponsoring these young leaders, you will be investing in Sri Lanka's next generation of reconciliation ambassadors.

You are invited to:

Sponsor one or more students at - Rs 6,000 per student

Sponsor a school -Rs 60,000

Sponsor a District -Rs 300,000

We would be glad to provide any further information you require. Please feel free to contact Ramzi Zaindeen (0773 544 949) or Anush Wijesinghe (0777 732 686) if you have any questions.

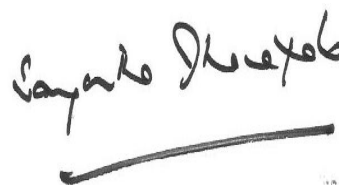
Thanking you,

Yours truly,



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