



Cancer Transit Home

Taking Shape at Maharagama Cancer Hospital



Welcome to the inaugural edition of the CCC News. Our aim is to update you on our projects in Sri Lanka and to keep you informed of CCC initiatives in both Australia and Sri Lanka.

This edition includes Dr. Waters's recent visit to the National Cancer Institute

(NCI) Maharagama, information on the 'Bricks n Coins' campaign and highlights from the recent CCC Charity Ball 09.

We are proud to announce that in January 2009, after months of planning and preparation, the CCC House commenced construction. The foundation has been laid and the steel is underway. This landmark project will improve cancer treatment and quality of care at the NCI. More about this on page 2.

The CCC Sri Lanka Team, headed by Mr. Suren Madanayake is doing a great job in raising funds and managing the construction of the CCC House Transit Home Project. The CCC Sri Lanka Team launched the 20 Rupee Card project in Colombo in July, while the CCC Australia Team launched its 'Bricks n Coins \$1 a day campaign' at the recent CCC Charity Ball in Melbourne. More about this on page 3.

Jetha Devapura
Founder & Chairman

Royal Children's Hospital Visit to Maharagama

I was pleased to have the opportunity to return to the National Cancer Institute Maharagama in June 2009. It was very gratifying to see the improvements in the paediatric ward infrastructure and particularly the new paediatric intensive care unit. Equally, the children's play area in the new radiation bunker was a major improvement.

The major focus of my visit was to partake in teaching rounds with the paediatric medical staff. We hope to send a nurse from the Children's Cancer Centre at Royal Children's Hospital for two weeks in November 2009 to provide an intensive teaching course for the nursing staff at Maharagama.

I would like to thank all those in Sri Lanka and Australia who have made donations toward the CCC House project and I encourage all our readers to support this vital project. I'd also like to congratulate the CCC Foundation for their great achievements.



Dr. Keith Waters
Consultant Oncologist
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The Courage, Compassion, Commitment (CCC) Foundation is a not for profit voluntary organisation based in Australia and Sri Lanka to provide best practice medical treatment and support to their beneficiaries in Sri Lanka.

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**HOLD YOUR OWN
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Why not **'Hold Your Own'** Fundraiser and support the CCC House project? To register your event please contact:
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Taking Shape at Cancer Institute, Maharagama



Phase 1 in progress

Our goal



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW!

Currently there are over 1050 patients at the NCI, yet only 879 beds. Patients without a bed are called 'floor patients' as that is where they receive their treatment and care.

Many outpatients are unable to travel daily for their treatment and therefore remain in the hospital, leading to overcrowding of wards.

A similar concept to the Ronald McDonald Houses in Australia or the USA, the CCC House will provide a comfortable bed and a homely environment, improving the well-being for both outpatient and carer, and reducing the number of floor patients within the hospital.

The CCC House will help to decrease the overall visitor traffic in the hospital wards and hence help to reduce cross infection amongst immune-compromised patients.

A 1,400m block of crown land was allocated by the Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka on the premises of the NCI for the project. This 170 bed, three storey building is estimated to cost Rs.163M (~\$1.7M).

The construction comprises of two Phases with each Phase broken down to three Stages. This is to ensure that outpatients can be accommodated for at the end of each Stage without delay. Phase 1/Stage 1 comprises of 46 beds and will cost Rs.47M (~\$500K). To date we have funds and pledges totaling Rs.33M (~\$350K). We require a further Rs.14M (~\$150K) by January 2010.

The CCC House will have common facilities such as a play area for the children, TV and quiet reading rooms for adults, central kitchen, laundry, counseling room, training and meeting rooms, meals areas and much more. Once the CCC House is built and handed over to the NCI, a management committee will be set up by the CCC Foundation to ensure ongoing management and maintenance of the home.

There are many ways you can assist the CCC to raise much needed funds. You can sponsor a room, cubicle or simply donate whatever you can. You may also hold your own fundraiser or attend any of the CCC charity events.

How you can help!

Sponsor a Child's Room for \$10K (Rs. 1M)

Sponsor a child's room which will consist of two beds, one for the child and one for the carer. Each room will have cupboard space, table and chairs and a vanity basin. The entrance to each sponsored room will carry a plaque with the sponsor's name and logo. A similar plaque will also be placed in the foyer entrance.

Sponsor an Adult Cubicle for \$6K (Rs. 0.6M)

Sponsor an adult cubicle which will consist of a bed, cupboard space and curtains for privacy. The entrance to each sponsored adult cubicle will carry a plaque with the sponsor's name and logo. A similar plaque will also be placed in the foyer entrance.

Sponsor the Fixtures and Fittings

Your kind donation, however large or small will assist in the purchase of fixtures and fittings for the CCC House. Your donation will also go towards common areas, lifts, white goods, furniture etc. Names of donors pledging greater than \$1,000 (Rs. 100,000) will be placed on a plaque in the foyer entrance of the CCC House.

If you wish to donate or be a room/cubicle sponsor, please fill in the details below and mail to:

CCC Foundation Inc. 4 Rylandes Drive, Gladstone Park, VIC 3043.

Thank you for your support:

Your Details:

Name:

Position:

Organisation:

Address:

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Tel:

Email:

Please fill in the details if you wish to sponsor:

A Room ☐ X \$ 10,000 **A Cubicle** ☐ X \$ 6,000

Donation towards Fixtures and Fittings Value: \$.....

Payment Details:

☐ Cheque - Payable to **CCC Foundation Inc.**

☐ Direct Deposit - Account Name: **CCC Foundation Inc.**

Bank: Westpac / BSB: 033636 / Account: 174058

☐ Credit Card

Credit Card Details:

☐ Visa

☐ Mastercard

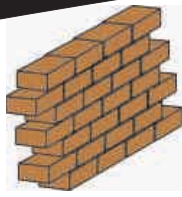
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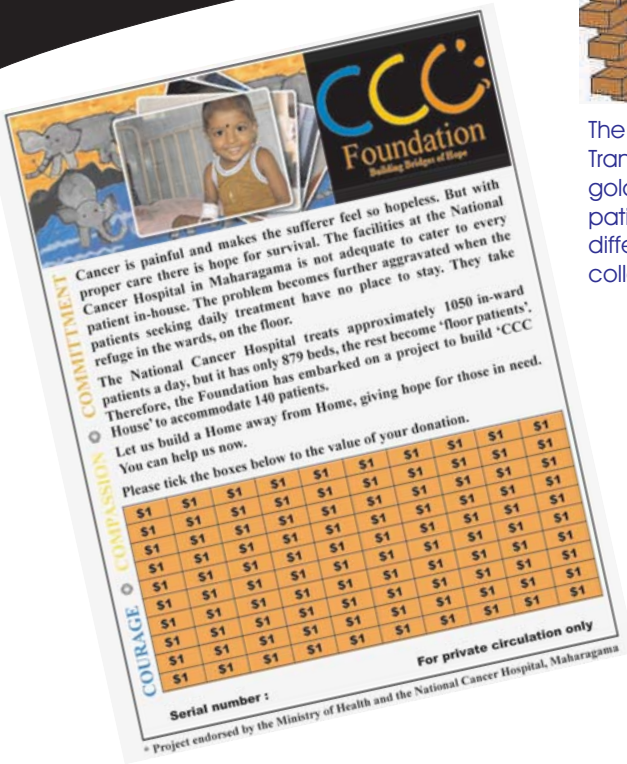
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JUST \$1 A DAY



Bricks n Coins



The 'Bricks n Coins' 100 day campaign is a way of raising funds in small amounts towards the Transit Home Project at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Maharagama, Sri Lanka. Each gold coin will go towards buying a brick for the Transit Home which will provide a bed for floor patients. Everyone can afford a dollar or two and collectively these dollars will make a difference. Its less than a cup of coffee a day. Request your friends, family and work colleagues to donate a gold coin and buy a brick towards this worthy cause. Thank you.

A Dollar A Day For 100 Days

Each brick is worth \$1 and there are 100 bricks on a card. You have 100 days to sell your 100 bricks.

All cards fully or partly completed can be returned to CCC along with the funds collected. For further information about this campaign or to get your Bricks n Coins cards please contact CCC.

To get your cards call (03) 93301085

CCC works in collaboration to raise \$20,000

The Victorian Bushfire Appeal Concert (VBAC) was an initiative by CCC Foundation Inc. working in collaboration with several Sri Lankan Past Pupil Associations, other Associations, businesses, individuals and the Sri Lankan Consulate of Victoria to raise funds in support of those affected by the Victorian bushfires.

The VBAC held at Sandown Racecourse on 22 March 2009 came together in record time and was a huge success in many ways. The primary aim was to raise funds through the involvement of the Sri Lankan community in Victoria. It was our way of saying thank you to all Australians who stood by us during the Tsunami. It was also about standing together as one and showing our support to those in need. If those were the criteria for success, then the VBAC made its mark with an attendance of 2,000 people and raising \$20K towards the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal Fund.

The highlights of the concert was how well the Sri Lankan community worked together toward a common goal. It really was one of the best team efforts seen by the Sri Lankan community in Victoria. The many organisations and individuals who were involved really put their heart and soul into making the concert a success. From ticketing to catering, fundraising to the entertainers, everyone participated with a passion to make a difference.

Thank you to those who made a donation, the sponsors, the supporters, the 150 volunteers, the 2000 plus people who attended and the VBAC Organising Committee for making a difference to those affected by the bushfires.

NB: For more pictures and details visit www.cccfoundation.org.au



The 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami was Sri Lanka's darkest day. We remember the support and generosity of all Australians in our hour of need. The call is now for all Sri Lankans in Australia to show their support and generosity in Australia's darkest day. Let's hold hands as one to support those affected by the bush fires.



CCC Charity Ball & Auction 09

As each dawn gives us light, it brings new beginnings of life. Where there is light and life there is hope. The vision of the CCC is in 'Building Bridges of Hope' for those fighting cancer in Sri Lanka.

The Grand Ballroom at the prestigious Flemington Racecourse in Melbourne hosted the 7th annual CCC Charity Ball and Auction on Saturday 25 July 2009. Guests wined and dined in style, and were entertained by none other than Aubrey Weiman with Replay 6 and the sensational R&B band Essential. The CCC Choir once again made their presence felt.

The evening also gave guests an opportunity to support the CCC by bidding for over 100 auction items and trying their luck on the raffle. All funds raised will go towards the CCC House, a 170 bed Cancer Transit Home project currently being built at the National Cancer Institute, Maharagama Sri Lanka. The CCC sincerely thanks all guests, donors of auction and raffle items, supporters and partners for making the event a success.

Lights of Hope



How you can help

To Build Bridges of Hope

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How YOU CAN HELP

Help those fighting cancer by making a donation today.
Simply contact us by phone / email or complete the details
below and mail. Thank you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment Details in Australia:

- ☐ Make a donation ☐ I'd like to volunteer my time
- ☐ I'd like to donate _____ towards projects at NCI
- ☐ Cheque payable in Australia to "CCC Foundation Inc."
- ☐ Cash ☐ Credit Card ☐ Deposit to Bank Account

Credit Card Details:

- ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Cardholder's Name: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiry date ____ / ____ Signature: _____

Bank: Westpac Bank
Account name: CCC Foundation Inc.
BSB: 033181 **Account No:** 284217

Would you like to receive more info about CCC?

If yes please provide the following details and email to
jetha@jsdinternational.com.au

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment Details in Sri Lanka:

- ☐ Cheque payable to **CCC Foundation Sri Lanka.**
- ☐ Cash ☐ Deposit to Bank Account

Bank account details:

Bank: Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation
Account Name: CCC Foundation Sri Lanka
Account No: 001 - 196104 - 001

**Thank you for your kind donation. A receipt and an
acknowledgement letter will be sent to you
within 14 days**

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