



The Village

A gift of shelter from the people of Minnesota to the people of Sri Lanka

Pandit Amaradeva receives life time achievement award from MnSLFF

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A note from Wendy Weden, one of the original contributors to MnSLFF after attending the concert.

“Just a note of congratulations and thanks for your work and that of the Minnesota-Sri Lanka Friendship Foundation in securing the recent visit of Pandith Amaradeva. Music is such a wonderful bridge between cultures. While I was previously unfamiliar with Maestro Amaradeva’s work, it’s clear to me now why his music is so well appreciated particularly in how he uses, what I imagine, are rather classical forms but adapted to be very contemporary and varied.

The Foundation continues to grow beyond the initial purpose of tsunami relief to foster greater connections between our State and Sri Lanka. What a wonderful gift. “



US Congresswoman Betty McCollum from St. Paul Minnesota presented the award (picture by. Chao Lee)



Community center

Architect for Humanities agreed to help MnSLFF in adding a community bathing well and some of the additional roof work for the community center. Currently there is a bathing well adjoining to the community center in the paddy field. MnSLFF will build a new structure around the well to make it more accessible and provide privacy for the users.

Community Center building construction is in progress....



MnSLFF signed the Community Center construction contract with Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau (CECB) in Sri Lanka on March 7, 2006. CECB is one of the largest building contractors in Sri Lanka. Cost of the construction will be about \$ 140,000. The two story building will accommodate a Montessori preschool in the ground floor, and a Technology Center and Library on the second floor. CECB commenced the construction immediately after. The anticipated completion date is July 30, 2006.



Community Center building site.
(before starting the construction)

Donations:

We rely on the generous donations of people like you to accomplish our work. You can contribute to MnSLFF by making a donation online via Paypal, by hosting a fundraiser, or by mailing a check to:
MnSLFF
8235 Marsh Creek Rd.
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Gas Cookers distributed to each family.....

Each family in the “Minnesota Nivasa” (Minnesota housing development) received a two burner gas cooker and a gas cylinder. MnSLFF project coordinator Jayani Adikrama with Tilak Ratnayake completed the distribution task. MnSLFF is planning to install a water tank and a kitchen sink for each house. Houses are complete with plumbing and receive water from the main water supply line.

We appreciate your generosity.....

Without your trust and support of our vision none of this would have been possible. The tsunami survivors and all Sri Lankans are very appreciative of your kindness and generosity in helping in their time of need.

Gift of Books to University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka from Minnesota

Sri Lanka born Minnesotan Mass communication Professor Dr. Shelton Guneratne from Moorhead state university is working with MnSLFF to donate his entire collection of books to the library at University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. Prof. Chandrasiri . Rajapakse head of mass communication dept. at Kelaniya is looking forward to receive this gift.

All donations to Minnesota-Sri Lanka Friendship Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Minnesota Sri Lanka Friendship Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) organization with Tax ID No. 11-3737913

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Minister of UDA and Water Supply Mr. Dinesh Gunewardena at the opening ceremony talking to a beneficiary and MnSLFF board members

More work to be done...

Houses were officially handed over to the tsunami survivors on Jan. 16, 2006. There are some maintenance issues MnSLFF is working with the building contractor to resolve them. Water supply and the electricity connection is completed for all the occupied houses. UDA is looking for a donor to complete the landscape work.

