

The CANE JAFFNA HOSPICE Projects

Dear Members, donors and well-wishers; we are happy to communicate with you via this newsletter.

The fundraising musical programme in aid of CANE on the 28th of June 2008 was a great success. We are indebted to and thank the young artistes namely Achuthan Sripathmanathan, Senthuran Premakumar and Yatheesan Selvakumar , their parents and all others who worked very hard for this.

The sum of £17,465 was collected in total. We also thank all those who made donations and sponsored this event. The portable ultrasound scanner was bought at a cost of SLR1,406,500/=.

The remainder of the money along with the donation for the scanner by AGGREKO will be used for maintenance and insurance for the scanner. A photograph of the actual scanner is shown . A patient being scanned is also shown below. The scanner is currently used at the Jaffna Cancer Hospital , where it is being put to good use.

Dr Jeyakumar, the oncologist is in charge of the scanner at present. Once the Day Care Centre is fully operational the scanner may be moved there later to be used on an out-patient basis.



A patient being scanned

We are now providing all meals for the patients and their relatives and carers where necessary food cooked in the newly built kitchen.

The patient numbers in the Hospice at any one time varies from around 10 to 20. In addition from time to time need to cater for the carers and relatives when there are transport problems due to the local situation.

We thank our staff at he Jaffna hospice for continuing to work under difficult conditions with various essential items being difficult o obtain.

We are still in a great need of funds to continue to run and expand our services for this worthy cause and implore our community, well-wishers and friends as individuals or groups of individuals to help fund our expenditure as outlined in our May 2008 Newsletter.

This is becoming more important with the instability of the Pound sterling in the current recession.

We are not proposing any new ventures until we receive further funds.

There is a sponsor for the next two years for the annual cost of medicines for the Jaffna Hospice. If more individuals could sponsor the various items or services, it would greatly help our cause and the cancer sufferers of the north and east of Sri- Lanka.

The recipients of our services sincerely value our services and there are no other palliative care services locally.

A letter of appreciation from one of our patients overleaf.

There are several more to be seen on our website; www.caneuk.org.



