# Newsletter Issue 3 December 2011 TAMIL ENGINEERS FOUNDATION

### **ENGINEERS CHARITY FUND**

### **Background of the Tamil Engineers Foundation**

Tamil Engineers Foundation (TEF) was established in later part of 2007 to collectively participate spiritually and morally for the long lasting peace in our home land. This is a non political, non profitable and charity focused organisation. The main objective is to help the needy school/university children, orphanage centers, hospitals and other charity organisations in North and East of Sri-Lanka. Funds raising commences prior to the Thai Pongal Day. Over the past four years Tamil Engineers Foundation has rapidly grown and made significant achievements. This has been a result of continuous support received from our members in Australia and overseas.

### <u>Year 2011</u>

**Collection:** An amount of \$26,076.45 was received in voluntary contributions throughout 2011 and \$1680.00 was collected from rescreening "Sivaji" movie at Burwood cinema, Sydney in April 2011. The total collection received in 2011 was **\$27,756.45**.

### 1. Thai Pongal Villa at Sydney Murugan Temple:

Thai Pongal Day is being celebrated by the TEF each year at Sydney Murugan Temple. Joint bajan is performed by the members followed by lunch and evening prasatham. TEF members, families and friends participate in this great event at the temple and this event also forms a platform for engineers to meet their friends and develop networking.

## 2. Bank books (Rs5000) distributed to 12 most deserving students in Vanni (\$500)

Amount of \$500 (Rs 60,000) was donated to issue bank books (Rs 5000) to 12 deserving students (who lost their parents during the recent war) at Vidyananda College at Muliavali, Mulathivu.

3. **Distribution of 4800 exercise books to 8 schools in Trincomalee (\$1000)** Amount of \$1000 was donated to Chamber of Commerce of Trimcomalee to distribute 4800 school exercise books to most deserving school kids in 8 different schools in Thampalakamam, Trimcomalee.

### 4. Scholarship scheme to Peradeniya University Students (\$1500)

Amount of \$1500 was donated for the Scholarship Scheme at Peradeniya E'Faculty to provide financial assistance to 9 deserving students (i.e. Rs 2000 per month) for 12

months period as per last year. It is expected that Peradeniya Tamil Sangam will manage this Scholarship Scheme in future on behalf of TEF.

5. Relief measures to flood affected families in Mannar area (\$700) Amount of \$700 was donated to Annai Illam Orphanage Centre at Mannar to provide relief measures to flood affected families in Mannar area.

### 6. Funding for Cataract Eye Surgery in Vanni (\$3130) - Rs 350,000.00

Amount of \$3130 was donated to fund Cataract Eye Surgery to more than 50 needy patients who were affected by the recent troubles in Vanni area. These patients are of the age group of 40 to 80 and selected from various villages in and around Vanni area.



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### 7. Scholarship scheme to Jaffna University Students (\$1500)

Amount of \$1500 was donated for the Scholarship Scheme at Jaffna University to provide 7 scholarships to deserving students (i.e. Rs 2000 per month) for 12 months period as last year.

8. Relief measures to flood affected families in Batticaloa area (\$1000) Amount of \$1000 was donated to Ramakrishna Mission at Batticaloa to provide relief measures to flood affected families in Batticaloa area and to financially help the orphans at Ramakrishna Mission orphanage centre at Batticaloa

### 9. Donation to God Owned Children Orphanage Centre (GOCF) at Puloly, Point Pedro (\$1250)

Amount of \$1250 was donated to GOCF to fund the following projects.

One year salary for teachers to teach Maths & Science to Grade 9-11 students at God Owned Children Orphanage Centre (GOCF) at Puloly (Rs 96,000)
Providing an automated Washing Machine to Achuveli Centre for Differently Able Children to train them to wash their own clothes (Rs 52000).

### 10. Donation to Rotary Club of Kalmunai (\$1000)

Amount of \$1000 was donated to Rotary Club of Kalmunai to Upgrade the educational facilities of the handicapped students class rooms at Wesley High School.

### 11. Scholarship scheme to Batticaloa University Students (\$1500)

Amount of \$1500 was donated for the Scholarship Scheme at Batticaloa University to provide 7 scholarships to deserving students (i.e. Rs 2000 per month) for 12 months period as per last year.

### 12. Educational assistance to needy school children who lost their parents and single parent families in Mannar (\$1500)

Amount of \$1500 was donated as educational assistance to Destitute Welfare Fund at Mannar to financially assist the needy school children who lost their parents and single parent families in Mannar area.

### Projects Under Consideration(2012)

The following projects are under consideration by TEF and will be undertaken during 2012 subject to availability of funds:

- Providing new uniforms to 100 school children (from various schools) who lost their parents in Trincomalee area (\$1500).
- Roof repairs and installation of new ceiling sheets to female ward at Urani Hospital, Valvettithurai (\$1500)
- Providing sewing machines (min 5) to Mahadeva Achiramam at Kilinochi, Vanni (\$1500)

### 2012 University Scholarship Scheme

Tamil Engineers Foundation has been helping about 23 undergraduate students at Peradeniya, Batticaloa and Jaffna Universities with a monthly scholarship payment of Rs2000 per student. The committee is considering to increase the scholarship numbers to 30 during 2012. To date, 19 members indicated their willingness to become the Co-Sponsors of this scheme. The commitment for the Co-Sponsor is \$20/month for 12 months for Yr-2012 i.e. total \$240. We hope many of you will come forward to sponsor the remaining students to make this scheme self funded.

#### **Appreciation**

The Committee extend sincere gratitude to everyone who have made generous contributions to date, to the Tamil Engineers Foundation to financially help the needy people in our homeland. Voluntary contributions received during 2011 has significantly increased compared to previous years. This indicates the tremendous support given by you to TEF. We like to commend our members for their great support and generosity towards helping the needy kids in orphanage cen-

ters, school/university children and hospitals. We hope your support will continue for the years to come.

### Voluntary Contribution for 2012

The fund raising for 2012 events has now commenced and the committee would appreciate your contributions by 10 January 2012. For more details or to make a contribution, please contact the committee members or access the Tamil Engineers Foundation website <u>www.tamilengineers.net/</u>

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Washing Machine to Achuveli Orphanage



Flood Relief Measures to Batticaloa



Educational assistance to Mannar



Educational assistance to Trincomalee