

Projects

We are all familiar with the saying "charity begins at home", but what is considered "home"? It is said, "home is where your heart is" and we all agree that a little piece of our heart is still back in Sri Lanka. It is in giving back that we feel complete, helping and investing in one another. The following are some examples of coming together to give back to our Alma Mater over the years.

1. Improving Academic Achievement Through Student Empowerment

The 2018-2020 Committee is pleased to have been able to donate \$26,000 towards student enrichment and resource management to support the educational journey of our JHFC students and faculty members and to encourage academic success. These are:

1. Over \$5,600 was contributed towards updating the classroom environment with smart technologies, allowing our students to become more proficient in an increasingly technological world, while enabling faculty with upgraded learning tools. Part of these funds was also used towards scholarship awards for grade 5 students as well as to help nurture volunteer spirit of students through outreach to local community needs.
2. \$5,600 was used to update the school's security, health, and safety by installing CCTV cameras and implementing COVID-19 protocols to ensure JHFC remains a safe place for our students to learn and thrive.
3. A further \$3,800 was contributed to cultivate Christian awareness and spiritual formation, aiming to encourage an education that emphasizes the importance of living a virtuous life by fostering an environment where students learn the importance of charity, self-discipline, and service towards others.
4. The JHFCAA Canada Awards Program was established to promote students and faculty to excel. An Endowment Policy document was created outlining the funding use and the ongoing management of the program.
5. To support the JHFCAA Canada Awards Program, an additional \$10,500 was contributed to build-up the perpetual fund that was originated by 2016-2018 committee. In total sum of \$21,000 (2016-2018 \$10,500 and 2018-2020 \$10,500) translated into Sri Lanka rupees was transferred to a separate fixed deposit account. Interest on these funds will be used to fund the JHFCAA Canada Awards.

We are so grateful for the generosity of the alumni community and our sponsors and supporters, which allowed us to make these donations and positively impact current students and staff. Thank you for your continued support!

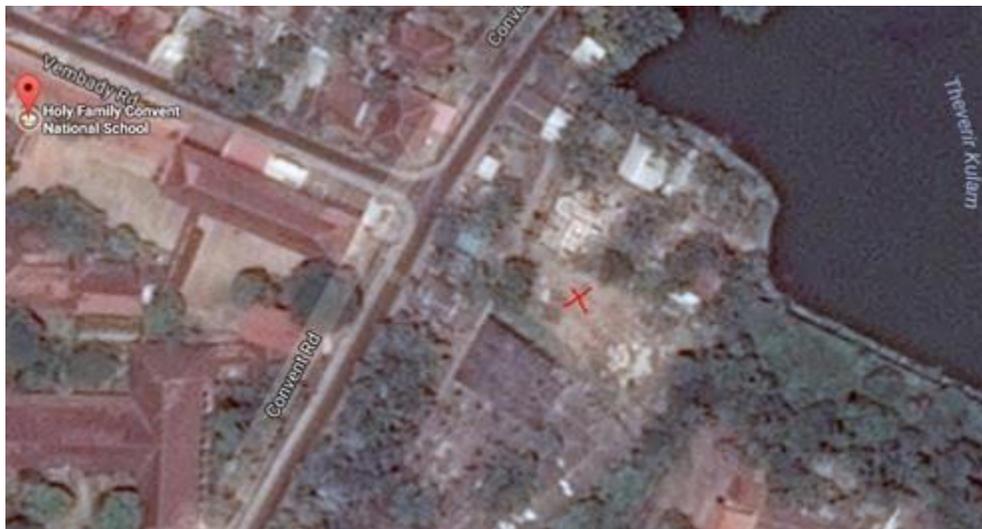
2. HFC Sports Grounds :

Following JHFC becoming a National School, the students have not had access to adequate open space for sporting events and practices. The large netball court within the old primary section of the school is no longer available to students. In recent years, girls have been using other nearby grounds.

Successive principals have been on the lookout for available land adjacent to the school premises. Three adjoining parcels of land had become available right across the side entrance off Convent Road. The initial large parcel of land was purchased with generous donation from an alumnus.

At Sr. Antonita Mark's request, both the associations in Canada and the United Kingdom agreed to fund the purchase of the second piece of land (3 larchums). Coordination of funds and logistics between the JHFC AA in Canada and the UK association late last year and earlier this year was vital in bringing about. The purchase of the final 1 larchum of land is still pending (delayed due to title search, etc.) with funds mostly from Canada, U.K, as well as additional funds from Australia and Sri-Lanka. The school is eager to make the final purchase and start the work to make this into a sporting facility.

In total over the last year, the 2016-2018 Committee has transferred over \$25,000 towards this project, to date. We thank all of you for your continued support and generosity.



3. Changing one child's life at a time:

The 2012-2014 and 2014-2016 committees, in total, transferred nearly \$18,000 to the care of Sr. Arul (resident of the Provincial House) to benefit 50+ students residing in the HFC Jaffna hostel. Sr. Arul and Sr. Angelin, (hostel nun) first addressed the more immediate needs of these students, such as uniforms, shoes, socks and other incidentals. The balance was used over the next academic years for tuition, musical instruments and training. We want to thank both Sr. Arul and Sr. Angeline for coordinating this effort and keeping us in Canada informed.

In addition, these two committees also supported tuition for Primary, O/Level and A/Level students as well as support towards much needed repairs and maintenance costs, totaling almost a further \$20,000.



4. Facilitating Higher Education one Stone at a Time:

The 2010-2012 Committee, contributed \$12,000 to the Jaffna Provincial Superior, Sr. Yolande Mathias, to build a residence for young women attending the Jaffna University and other training facilities in the vicinity. This project was also supported by other AA around the world. We are happy to report, after some considerable delay this home on David's Road Jaffna is now on target to be completed by February 2015 under the oversight of Sr. Christa Marithas, the current Provincial Superior.

This venture, known as **Bienvenu Project**, was completed in May 2016 and houses 15 to 20 girls attending post-secondary education in Jaffna.