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Newsletter of Sri Lankan Welfare Association in UAE

SRI LANKAN WELFARE ASSOCIATION
جمعية سيريلانكا للرفاه

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## Musical Concert
# Fundraising for Charity

Staging a musical event of exceptional quality is a worthy cause for a non-profit group, committed to aiding established charities in need. The 7th annual Fund Raising Musical concert of 'SAHANA' proudly staged on 1st March 2019 at the Sh. Rashid Auditorium in Dubai.The veteran musicians from Sri Lanka Ms. Neela Wickramsinghe, Mr. Keerthi Pasqual and Mr. Pavan Mallawaarachchi, together with popular actor Mr. Saranga Dissasekera and versatile group of musicians led by Mr. Nalaka Sajee kept the audience spell bound for four long hours with unique brand of music. Not an exaggeration, the students from two dancing institutes based in Dubai, added flavour to the music with traditional and contemporary genres of dancing.

As in the past, the audience were mainly of 70's generation who enjoyed the evening thus inflecting nostalgic memories of their youth. Indeed, it was an era that the music shared set of cultural traits that shaped the lives and experience. The gathering dispersed with happy memories, which would last for years to come.

However, despite the wide range of publicity about concert and it's purpose, the event was poorly attended this year. The head-count was limited to 927 in number, which is far below the expectations. In comparison to the yesteryear (2018), the net-total recorded was less 50% almost and somewhat disappointing. Needless to mention that organizing an annual concert of this nature is not an easy task and members of the Fund Raising Committee

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## Editorial

With great pleasure, we write the first ever editorial to the inaugural issue of our e-News Letter. This is a long-awaited initiative and we are starting this newsletter as a way of updating the SAHANA Community on regular basis rather than holding for the consolidated annual report.

We strongly believe this would definitely enhance the interest of our members and donors by witnessing how their contributions are converted to lighten up deserving fellow Sri Lankans, and also this should help us to welcome many more new members to strengthen our bottom-line to help the underprivileged men and women at greater extent, in future.

We humbly request you to share this e-News Letter using your social networks thus extending the profile of SAHANA to all our fellow Sri Lankans living in UAE.

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(FRC) should be applauded for their untiring efforts and commitment in spite of various challenges. In future endeavors , we sincerely hope that all members would extend unconditional support for desirable results.

As we are aware, number of hands that stretches seeking assistance from the less-fortunate members of Sri Lanka community is rising high and the trend expected to be worst due to structural changes in labour market and subsequent events in addition to the health and repatriation issues. Hence the fund raising scheme to be expanded to meet with ever increasing number of requests and also to cover up the overheads. Further, If we are to function with the membership fee alone, we wouldn't reach the desired goals. At this juncture, it is paramount important to explore other avenues of fund raising for healthy capital.

### SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

| | | |
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| Total Revenue | Dh. | 191,380.00 |
| Income from the ticket sales | Dh. | 102,870.00 |
| Sponsorship collection | Dh. | 88,500.00 |
| Miscellaneous income | Dh. | 10.00 |
| Total expenditure | Dh. | 134,929.00 |
| Net income | Dh. | 56,451.00 |

As most of us agree, annual musical concert is a workable option. Music has the unique power to raise people up and it helps to communicate and interact better with those around.

FRC team has already on the move for organizing the next year's annual musical concert. However, the organizing committee wishes to have your opinion as to how the artists and the musicians (the band) should be selected to woo the majority from all walks of life for better end-result. Your early response would be much appreciated.

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## BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

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| Bank A/C Name : | Sri Lankan Welfare Association |
| Bank A/C No.: | 1015565199801 |
| IBAN No.: | AE120260001015565199801 |
| Bank Name: | Emirates NBD Bank |
| Branch: | ENBD - HQ Branch |

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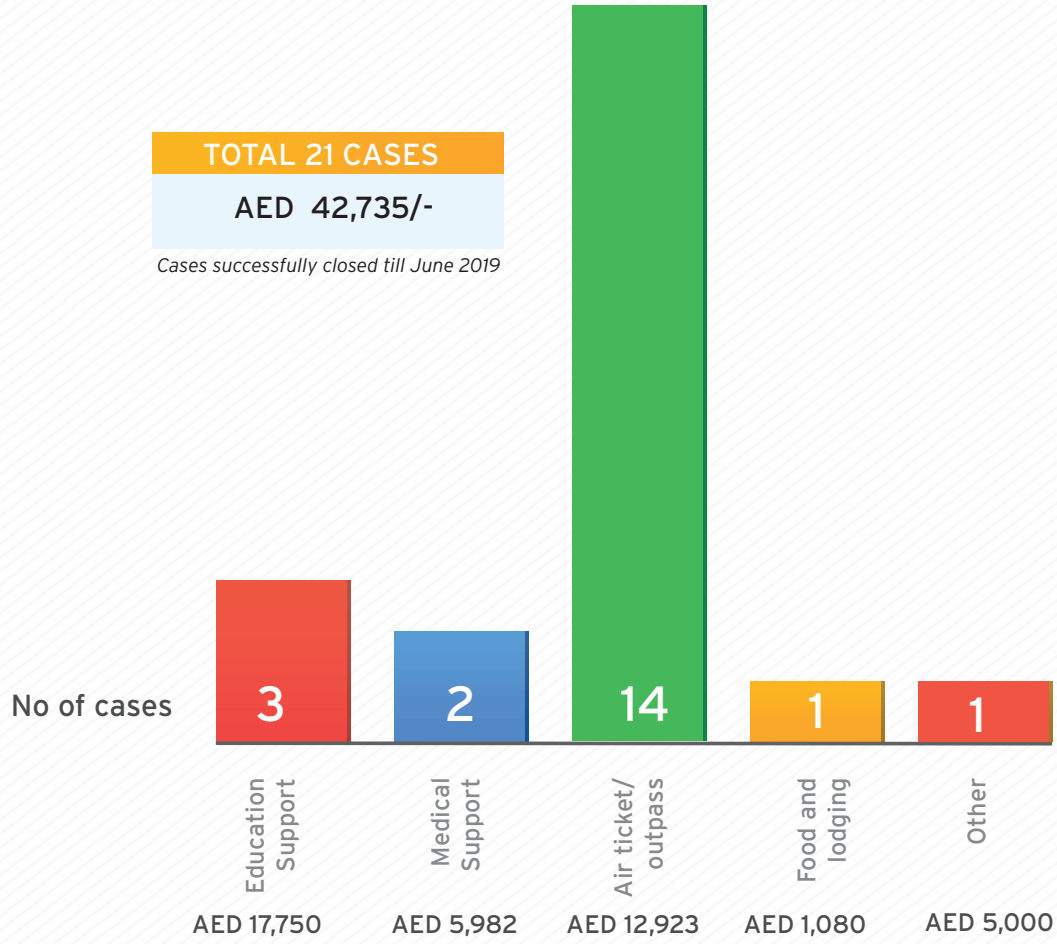
Kindly deposit your membership fees to our Bank Account and advice us by sending an email to **memberships@sahanauae.com** along with your membership number to reconcile your payment.
**Tel.: 04-3571071 / 050-5590911**

# How we created value to your contribution 2019

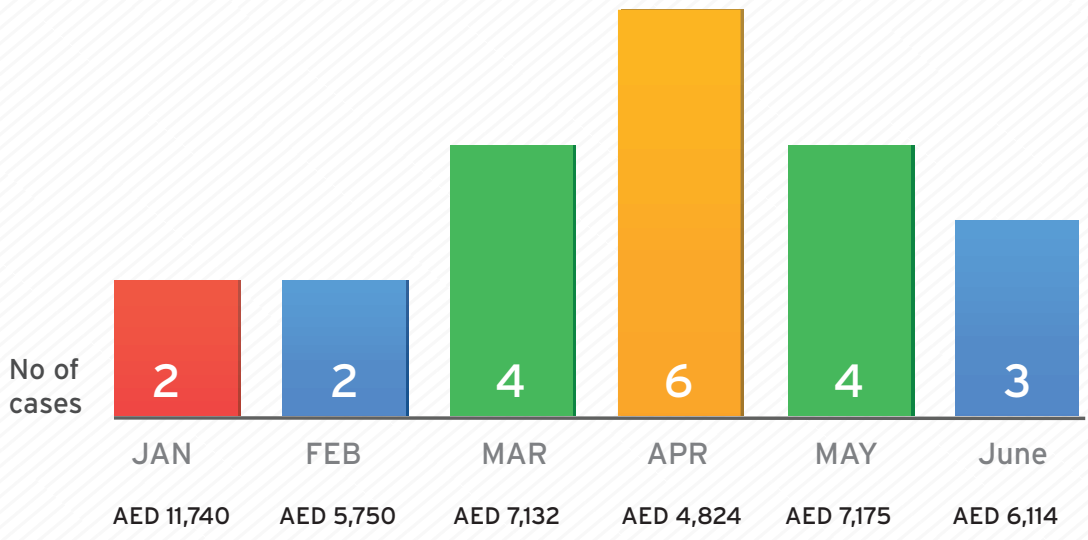
**TOTAL 21 CASES**

**AED 42,735/-**

*Cases successfully closed till June 2019*




## Year to Date (YTD) / Jan-June 2019



# Glimpse of Services provided in Year 2019

## from January to June

| NO | MONTH | CASE TYPE | CASE BRIEF DETAILS | CASE VALUE AED | FUNDING METHOD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | JAN | EDUCATION SUPPORT | Rendered financial assistance to a studious boy grade 7 whose school fees was in arrears. | 9,900.00 | SL COMMUNITY |
| 2 | | AIR TICKET/ OUTPASS | Secured one way air ticket to Sri Lanka for a female patient discharged from Rashid Hospital (ICU) on a wheel-chair and return ticket to the person accompanied the patient. | 1,840.00 | SAHANA FUNDS |
| 3 | FEB | MEDICAL SUPPORT | Made partial payment of the hospital bill of a baby treated at Latifa Hospital for neck ailment. | 5,000.00 | SAHANA FUNDS |
| 4 | | AIR TICKET/ OUTPASS | Provided the cost of one-way air ticket for a person opted to exit under amnesty program. | 750.00 | WELL-WISHER/S |
| 5 | MAR | EDUCATION SUPPORT | Facilitated a daughter of a divorced mother with no-job enabling to sit for the exam, settling the second-term school fees which was overdue. | 4,350.00 | SAHANA FUNDS |
| 6 | | MEDICAL SUPPORT | Settled the hospital bill and covered the medical expenses of the male patient of no employment. | 982.00 | SAHANA FUNDS |
| 7 | | AIR TICKET/ OUTPASS | Extended financial assistance to settle the immigration charges and exit for an individual. | 1,030.00 | SAHANA FUNDS |
| 8 | | AIR TICKET/ OUTPASS | Paid the over-stay fee and arranged two air tickets for a stranded mother and daughter. | 770.00 | SAHANA + WELL WISHERS |
| 9 | APR | AIR TICKET/ OUTPASS | Provided with one-way air ticket for a lady, sheltered at Abu Dhabi Embassy safe house. | 570.00 | SAHANA FUNDS |
| 10 | | FOOD AND LODGING | Rescued a father of two sons (5 & 7 yrs.) and mother – 8 month pregnant found with no job, no shelter, no passport, thus proving food (SL Community) and temporary accommodation by SAHANA. | 1,080.00 | SAHANA + SL COMMUNITY |
| 11 | | AIR TICKET/ OUTPASS | Supported with one way air ticket to Sri Lanka for a lady deserted with no-income , no-Visa. | 570.00 | SAHANA FUNDS |
| 12 | | AIR TICKET/ OUTPASS | Extended financial support to settle the immigration fee for a lady left with no income, referred by the Consulate. | 850.00 | SAHANA FUNDS |
| 13 | | AIR TICKET/ OUTPASS | Extended financial support to settle the immigration charges for male individual who could afford only for air-fare on the face of no income. | 495.00 | SAHANA FUNDS |
| 14 | | AIR TICKET/ OUTPASS | Supported with one-way air ticket ( by SAHANA) and settled the hotel bill ( by undisclosed donors) and get the passport released for a male individual, referred by the Consulate to Sahana | 1,259.00 | SAHANA + WELL WISHERS |
| 15 | MAY | OTHERS | Absorbed the legal expenses and facilitated the departure of two kids. | 5,000.00 | SAHANA FUNDS |
| 16 | | AIR TICKET/ OUTPASS | Supported with one –way air ticket to Sri Lanka for part-time employed lady with no-visa who was admitted to Rashid Hospital due to heart related issue. | 1,000.00 | SAHANA FUNDS |
| 17 | | AIR TICKET/ OUTPASS | Arranged one way air ticket to Sri Lanka for a sick lady who stayed at Dubai Safe house with no-Visa. | 510.00 | SAHANA FUNDS |
| 18 | | AIR TICKET/ OUTPASS | Served with one-way air ticket to Sri Lanka a male individual with no income after expiring the visa | 665.00 | SAHANA FUNDS |
| 19 | JUNE | AIR TICKET/ OUTPASS | Supported with Four one-way air ticket to Sri Lanka | 1614.00 | SAHANA + OTHER |
| 20 | | AIR TICKET/ OUTPASS | one way air ticket to Sri Lanka approx AED 600 & immigration clearance fee AED 400 / No visa from 2017 / Exit formalities done through CG Office. | 1000.00 | SAHANA FUNDS |
| 21 | | EDUCATION SUPPORT | Payment of school fees in arrears to obtain O/L result | 3500.00 | SAHANA FUNDS |
| | | | | 42,735.00 | |

# Helping Needy

## SAHANA SERVICES AND ADMINSTRATIVE TEAM

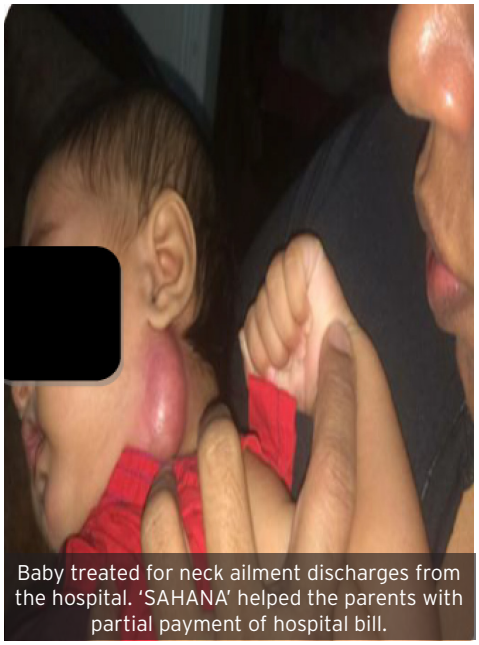
The Services and Administrative (S & A) team consisting of 13 passionate members are the first point of contact for any appeal or first to respond any distress call of Sri Lanka Community members in the seven Emirates of UAE. Two members of the S & P Team are assigned to be on call on monthly basis and they are to accommodate callers, document the mishaps, conduct field visits, extend guidance and advice the procedure adopted to deal with the situation for those who approach for an aid or relief.

Cases that require financial support from the SAHANA public funds shall be evaluated, scored, discussed and sought approval from the majority prior to submit to the Board of Directors (BOD) of SAHANA for final approval. The average turnaround time at recommending a case to BOD is 48 Hours from the time of receiving the necessary documents from the supplicant.

Starting from Jan 2019 to May 2019, approximately 20 cases had been handled by the S & A team satisfactorily; alleviating the fellow Sri Lankans striving for life.

Lady swindled by a fake agent finds her way home - 'SAHANA' arranged one-way air ticket

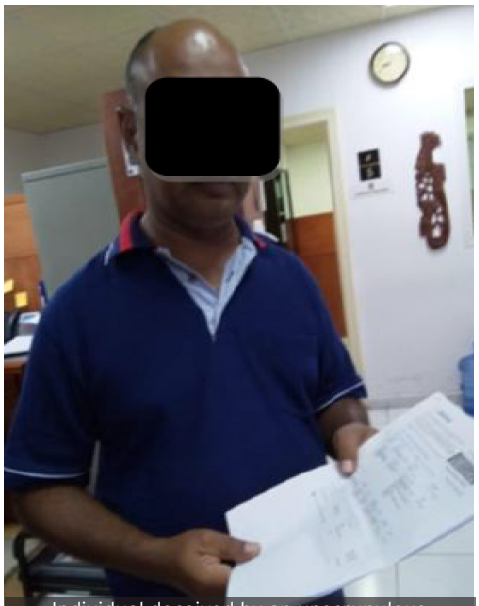
Stranded mother and daughter leaves UAE- 'SAHANA' settled the overstaying visa fine



Baby treated for neck ailment discharges from the hospital. 'SAHANA' helped the parents with partial payment of hospital bill.

Lady deserted in Abu Dhabi relieves to join with her loved ones back home. 'SAHANA arranged the air passage

Lonely patient discharged from Rashid hospital accompanies to home country by a SAHANA volunteer. SAHANA provided the tickets



Individual deceived by an unscrupulous job agent returns home. 'SAHANA ' absorbed the air fare.

Lady treated for heart failure travels back home - 'SAHANA provided the Air Ticket

# Dry rations packs distribution

Dry rations packs were distributed to 140 staff of a cleaning company in Ajman. This was an initiative of the Consul General of Dubai & Northern Emirates of Sri Lanka. Members of SAHANA coordinated with generous contributions of kind hearted well-wishers

# CDA officials visit

28th April: SAHANA had the privilege of welcoming the CEO, a Director and other officials of the Community Development Authority at its Office.

# Membership Drives

Two Sahana teams conducted membership drive campaigns. One in Abu Dhabi at Mushrif Park during Sinhala- Hindu New Year Celebrations and other at Royal-Thomian Cricket Carnival in Sharjah Wonderers.