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International Medical Health Organization—Canada

A non-political, nonprofit humanitarian organization committed to improving and developing health care services & infrastructure in underserved communities worldwide.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, April 27th
& Saturday, April 28th, 2012

Please mark your calendars now and plan on joining us in **Toronto** for the **9th Annual IMHO Convention**. Event details will be posted on our website at www.IMHOCanada.org as they become available. Don't miss out on this special event!

Mark Your Calendars Now for the 9th Annual IMHO Convention in Toronto!

All volunteers, donors, supporters, and team members of the IMHO family of organizations (including IMHO USA, IMHO Canada, IMHO Lanka, and IMHO European Union/UK) are invited to attend our 2012 annual convention. We are busy making arrangements now, so the details are forthcoming. But please mark your calendars now and plan on joining us in Toronto in April 2012!

We will be joined by visiting guests from Sri Lanka, as well as other experts and professionals who are involved in development work in communities in need. A full update on IMHO's efforts and plans moving forward will be shared. To inquire or get involved, please email Meera (IMHO Canada Secretary and Event Planner) at meera@imhocanada.org. Thank you!

Update on Sri Lanka & Ethiopia Efforts

We've been busy! Over the last few months, we have been working with local partners to identify key areas of need and gaps that we as an organization can work to address. We are pleased to share the following updates of our most recent efforts in both Sri Lanka and Ethiopia with you below.

SRI LANKA

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SRI LANKA:

1. Construction of toilets and a store at the Jaffna Teaching Hospital **Diabetic Centre** at a cost of \$3,600.
2. The first installment of \$7,000 to support the ongoing **mental health** work of a **multi-disciplinary team** in Jaffna over the next one year.
3. Support for various health and medical services across the Mullaithivu District of Northern Sri Lanka, including \$7,500 to repair a **damaged ambulance**; \$1,800 for one year's worth of **thyroid tests** for poor patients; \$3,600 for transporting poor patients via **ambulance to Jaffna** to access more advanced/specialized care; and \$3,300 for various efforts supporting the staff and services of Mullaithivu Hospital in order to provide improved, regular care to patients in need.
4. Support for Jaffna medical professionals to make more frequent visits to **peripheral hospitals**, which form the front line of community health, primary care, and disease prevention.
5. Support for various health and medical services across the Kilinochchi District of Northern Sri Lanka, including \$16,800 for one year's worth of support for **pre-interns** to staff a newly opened peripheral hospital; \$1,285 for transporting and providing **basic support** to poor patients for a period of 1 year; and \$3,608 for **emergency medicines** provisions and other support for **visiting consultant physicians** at the Kilinochchi Hospital.



Families in the resettled areas of Northern Sri Lanka continue to rebuild their homes, their livelihoods, and their overall lives. IMHO's efforts to build and strengthen health and medical systems in these vulnerable areas has helped to improve the lives of countless persons during such a crucial point in their lives.

ETHIOPIA:

1. Earlier this month the shipment of **5 voltage converters** sent by IMHO was received by Gondar Hospital in the Amhara Region of NW Ethiopia. The converters were used to immediately make functional several large pieces of medical equipment that otherwise could not have been used, such as xray machines, dental chairs, and an ultrasound. The hospital staff expressed their deep gratitude for IMHO's assistance in addressing this chronic shortcoming.

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2. Traveling to Ethiopia on her second trip as an IMHO volunteer, Dr. Betsy Finigan of Rochester, NY handed over **\$410** worth of **medical equipment** to the Han Health Center in Bahir Dar, Amhara Region. The equipment included gloves, lubricant, a speculum, stethoscopes, gowns, bed covers, bandages, and suture kits.

Past IMHO Events

OC Food Festival Raises More than \$25,000 for Rebuilding Livelihoods

Displaying a continued sense of commitment and compassion for those most deeply affected by war and other hardship in Sri Lanka, our friends from "Anpuneri" (Path of Love) in Orange County, CA held a food festival fundraiser for the second year in a row with great success. The dedication and hard work of this generous group of individuals is clear to all. More than 280 adults and children attended the July 30th event, which featured a dinner of traditional Sri Lankan dishes, a kids talent show, and a presentation by IMHO President Dr. Kanaga Sena on IMHO's efforts to improve health and medical services for those in need in Sri Lanka. More than \$25,000 was raised thanks to the generosity of all the attendees and donors, all of which will help to restore livelihoods for families left displaced and struggling to put the pieces of their lives back together. The love and care of those who supported this event will help to get families who lost their primary breadwinners back on their feet again. IMHO wishes to thank all the organizers, volunteers, and donors for their efforts in helping to restore hope and to ensure a better tomorrow for so many war-affected families in Northern Sri Lanka.

Dr. Sathiyamoorthy Receives Standing Ovation at InterAction Gala for Outstanding Courage and Humanitarian Service



On August 12th, Dr. Sathiyamoorthy, current Medical Superintendent of the Kilinochchi General Hospital and recipient of the 2010 InterAction Humanitarian Award received a standing ovation as he accepted his prize. IMHO was proud to have played our role in nominating this deserving public servant for his incredible heroism and service. Speaking to the audience, Dr. Sathiyamoorthy emphasized the role and the sacrifices made by so many in serving the humanitarian needs of the people in Northeast Sri Lanka and in saving lives. He also articulated the importance of remaining steadfast in our collective commitment towards rebuilding the lives of those who were most deeply affected. We continue to face many challenges, and much remains to be done. However, with leaders like Dr. Sathiyamoorthy and the other brave souls who have given themselves completely in the service of others, there is great hope for the future. If you would still like to make a contribution in his name to support the relief and development efforts of IMHO, you can do so here: <http://www.razoo.com/story/Honoring-The-Courage-And-Service-Of-Dr-Sathiyamoorthy>

Upcoming IMHO Events

Aarane's Bharatha Natyam Arangetram in MA

WHEN: Saturday, September 10th; 3:30pm

WHERE: Algonquin Regional High School Auditorium, 79 Bartlett Street, Northborough, MA 01532

Please join us for the Bharatha Natyam Arangetram of Aarane Ratnaseelan on September 10, 2011 at Algonquin Regional High School. The performance will begin at 4:00 pm, with seating beginning at 3:30 pm. Guests should RSVP by August 28th; please use the following link: [CLICK HERE](#). A dinner will follow the recital. Your presence is blessing enough for Aarane, so no gifts or flowers please. However, should you wish, donations to IMHO may be made to help orphans with special needs in Sri Lanka. Checks can be made payable to IMHO. All donations are of course tax deductible (Tax ID# 59-3779465) and a receipt will be mailed to you.

Ohio Family Farm Adventure

WHEN: Sunday, October 9th, 2011 from 12:30-4:00pm

WHERE: Lebanon Mason Monroe Railroad,
127 S. Mechanic Street, Lebanon, Ohio 45036

RSVP: Jennilee (jennilee@premiercpa.com; OR 614.659.9999, 513.448.1184, or 937.242.6605)

Please join us for an afternoon of fun for the whole family at the Lebanon Mason Monroe (LM&M) Railroad on a train ride through Warren County in Southwestern, Ohio to Schappacher Farm in Mason, Ohio. Walk through a real working farm, pet the animals, find your way through a corn maze, and select a pie pumpkin for your very own! Homemade snacks are for sale (cash only) at the Schappacher Farm Barn. For more information, please visit: <http://www.lebanonrr.com/pumpkin.html> The full experience takes 2 hours & 45 minutes, including: - Depart from Lebanon Station - 45 minute ride to Schappacher Farm - 75 minute layover at Schappacher Farm - 45 minute return trip to Lebanon Station This event is being offered at no cost through a generous sponsor; however, all attendees are requested to make a contribution to IMHO. We need your support to help those in need in Sri Lanka and elsewhere, so your generosity and compassion is very much appreciated! An RSVP is necessary, as seats are limited and walk-ons will not be allowed.

******Focus on Rebuilding: West Virginia Fundraiser******

WHEN: Saturday, November 12th; time TBA

WHERE: India Center, 800 Green Road, Charleston, WV 25309

WHAT: For those in West Virginia, please join us as we learn about the reality for those struggling to put the pieces of their lives back together in the war-affected areas of Sri Lanka. Share your ideas and enthusiasm with IMHO as we strive to serve these people in their hour of need. More details TBA shortly.

******2011 Semi-Annual IMHO Meeting******

WHEN: Sunday, October 2nd; 8:00am-2:00pm

WHERE: Hilton Garden Inn White Marsh, 5015 Campbell Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21236

Join us for our 2011 IMHO semi-annual meeting in Baltimore where we will be joined by visiting physicians and others in the development sector who will speak about the major needs affecting people in the countries in which IMHO works, as well provide a forum for discussion and discuss opportunities for supporting this important work.

*Free breakfast and lunch will be provided

*Rooms can be booked under a special group rate; more details TBA

*Please RSVP to coordinator@themho.org

*****Online Shopping Campaign*****

WHEN: Now! This is an ongoing campaign taking place online.

WHERE: Go to <http://cafegive.com/?cause=IMHO>

WHAT: Now you can make purchases from your favorite online stores and earn money for IMHO! Simply login to cafegive.com and shop your favorite stores...Target, Barnes & Noble, Expedia, Macy's, Home Depot, iTunes, and hundreds more. A percentage of all your purchases will go back to IMHO. Just use the following link and start shopping today!: <http://www.cafegive.com/?cause=IMHO>

*****IMHO Canada Masquerade Charity Ball for Hope*****

WHEN: Saturday, September 24th; doors open at 6:30pm

WHERE: Claireport Place Banquet Hall, 65 Claireport Crescent, Etobicoke, ON M9W 6P4, Canada

HOW MUCH: \$50/ticket

TICKETS: For tickets, inquiries, or more info about event sponsorship, please contact Prakash at prakash.kumar79@gmail.com or 416.725.2602.

This formal affair will be a fun, interactive dinner and dance, with 400 masked guests! This event will benefit those deeply affected by poverty and war in Sri Lanka through the following projects: after-school educational programs in Jeyapuram and Kudaththanai (administered by CACM); ambulance for the Cardiology Unit at the Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa; and other IMHO efforts. You can also learn much more at the event website: www.charityballforhope.org.

*****IMHO Canada Greeting Card Sales*****

IMHO Canada is pleased to offer greeting cards designed by Sri Lankan youth whereby all profits will benefit youth in Sri Lanka. Each pack of colorfully designed cards comes with 10 cards and envelopes for just \$5! Or you can order 5 packs for just \$20. To order, simply email the IMHO Programs Coordinator at programs@imhocanada.org and give the details of your order.

The cards can either be picked up at the IMHO Canada office or can be mailed to you. If you are picking the cards up at the IMHO Canada office, simply bring a cheque or cash as payment. If you prefer to have the cards mailed to you, please make a donation online [HERE](#) and make sure to include \$5 extra for shipping. In either case, please coordinate in advance with the IMHO Canada Programs Coordinator by email or phone.

**Be the Difference.
Save a Life
with just \$1/day!
DONATE TODAY!**

During this crucial time in Sri Lanka and around the world, as we face monumental challenges in providing better access to quality medical and health care for those most at-risk populations, we need YOUR HELP now more than ever. With **just \$1/day** (or \$30/month) you can help save and improve lives in Sri Lanka and elsewhere. Please consider making a donation to IMHO today. You can **donate online via PayPal as a one-time or recurring donation** (the amount & frequency of which are up to you).

You can also **donate via mail** by sending a check made out to "IMHO" to the following address:

**IMHO Treasurer
PO Box 61265
Staten Island, New York 10306
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