

Let Kids Fly Foundation

A World in which every child is empowered to achieve more

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IMPACT REPORT



Thank you



Welcome

We are delighted to share our Impact report with you.

The progress we have been able to make this year is a testament to your generosity and the amazing support we received from many likeminded people around the world.

This year, The Run for Life Project has enabled us to create a fund to support 100 years of university education! Based on the program we run, this fund allows us to support 25 underprivileged university students for 4 years each. Ten of these 25 students, have already been onboarded.

Check out the stories of Maheshika and Thisaru, who are two of these scholarship recipients from Sri Lanka,

The ripple effect of educating a single child can create a generational impact for their families, villages, and their communities.

In addition to these scholarships, in this report you will also find the details of the other initiatives we have undertaken.

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your enduring support of our cause at Let Kids Fly Foundation to create a **world in which every child is empowered to achieve more.**

Thank you for being a Let Kids Fly supporter.

The Team at Let Kids Fly

Your impact in numbers

When it comes to the difference you are making to the students supported by the Let Kids Fly Foundation, the figures speak for themselves. Thank you for your support in what was a particularly challenging year. The Run for Life project moon-shot challenge became one of the biggest events that helped us raise funds in 2021.

USD \$40,738

Funds raised from the Run for Life project moon-shot challenge.

100% of the proceeds have been directed towards creating 25 university scholarships of 4 years each.

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Medical Infusion Pumps donated to the Neo-natal intensive care unit of Colombo North General Hospital, Sri Lanka, as part of COVID assistance.

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Scholarship students on-boarded,

- 1 Business & Finance
- 1 Industrial Statistics & mathematical finance
- 8 Medical students

165

Students from a school in Sri Lanka selected as part of a pilot program to help improve school attendance by providing access to female hygiene products.

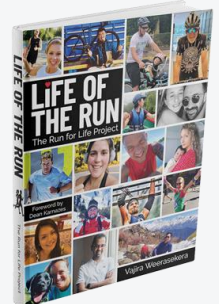
1365 people from 47 countries

Joined the Run for Life Project to help create this impact.

USD \$20,434

Funds raised through the Life of the Run Book.

The book was very well received and supported by all participating individuals and teams.
100% of these proceeds are also directly supporting our cause at Let Kids Fly.





"I am so grateful to have your help and support. I really can't imagine how I could avoid the financial issues that come with my University education without your help. So, I am very thankful to all of you who are helping me. I will make my education as successful as I can to add value to your help. I wish you all the strength and courage to help many more children like me in this way."

Maheshika Amarasingha

Industrial Statistics & Mathematical Finance at university of Colombo

My name is Maheshika, I am the 2nd in my family of four siblings. I come from a rural village in Sri Lanka.

I live with my parents, grand-mother, my two sisters and my little brother. I was struggling with hardships as my mother is the sole breadwinner in our family.

I was not sure of my future when I found out that I was selected to enter the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. I didn't know how I could manage my expenses to complete the degree. It's very difficult to live with just my mother's small salary and support 7 of us in the house.

I selected this degree because I felt I could get a job in a local bank. I hope I will be able to get a job when I complete my degree to support my family.

I'm grateful for the Let Kids Fly Foundation scholarship that is now supporting 4 years of my university education. Without the support of this scholarship, it may not be possible for me to continue my degree.

I'm very excited that Let Kids Fly Foundation also arranged an English coach for me to learn to speak English. Without spoken English it will be hard for me to get a job.

Thank you all for the help!



“Hi I’m Thisaru, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped me get this scholarship. This will surely help me complete my medical school”

Thisaru Wanninayake

Medical Student – University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

I've always dreamt myself being a doctor one day in a hospital treating patients. To become a doctor, I had to choose MBBS degree, so I did my studies to select a state university.

In our family it's me and my elder brother. My parents wanted both of us to get a good education.

As my parents are retired, it is difficult for my parents to support both me and my brother's education.

I feel strongly that education is the only way that I can find a better path for the future.

This scholarship from Let Kids Fly Foundation is a great gift that will help me to complete my medical degree.

I am using the funds from the scholarship to get my books and my supplies for clinical tutorials. It would have been difficult for me this year without the help of this scholarship.

I also find spoken English to be difficult.

The foundation has already given me the opportunity to have an English coach which I look forward to exploring and learn more.

There is **more** to do

At Let Kids Fly, our mission is **a world in which every child is empowered to achieve more.**

Educational scholarships are only one element of the support we provide.

We continue to explore areas where we can make a meaningful difference to underprivileged students. These are some of our core priorities at present.

**Access to
feminine
hygiene
products for
girls**

**Educational
support**

**Spoken
English**

**Digital
Connectivity
and access to
devices for
remote
learning**

The difference one person can make

You, our community of supporters, know the importance of supporting a student that does not have the means to complete their education.

The support of just one person is often the difference between a child receiving a deserving education or not. The students who have benefited from your support have come from disadvantaged backgrounds and overcome tremendous barriers to realising their dream of a university education.

The Run for Life Project Moon-shot challenge was a great success! We had over 1300 people from 47 countries that came together to push their limits by swimming, walking, cycling, running, wheelchair and many other ways.

Education is the only way to escape the cycle of poverty, and with your help we can make a difference!

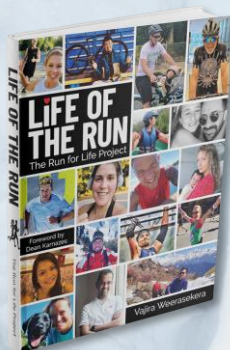


Here's how you can help.

Make a donation: letkidsfly.org

Get a copy of the book: lifeoftherun.com

Help spread the word about our cause



A special birthday fundraiser



Kushi Bandara is 🥳 feeling inspired with Pathum Bandara.
July 21 · 🧑🏿🧑🏿

WE MADE IT! 🎉🎉🎉 A heartfelt thank you on behalf of Pathum Bandara and I, for all of you who contributed! I am super excited for the child who would be getting this! Thank you Vajira Weerasekera for leading the way in this initiative and creating an avenue for us to contribute! #givingback #education #alwaysbelearning #gratitude

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DONATE

Pathum and Kushi's (#travelingbandas) birthday fundraiser for Let Kids Fly
Fundraiser for Letkidsfly by Kushi Bandara and Pathum Bandara

\$2,278 raised of \$2,200

Ended

Kushani and Pathum Bandara created a Facebook fund raiser for their birthdays in July to support Let Kids Fly Foundation.

Through this fundraiser, they collected funds to support a 4-year scholarship!

A sincere thank you to Kushani and Pathum from everyone here at Let Kids Fly for your generosity!



To create your own Facebook fund raiser:

Goto: www.facebook.com/fundraisers

Click: "Non profit"
Select" Let Kids Fly Foundation

*"Helping one person might not change the whole world,
but it could change the whole world for that one
person."*

- Anonymous -



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