

LIFE IS FOR LIVING.

Walk for Cancer

Cancer affects everyone – the young and old, the rich and poor, men, women and children – and represents a tremendous burden on patients, families and societies. Cancer is one of the leading causes of death globally and is also seen in Sri Lanka.

Many of these deaths can be avoided. Over 30% of all cancers can be prevented. Others can be detected early, treated and cured. Even with late stage cancer, the suffering of patients can be relieved with good palliative care.

It was indeed a pleasure that the National Cancer Control Programme of the Ministry of Health and WHO were able to support this magnanimous effort by the Sri Lanka Cancer Society in mobilizing the masses to unite against cancer.

The Sri Lanka Cancer Society was inaugurated in 1948 and it has continued to assist cancer victims. The Walk for Cancer was organized for Sunday 6th March at 4pm. There were approximately 5000 participants from the government sector, private sector, NGOs and many civil organizations. The walk was organized with dancers, street theatre groups, commercial floats, elephants and bands.



The proceeds of the fund will be utilized to support the activities that are being supported by the cancer society which includes running of a monthly poly clinic for early detection, running of the hospice, counseling and out reach programme within the country. More collaborations are anticipated in the future especially with the ministry of health & WHO CO

We all had a reason to walk... There were cancer survivors... there were persons who had family members with cancer or friends with cancer... This was the beginning of a long walk in raising awareness for a condition that is preventable....

