

HEART TO HEART TRUST FUND receives a donation of AUD (Australian Dollars) 94,820/=



'Mighty of Heart, mighty of mind, magnanimous – to be this, is indeed to be great in life' sums up the life of **Mauri Antoinette Clare Sendapperuma**. It was indeed a blessing when we were informed that a Sri Lankan domiciled in Australia had left over AUD 94,820/= in her last will to be donated to the Heart To Heart Trust Fund. To us, who have been involved in the journey of the Trust Fund and experienced the joys and the sorrows of people who would give anything to have a second chance at life, Miss Sendapperuma's generosity was like being touched by an angel.

Born on 31st of March 1954 in Colombo, Mauri was educated in a convent school, Good Shepherd Convent, Colombo, and was an accountant by profession. Her young days had been spent joyfully in the service of the Lord in her church, St Lucia's Cathedral, until in 1989; she migrated to Melbourne, Australia, where she worked for leading corporates in the energy industry. Mauri passed away on 11th December 2019 following complications from a Heart Aortic Value Replacement surgery.

In a true mark of greatness, Mauri had given up a successful career to take up volunteer work, doing so at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. According to her family, she had always looked forward to her volunteering days, and often talked about how giving her time to the hospital fulfilled her, and that she felt as though she was part of a close family.

She ensured that kindness and generosity extended beyond her earthly life, to give hope and happiness to the countless suffering from heart related diseases seeking a new lease in life. We at the Heart To Heart Trust Fund know not how Mauri came to know of us and our work with individuals suffering from heart diseases. But this we know – that Mauri had an open heart and a love that represented the God she served since she was a child. The fact that she recognised the work of the Trust Fund to provide the funds to those in need of critical treatment but are unable to obtain timely interventions due to financial difficulties shows that she has been following our work with the needy. She definitely knew the importance of providing free health service to such patients when in Australia all health services including complex cardiac procedures are provided free to all irrespective of income and social status.

Her generosity to the present, gives hope to the future; to the future of not just the individual who benefits from her kindness, but the dependents who will bless her name many times as they receive their loved one back into their fold in a state of restored health.

Although we at the Heart To Heart Trust Fund did not know her during her life, her memory will remain with us and agreeing with the writer of the Letter to the Philippians, we will thank God each time we think of her!

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus says "do good, lend, and expect nothing in return and your reward will be great" (6:35), and indeed we know that Mauri's reward in heaven is great as she has been received with great joy by her Creator who would have welcomed her with open arms saying "Come to me....I will give you rest" (Mathew 11:28).

May her soul rest in peace!