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## HIDDEN TALENTS By: Almoner Lautoka



Mrs Elina Surara (standing far left) and her group showcases crafts using recycled materials including onion peelings for dye and linen. The Lovu HART village in Lautoka hosted the Annual Craft Show on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2016 at the Lovu HART grounds. It was wonderful to see the talent the women of Fiji have to showcase.

I am so proud of the ladies who take time out to learn the basics of the craft, because I know that these skills will help them financially, especially when I see a few ladies from my own Bayly family. This was a very proud moment for me. There was so much on show- from the brightly stencilled sulus to the tie-dyed Linen and little projects that they had worked on using recycled materials.

Our oldest volunteer Mrs Elina Saurara, who has always had a passion in craft and has strived to get our female Bayly recipients to participate, made a dye for her group 'kala-vata' using onion peelings - The peels had been soaked and then boiled in water. After cooling it was strained and the beautiful orange-brown colour used to dye the sulu-jambas!

I'll never forget the first time Elina asked me if she could take the onion peels from Bayly. I was curious to know why, and when she explained I was amazed!

That was a long time ago and she still puts it to good use now. HATS OFF TO YOU BUBU ELINA! It just goes to show how talented some people are. The ladies registered with Bayly-Welfare did very well and everyone was proud of their hard work. I would be very happy to see more of my cases participating in this craft show. I am really proud of you ladies; keep up with your good work and a big Vinaka to the HART Officer Mereani Camailakeba for your support and for allowing the ladies to display their talents.

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## My Struggles *By: Sneha K Krishna*

My name is Sneha Kamini Krishna and I live in Valebasoga a few kilometres outside Labasa town. I wish to thank Bayly Welfare Labasa for assisting me in completing my secondary education. They assisted me from 2009 till 2014 and till today my mother is collecting her food ration on monthly basis from them.

After completing my F7 in 2014 I joined the Fiji School of Medicine taking up a Bachelors degree in Dental Surgery. This is my second year and I am enjoying my studies. I have set my goals to serve a community close to where I live. I remember the difficult times we faced when I was young. As my mum was the sole bread winner in the family the support of Bayly Welfare was very much appreciated. They encouraged me to study hard and show me a path towards success and better life. I studied as hard as I could and I collected the Bayly Award in 2014 scoring 353 out of 400 in Year 12.

It would be great for me to come back to Labasa and work for the community and give something back to Bayly Welfare as well. The organisation has done so much for me and mum over the years. Therefore my hearty thanks goes to all the hard working and dedicated staff in Labasa for their continuous support and making me where I am today. God bless you all.

## The Priceless Gift of Education

*By: Archal A Chand*



I Archal Arishma Chand and my brother Krishnil Akash Chand would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to J P Bayly Trust for supporting us with our education requirements and food. As a result Krishnil has successfully completed his tertiary certificate in automotive machinery and I am completing a degree in Human Resources and Public Administration at the University of the South Pacific here in Labasa under a loan scheme provided by the Government.

My family and I thank the Labasa Bayly Welfare team for the assistance that they have given to us and our family all these years. My younger brother is in form 6 at Guru Nanak College and Krishnil and I have completed our high school. Without your support we would not be able to experience and complete our secondary education.

Your organization has truly made our dream of pursuing and completing our education come true. Our father passed away in a tragic accident. Mum had difficulty in educating us and the Bayly Welfare stepped in with the building of our house under red light programme together with Vodafone Fiji and Lions club of Labasa.

We appreciate very much the help given in providing us with this once in lifetime opportunity. We wish the Bayly Trust a bright future and god bless all.

## Isaac Avinash with a smile of joy

*By: Archal A Chand*



I am extremely grateful to be in school with the love and support of the Bayly family. I am a Year 12 student of DAV college. Even though I live in Cunningham in a squatter settlement, I feel so proud to be able to go to school with neat uniforms, bag and sandals.

This is only possible with the wonderful assistance given by Almoner Manorma Chandra and her team. I would like to thank the JP Bayly Trust family for assisting me when I most need it and being there for me.



## Amelai' Ose's Plight *By: Almoner Suva*

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2014 Kevin Ose one of our Bayly students came to see the Suva Almoner in the hope that some assistance could be rendered to his 69 year old mother Amelai Ose, who was now at the advanced stage of a kidney disease and bilateral knee osteoarthritis. She had been a vital source of strength for the family of three.

Her husband Sakeasi Ose had his right arm amputated and couldn't be put into gainful employment. Later he died and Amelai received welfare assistance and the two children Kevin Ose and Sosiceni Ose received education assistance. The family resides in Wailoku Korolailai. Due to Amelai's condition, she had great difficulty moving around and needed a wheelchair.

Fortunately Bayly Welfare Suva had a wheelchair which was promptly given to her to alleviate her need. The family was blessed as she could now move herself around in the house to do little things for the family.

Sadly she passed away a few months ago leaving her two children in Bayly's hands. Both the children are at school and it's our responsibility to see the children finish their education and put into employment. While going through this process we will ensure that they are also fed and clothed.

**Amelai Ose in 2014. She passed away in early 2016.**

# Timely Gift to Sitamma

By: Almoner Labasa



**Mr. Dinesh Chand the President of Yaadein Vision presents the solar unit to Sitamma.**

Yaadein Vision is a charity group based in New Zealand. It provided a solar panel to one of our needy cases in Labasa. During a visit to Fiji Mr. Dinesh Chand the President of Yaadein Vision installed the solar unit in the house of Sitamma, a 72 year grandmother living in the outskirts of Labasa. Living in a hut type house by herself she was lost for words when Mr Chand visited her. She never imagined that anyone would give her a gift that she always dreamt off. She had previously approached a number of people for help but none came to rescue her.

Close neighbours came to investigate the bright lights in her home in the evening. They were very surprised when they saw the solar panel and lights. The gift was made possible through the Almoner Labasa who has very close ties with this group. Yaadein Vision has helped and continues to assist households throughout Fiji for a number of years as well as the Government ministries. The group has witnessed the great work of Bayly Trust and has promised that more solar units would be given out. However, this is dependent on their sponsors based in NZ. They also carry out fund raising drives to finance these projects. Bayly had also assisted them when they needed to assess some cases in need of their help. The Almoner acknowledged their support and was looking forward to working with them in the future. A big Vinaka Vakalevu to this charity group and we pray that God will richly bless them

# Changing of the guard

By: Accountant Manager

The Bayly Clinic in Suva bids a sad farewell to 2 long serving and highly distinguished doctors who have migrated overseas. As husband and wife, Doctors Wahid Khan and Satya Khan have been working at the Bayly Clinic since 2004.

They have witnessed a lot of changes since starting out and have been active in assisting the Bayly Welfare and will be highly missed by their patients and colleagues. Doctor Wahid worked as a general practitioner and Dr Satya worked as a dentist.

He became deputy chairman of the Suva Welfare Committee in 2004 and was the Chairman from 2008 to 2010. Dr Wahid was also the immediate past Chairman of the Board of Diabetes Fiji Inc. The JP Bayly Trust is very grateful for their excellent and dedicated service in providing free medical services to our referred welfare cases.

We wish them all the best in their future endeavours. They will be replaced by Dr Shalini Sarika Chandra and Dr Shivaan Sumeet Kumar and will officially commence on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017. Dr Chandra is from Suva and Dr Shivaan hails from Labasa. We look forward to a fruitful and mutually beneficial relationship with Dr Chandra and Dr Shivaan.

# Hard Work Pays Off

By: Almoner Lautoka



**From left: Lautoka Welfare Committee member Stella Smith, Sanjetri and her daughter Angeleen showing their produce.**

Sanjetri Devi came to us from Suva with her baby daughter about five years ago. Her husband had deserted her and she was all alone and desperate for help. She was staying with a family who were doing the best they could to support her and the child. This had been arranged by the Women's Crisis Centre while housing in Koroipita was being made.

When she finally moved into her new home at Koroipita she was faced with a lot of challenges. I began advising her in our counseling sessions and with the help of Empower Pacific counsellors, further advised her on things she could do that would empower her and make her strong. Watching her mental state improve over the years has been very encouraging to see.

The confidence she has exudes in everything she does - her back - yard gardening is thriving and she brings produce to us for sale - dhaniya, baigan, beans, chillies and bhaji so fresh and green! Everything always looks so lovely. Her veggies, fresh coconut barfi and chutneys are a big hit with us. Sanjetri is now thirty-eight years old and has proved to be a hard-working mum who is keen to make the best of what she has and abides by the rules and regulations of Koroipita and Bayly as well. Commitment to her daughter and the life she has built for herself was rewarded when she received a certificate from the Rota-Home for being the "MOST PROGRESSIVE CITIZEN 2015"

Her daughter Angeleen Devi is now five and a half years old and has just started kindergarten this year. She is never far from her mum's side and loves helping her in everything she does in the garden. The picture is so different now - from the five month old baby crying in her tired and wearied mother's arms-to the vibrant little girl, standing by her happy and healthy mum. I can truly say she is a proud mum, who has a bank account with money from her own earnings.

Thank you Sanjetri for your hard work.

**KEEP IT UP, AND GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS.**

# Asina Khan

By: Sneha K Krisha



Asina Sahu Khan turned 80 on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016 but still feels young and energetic enough to serve as a committee member and volunteer at the Bayly Welfare Center in Suva. At the initiative of the JP Bayly Trust Board and the Welfare staff, committee and volunteers came together to show their appreciation of her good deeds by hosting her to a birthday lunch.

The presence of the Chairman JP Bayly Trust Board Mr Joseph Singh greatly encouraged Asina as she realized how highly appreciated she was by the Bayly family. "I get so much satisfaction serving the under privileged of our society and at occasions to be able to impart advise as a retired school teacher to our Bayly children. I also love to render counseling where appropriate. The Bayly center gives me a social environment to meet with other volunteers and I greatly appreciate the willingness and leadership qualities of the Almoner Manorma Chandra", she said.

Asina Sahu Khan thanks everybody for organizing a birthday lunch for her. From left, Chairman of JP Bayly Board of Trustees, Mr Joe Singh, Suva Welfare Committee members, Cathy Narayan, Gerogina Yee and Asina Sahu Khan

## Dreams Do Come True



### Pranil Chand

Some people enjoy telling their success story... it's a thing, but it can also make the listener feel inferior and embarrassed if fate hasn't dealt them a good hand. That's how I felt every time a friend told me how lucky or how blessed they were. My head is in a better place now and I would like to tell my story. I am Pranil Chand, youngest of three brothers. I remember only my mum being with us because dad passed away in 1999 when I was a baby, just eight months old.

It was very hard for the family but my mum did the best she could. Her health has never

been 100% but she has endured two major operations. When I think of it my brothers and I were always sickly, if we didn't have the help of Bayly Welfare through its professional doctors, I don't think we would have survived. The Trust has taken great care of us and we will forever be grateful. From class one to year thirteen, Bayly Welfare has been there every step of the way.

I am nineteen years old now, much wiser and more responsible than before. I have finally realized my dream of becoming a chef and the passion I feel for it is something I never expected! Mrs Michael never tired of speaking with me through my school years and this was when I was introduced to professional counseling.

Every morning when I wake up I just can't wait to get to school and one step closer to my goal of being a chef. Maybe one day my name tag will read "CHEF PRANIL CHAND" It would be wonderful to see my mum smiling at my success. I have one year left in hotel and catering and after that is when the hard work starts. I am still living at home with my mum and brothers and I can't wait for the day when we are in a nicer home in a better state of mind and healthier and happier and living the dream.

The Bayly Trust has given us so much and writing this story is such a small payment for something so great.

# Lautoka

## Visitor's Blessing



My name is Kerrie Lyon. My husband, James and I are from Australia. We are both Pastors and have been involved in Rotary for many years.

We have been involved with Bayly Welfare, Lautoka since 2002. At that time we met Mrs. Michael, the Almoner at Lautoka. She and the secretary were using a manual typewriter and manually entering the financial records for the Centre.

Mrs. Yvonne Tester donated a computer and a group of women from the Rotary Club of Summerland Sunrise, Australia which included me, bought a printer for the Welfare. I spent a week of my holiday working in the Lautoka office setting up the computer, designing forms and letterhead for use in the office. I am pleased to say that even after all these years, my forms are still being used. James and I are well aware of the wonderful work that the Bayly Trust does for the less fortunate in Fiji. By educating the poor, and enabling them to obtain productive jobs, the poverty cycle will certainly be broken. If it weren't for the Trust, many of these dear people would perish. There is an expression in Australia "There but for the grace of God, go I." There, but for the grace of God, you or I could be one of those less fortunate of Fiji. It has been a joy for James and me to sponsor children and donate to Bayly Welfare, Lautoka over the years we have been involved with the Centre. Whenever we come to Fiji we always visit Bayly Welfare, Lautoka. Mrs. Michael, Tracey Beddoes and the women who volunteer at the Lautoka centre always make us feel very welcome. We are so proud and honoured to be involved in such a worthy cause.

Pastor James and Pastor Kerrie Lyon, Tweed Heads, Australia