

Harshula Wimalshanthi, a 19 year old Thomian (the only child of the parents), was diagnosed with a Brain Tumour. This was removed by surgery at the Neuro Trauma Centre of the N.H. Colombo on 26th July 2010.

Thereafter as a further precaution as advised by the doctor, the boy has undergone radiation treatment at CHSL in September that year.

A routine MRI scan done one year later has indicated a recurrence of the Tumour and accordingly a 2nd surgery has been performed on 28/11/2011.

Due to difficulties encountered in locating and identifying the recurrent Tumour it had not been removed during the surgery. The doctor had then recommended that the boy be taken to Tata Memorial Bospital in Mumbai for appropriate surgery or radio therapy. Consultants at this hospital had confirmed that Navigator Assisted Surgery would be the best option and should be done without delay. On receiving such advice the boy's skull had been opened for the 3rd time and surgery performed successfully on 23rd January 2012. Very unfortunately, however, he had contracted an infection but was discharged on 7th February 2012. Thereafter follow up MRI scans and oral chemotherapy had been administered in Mumbai from February to September 2012, but sadly on the last visit the MRI scan had revealed that the tumour has recurred. The Oncologist has advised the parents that it is too early for another surgery to be performed and has advised that the boy be given Tomotherapy treatment in Mumbai for 2 months, a facility which is not available in Sri Lanka.

The parents say they have up to now incurred expenses of about Rs.4 Million for surgeries, medical investigations, medicines, traveling, lodging etc and they require a further Rs.800,000 for the treatment planned ahead. Finances have up to now been sourced through bank loans and savings and they are drained of money and unable to meet the cost of further medication for their only child.

The parents have made an appeal for assistance towards meeting this cost.

Hence, we decided to make an Appeal to the "Thomian fraternity" to come forward and assist this young Thomian, whose Parents are struggling to save his precious life.

Therefore, I earnestly call upon the Thomian Fraternity to come forward and contribute generously towards this worthy cause of saving the life of a

promising young Thomian.

Voluntary contributions may be credited to the under mentioned account of the
OBA –

Account No : 0029 6000 0423

Bank
: Sampath Bank

Branch
: Head Quarters

Thank
you,

Yours
sincerely,

Dilshan
Jayasuriya

Hony.
Secretary

STCML-OBA

HEARTBEAT

Heartbeat is a charity initiative in aid of 19 year-old Harshula Wimalshantha, the only child of his parents, and a past pupil and college prefect of S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia.

This event focuses on providing financial support and raising awareness about his battle against cancer. It will be conducted as a 5 km charity run where all proceeds collected would be donated to his family in order to support his struggle with brain cancer.

HEARTBEAT will take place on the 2nd of March 2013 at the Sports Ministry Grounds (Next to Independence Square) commencing at 7.00 am.

Registrations will be Rs. 500 each, Registration forms could be handed at the S. Thomas' College Mt. Lavinia Gym.

Last date for registration will be the 28th of February 2013, at 8.00 pm.

Further information about Heartbeat can be obtained from the facebook event page.

<http://www.facebook.com/events/480568922007612/>

Participation of each and every one of you is essential in the success of the event.

We can choose to make a difference in this young boys life, all you need to do right now is register.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE