

Report - Blood Donation Drive, Atlanta USA



As per the divine words of His Holiness Baba Hardev Singh Ji Maharaj, 'Blood should flow in veins, not in the drains', Sant Nirankari Mission Atlanta, USA organized a Blood Donation Drive on "HUMAN UNITY DAY" (Manav Ekta Diwas) with Free Medical Checkup and fun for the kids followed by snacks at Global Mall on 27th April 2013 between 10AM through 4PM. Blood Donation Drive was conducted in collaboration with LifeSouth Community Blood Center of Atlanta, USA. Because of the great response from donors, two buses from LifeSouth were organized to receive as many units of blood as possible.

The blood donation drive was a huge success with an overwhelming response from the citizens of the city of Atlanta. People from of all walks of life came together for this noble cause. There were around 130 donor's information which were collected and out of those, 65 donors were successfully able to donate blood. The donors and their family members also received the message of Universal Brotherhood.



A team of doctors/nurses including Dr. Rita Agarwal from TN, Dr. Rekha Singh, Dr. Shashikala, Dr. Pankaj Sethi, Ruchika Sethi and Manisha Arora from Atlanta, volunteered for free health checkup organized by Sant Nirankari Mission, Universal Brotherhood. There were around 50 patients who have got their free health & medical checkup done and also received advice from the doctors to improve their health, while the blood drive was going on.

A Publication stall was also installed to distribute free literature of mission, audio, video discourses of His Holiness Baba Hardev Singh ji Maharaj. A free gift from publication department was also distributed to the donors including audio CD, Sant Nirankari Magazine and Hansti Dunia for the kids.



Ever since the date for the blood drive was announced, the Sant Nirankari Mission Atlanta sewadal worked very hard to promote this blood drive amongst the citizens of the city of Atlanta to participate and donate blood. As a result, it was an overwhelming response from the donors with their participation in this noble cause and felt a kind of zeal for humanity.



The representation from the executive committee, Rev Harlivleen Bajwa ji member in-charge Social & Welfare SNM USA, made this blood drive even more blissful. She appreciated the SNM Atlanta management committee and the entire sangat for organizing this event with a huge success and also motivated to have such kind of social events more often in future.

The blood drive became more colorful and SNM Atlanta branch felt more enthusiastic with the representation of saints from the nearby states. Rev Mr. Bajwa Ji, Rev Harlivleen Bajwa ji, Behen Meena Singh ji from MI.



Also, Rev Prem Sushil Ji, Dr. Rita Agarwal Ji, Rev Kishore Ji, Rev Sandeep Ji, Rev Soniya Ji from TN came and encouraged Atlanta Sadh Sangat.



Mr. Shiv Aggarwal, the pioneer of real estate of Atlanta and owner of Global Mall also visited the site and appreciated the efforts made by Sant Nirankari Mission to organize this event for humanity. His extended support from the beginning for Sant Nirankari Mission, to use his

well-known place for organizing such an exciting event is remarkable. He has been very supportive in the past as well, where he used to provide a place to conduct regular Sadh Sangats (Congregations), before Baba Ji blessed the SNM Bhawan in Atlanta at 641 Buford Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30045.

Mr. Subash Razdan, the Chairman of Gandhi Foundation of USA (who has been recently conferred with the highest award of Pravasi Samman to the Non Resident Indians (NRIs) from the honorable President of India (Shri. Pranab Mukherjee) congratulated the successful blood drive with record participation



He was very gracious to help promote this noble mission on his popular weekly TV show "Namaste Bombay" and through various broadcasts on Internet bulletin boards. He said he was happy to see the Gandhi Foundation support such a good cause of promoting understanding, harmony through Health awareness amongst our diverse community undertaken by the Sant Nirankari Mission. He visited the blood drive bus and complimented the Donors for their philanthropy and the Volunteers for their dedication and commitment to serve the humanity. He has assured of his continued support to the Blood Drive awareness campaign undertaken by Sant Nirankari Mission.



Sharon Reddick the forensic artist volunteered herself on the spot to add an exciting activity by portraying people's face on the paper and helped the event by making it even more attractive throughout the blood drive.



The team from LifeSouth Community Blood Center appreciated and thanked to all the saints for their generous effort to make the blood donation drive event successful. They also appreciated the selfless humanitarian work done by Sant Nirankari Mission and hoped that the Mission would continue to organize such camps in future. However, we could not accommodate few of the donors because of response from the people walking-in and in align with the limitations of time, but still they have shown their interest to participate in future events.



Finally, all the saints felt gratitude towards our lord master Baba Hardev Singh Ji Maharaj for his blessings.