## Ramadan Celebration - Town of Hempstead

Food Distribution and Blood Drive Awareness – NY/CT Youth April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

With the kind grace of Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, the NY-CT Chapter had the opportunity to become part of a rather landmark event held on Saturday, April 6th, 2024. The event was organized by the local authorities of the township of Hempstead to honor and observe the pious occasion of Ramadan Fast-Breaking Dinner.



This cause served as a great platform for various NGOs and other organizations to exhibit, promote and reciprocate learnings in an open space. NY-CT Branch under the banner of SNM, hosted a Blood Drive pre-registration booth as well as a Food Drive booth. Volunteers of all ages came forward in great numbers to support the effort. The sentiments of love, compassion, and keenness to serve selflessly were quite evident.





Throughout the length of the event, fellow exhibitors and eager individuals from various backgrounds were often drawn to the SNM volunteers to strike up a conversation and hence present the opportunity to exchange thoughts and worldviews. One such example is the Kwaja Group, which is a highly esteemed organization affiliated with Islam. Delegates from the Kwaja group were quite impressed with the initiatives taken by the SNM and admired wholehearted execution by its volunteers. At the conclusion of the event, head of the Kwaja group, extended a warm welcome to NY-CT



Chapter head, Rev. Paul Chellani Ji, and accompanying volunteers to join at their Hicksville based mosque. Kwaja Group also expressed a genuine interest in forming a partnership with SNM and to help support such future humane causes with equal reciprocity.





Just as a diamond emits the brightest streaks when placed under pressure, the SNM volunteers too shone impeccably as the event progressed into the frigid cold hours and as the attendance grew denser. While maintaining decorum, SNM

volunteers played a key role in the systematic distribution of food and beverages. SNM volunteers seamlessly coordinated with the local community volunteers to help navigate the guests and keep the process flow smoothly.

During his address, Mr. Donald X. Calvin Jr., a council member, acknowledged and honored the unparalleled service, SNM has been providing to the community for decades.

Devotees of the NY-CT chapter, humbly expressing immense gratitude towards Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj for bestowing such an opportunity to learn and better

ourselves. And to continue to tread the path of selfless service and become an instrument in the fulfillment of the divine will.









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