

Blood Drive (09/08/18) Report

Sant Nirankari Mission, North Carolina USA

On September 8, 2018 in Charlotte North Carolina, with the blessings of Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, mahapursh from Raleigh, Atlanta, and even Michigan gathered together in the effort to perform sewa through a blood drive. We were fortunate enough to be blessed with the presence of Rev. Harlaveen Ji who came all the way from Michigan for the blood drive. On average, majority of the saints came from Raleigh and Atlanta and drove about three and a half hours one way to gather at the two locations within Charlotte. One of the locations was set at a Lowe's Hardware store, and the second location was less than a mile away at a Walmart. The blood drive lasted from 11am to 3pm.

With preparation of any blood drive sponsored by the Sant Nirankari Mission, comes along goals and high hopes as we reach out our hands outside of the mission to our fellow neighbors to spread the message of universal brotherhood. One of the most noteworthy goals is to keep in mind Satguru Baba Hardev Singh Ji's message of how blood should flow in veins and not drains. These blood drives give devotees the opportunity to practice His commandments as they were never mere suggestions. Another goal of a blood drive is a numerical goal of blood donors, which can be multiplied by 3 to demonstrate the potential of how many lives can be saved. The two locations in total had 21 blood donations, which results in potentially saving 63 lives.

Sheila, a native spanish speaker who donated blood, expressed her gratitude for blood drives because she says it is what saved her sister's life. Sheila is just one of the many stories who benefitted greatly due to blood donations. As we got an opportunity to speak with the doctors they shared the importance of blood drives in the summer because majority of the blood donations come from during the traditional school year from high schools, so it is common to run low during the summer time. As the blood drive came to a wrap, all of the saints gathered for sangat at Rev. Meena Thohan ji's home. Rev. Harlivleen Ji blessed the sangat and five new souls received "Gian Knowledge".



