

SNM Seattle
Cancer Awareness Walk
February 23, 2019

With the blessings of Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji, the Seattle branch had a great turnout on Saturday, February 23rd to raise cancer awareness through a walk. The rain was falling hard and the weather was cold, but nothing stopped the energized, divine souls.

The event started with a kick-off at the local Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St, Bellevue, WA 98004 in the afternoon at 1pm. However, saints had gathered since the morning for set-up and transformed the open space in the park to an energetic event center with publications booth, meet & greet tent, registration booth, food & hot tea stop, and a main stage for the program in addition to English Nirankari music playing in the background. Many curious onlookers stopped by the registration desk to find out what Sant Nirankari Mission was and what we were doing here.

There were over 120 people at the event. Seattle branch raised over \$3500 and every penny of these proceeds went directly to the Seattle Children's Hospital, Cancer Department.

The program started at 1pm sharp with a brief introduction on the Sant Nirankari Mission followed by a few speeches from dignitaries and 3 local congregation members. Deputy Mayor Lynne Robinson along with Council Member Janice Zhan were in attendance and supported this great cause by sharing their experiences and inviting Sant Nirankari Mission to collaborate with City of Bellevue for future events. They were very excited and spent almost an hour with us from start of program to ribbon cutting for the walk.

We were also joined by Ms. Shree Saini, Ms. India Worldwide who also spoke a few words of encouragement towards those fighting the battle of cancer. Every person gathered at the event repeated the pledge below:

"I as a human being make a commitment to myself, my family and my community, to strive to be the best in whatever I do. I will try to remember the following

(1) to be human is to be humble, to be humble is to be divine

(2) those who serve silently serve the best

(3) tolerance is all we need for peaceful coexistence

(4) peace not pieces, let's work for it

(5) let's value human values

I understand that the road to success is filled with challenges, setbacks and obstacles. But I will not give up."

The highlight of the program was when everyone rejoiced together while walking shoulder to shoulder, or while taking photos, *"we will never give up, we will never give up, we will never up"*. May we continue to walk shoulder to shoulder with hand in hand, united we stand.

This event was also covered by the local news channel. We thank King 5 for covering the news and featuring on the evening news on both NBC King 5 and ABC KOMO 4 on the nightly news on February 23rd.

Humbly submitted by:
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