



# SANT NIRANKARI MISSION

(Universal Brotherhood)

## Washington DC Metropolitan Area Spiritual Center

### Canned Food Drive Nov- Dec 2015

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With the grace of Almighty Nirankar and the Blessings of His Holiness Satguru Baba Hardev Singh Ji , members of the Sant Nirankari Mission, Greater Washington DC Area Branch USA in conjunction with Embry Rucker Community Shelter organized 2<sup>nd</sup> Canned Food drive for the families in need from Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 2015. About 250+ pound of Canned food was collected and delivered to Embry Rucker Community Shelter.

When adults and families in our community are struggling, Embry Rucker Community Shelter Emergency & Self-Sufficiency Program (ESSP) responds with emergency food (fresh and non-perishable), personal care, supplies, referrals for emergency clothing, other resources and financial assistance for rent and utilities. Families who use ESSP can access other Reston Interfaith services, including case management, which can help individuals and families overcome the obstacles that often lead to crisis in the first place. For families who are unable to get to ESSP, the shelter delivers food to local low-income housing complexes and senior clients.

With the economic conditions showing downward trend this year, the need is greater than ever. Since September 2008, the shelter has seen a 50% increase in the numbers of new households receiving services from ESSP, and many of these new households are accessing social services for the first time due to layoffs or lack of work. This year the branch collected large quantities of shampoos, deodorants, tooth pastes, socks, shaving cream, shaving blades and diapers for toddler children.

Members of the branch felt that very thankful to His Holiness Baba Ji for providing such a wonderful opportunity to help to others in need. The Volunteer Services were carried out under the guidance of Rev. Anuj Malik Ji.



The rewarding experience of helping complete strangers through selfless service brings warmth to the hearts and defines the true meaning of selflessness.

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