



# SANT NIRANKARI MISSION

## Washington DC Metropolitan Area Spiritual Center

4501 Pleasant Valley Road, Chantilly Virginia 20151

### 34<sup>th</sup> Blood Donation Drive and Clothes Drive for Human Unity Day Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### Human Unity Day Blood Donation Drive

With the blessings of Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj members of the Sant Nirankari Mission Washington DC Metropolitan Area Spiritual Center organized their 34th Blood Donation Drive on Sunday April 30th, 2023 along with used clothes drive for the homeless to commemorate the occasion of Manav Ekta Diwas (Human Unity Day), in partnership with Inova Blood Donor Services.

The Center has been organizing 2 blood drives each year for the past 21 years, during Manav Ekta Diwas and during Mukti Parv Diwas.

This annual blood drive effort was led and planned by Respected Anuj Malik Ji and Respected Daniel Slebodnik Ji, Social and community activities Director under the guidance of Rev. Prem (Kamal) Dadlani Ji, Coordinator- in charge, of the center.

The Blood donation drive started at 9:30 am and ended at 2:30 pm. Members of Sant Nirankari Mission from Washington DC metropolitan area as well as local community members participated in the blood donation drive.



The blood donation drive was filled with enthusiastic donors throughout the day. 44 participants registered for blood donation including some walk ins and 35 life-saving units of blood including 2 double red cell donations were collected. The goal for the drive was to collect 28 units. This was the most successful drive among recently organized blood donation drives. The statistics show that one pint of blood can save up to three lives!

The Sant Nirankari Mission is grateful to their partner INOVA Blood Donor Services, and to the donors and community members, for making this event a demonstration of how we can all work together to spread the message of peace and serve for the greater good.

Satguru Baba Hardev Singh Ji Maharaj always inspired this noble deed by saying, *“Blood should flow in the veins, not in the drains.”*







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### Clothes Drive for Homeless

Over 45 bags of gently used clothes, comforters, blankets, and shoes were collected and donated to The Closet of Greater Herndon area. This non-profit accepts clothes on behalf of Reston Embury Rucker homeless Shelter and was founded in 1974 to assist low-income families. The Closet also supports multiple non-profit organizations. Over the years they have become a significant resource for the greater Herndon area.



May we always remember Satguru message and follow in her footsteps to spread love, kindness, and wish goodwill for all through our words and actions. We pray to her holiness that we can continue our participation in events that help those in need. The rewarding experience of helping complete strangers through selfless service brings warmth to the hearts and defines the true meaning of selflessness.

Sant Nirankari Mission Washington DC branch has been performing community services like Blood Drive, back to school supply drive, new and used clothes drive, non-perishable canned food drive and street cleaning drive on regular basis

### Manav Ekta Diwas (Human Unity Day) Celebration

SNM Washington DC center celebrated Manav Ekta Diwas on Sunday April 23rd, 2023. Theme of the Samagam was 'Life and Teachings of Satguru Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji Maharaj'. The congregation was attended by over 130 saints to pay their tribute to Satguru Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji Maharaj.

Many Saints shared their experiences with Baba Satguru Gurbachan Singh ji Maharaj and inspirations from Chacha Pratap Singh Ji's sewa. Bal Sangat members shared a devotional song along with other speeches and poetry.

Sewadal Uniforms were distributed to new and existing female sewadal members. With blessings of Satguru Mata Ji, the event was very successful.

Everyone enjoyed the blissful time at congregation.



Anuj Malik/Ravi Singh - Washington DC- April 2023