



# SANT NIRANKARI MISSION

## Washington DC Metropolitan Area Spiritual Center

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Toys for Homeless Drive December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2023

With the blessings of Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji, Sant Nirankari Mission Washington DC Center organized their 3<sup>rd</sup> “Toys for Homeless” drive from December 3<sup>rd</sup> until 17<sup>th</sup> for Katherine Hanley Family Homeless Shelter to support their basic needs during the holiday season.

Over 50 brand new toys were delivered to Katherine Hanley Family Homeless Shelter in Fairfax, VA. This shelter, also known as “Shelter House, Inc.”, is a community-based non-profit organization that provides: crisis intervention, safe housing, supportive services to county residents experiencing homelessness and for victims of domestic violence in our Fairfax County community.

The shelter organization was formed in 1981 as a grassroots responder to the homelessness crisis in Fairfax County. They started by providing on demand direct emergency assistance items, such as, blankets, food, and warm clothing distributed from the trunks of their cars. They secured a county contract in 1985 to open one of the first charter shelters in Fairfax County. Since then, Shelter House, Inc. has continued to grow as an organization to accommodate the growing needs in our community, by also expanding into Loudoun County.

May we always remember Satguru’s message of love and follow in her footsteps to spread love, kindness and 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 those in need who are unknown to us with the basic necessities of life guides us on the path of selfless service. This true meaning of selflessness brings warmth to the heart and defines our true purpose in life.

With the blessings of Satguru. Sant Nirankari Mission Washington DC Center has been performing community services as Blood Donation Drives, back to school supply drives, new and used clothing drives, non-perishable canned food drives and street cleaning drives on regular basis to serve our local community at large.

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