

# ***Veetrag Kalyan Kendra***

***Prafull Mehta***

***President***

***April 26, 2018***

## *History*

- Established by Shri Navinbhai Shah in mid 1995
- Intended to give back to the community we grew up in
- Sought help from friends and family members with similar intentions
- As funding sources expanded, thought occurred to formalize it and to give a break to donors by getting tax deductibility in USA
- Registered with IRS in 2004

# *Goals and Objectives*

Animal Protection

Medical Aid to Needy patients

Medical Aide to Jain Sadhus and Sadhvijis

Low Cost Food to Needy

Increasing Awareness of Jain Principals

Funding for Education

Distribution of Literature on Jain philosophy

# *Animal Protection*

We provide funds to Panjarapoles in India for

- ❖ Jeev daya
- ❖ Shelter for Abandoned Animals
- ❖ Food for protected Animals
- ❖ Medical Treatment for Animals

Funded Panjarapoles in several cities

- Bhavanagar Panjarapole
- Dilip Paresh Panjarapole, Karjan, Baroda District
- Girivihar Panjarapole, Palitana Dam, Palitana
- Mandal Mahajan Panjarapole, Mandal, Gujarat
- ✓ Approximately 300 Animals benefitted yearly from our funds
- ✓ Additional 1500 benefitted through special funding in 2015

# **Medical Aid**

Provide funding to low- Income families irrespective of caste or religion for

- ❖ Medical services

- ❖ Medicine

- Health related services

- Organizations funded:

- Sadvichar Seva Samiti

- 170 Patients treated yearly with our funds

# **Medical Aid**

Funding for Medical Aid for Jain Sadhus and Sadhvijis for

- Ayurvedic Medicine
- Medicine
- Medical facilities for Elderly Sadhu and Sadhvi

## **Organizations funded:**

- Navkar Sarvar Kendra – 3 day Camp in 2017 by VKK supported @450 Sadhu and Sadhvijis
- Girivihar (Palitana) - Special room for Sadhu/Sadhvijis
- 50 Sadhu/Sadhvi benefited per year

# **Low Cost Food**

Provide funding for Low-Cost Food for needy people

- ❖ Funding to organizations providing low-cost food to people in need
- ❖ People from several communities are supported with these funds
- Organizations Funded:
  - BSG Bhojanshala
  - Ratna Global Foundation
  - Parswa Bhakti Trust
  - Etc.

# **Awareness of Jain Principals**

## Funding activities that promote Jain Philosophy and Jain Principals

- Pravachans of Jain Scholars
  - Shri Dhirajbhai Mehta (Panditji)
  - Shri Rajnibhai Shah
  - Shri Chandrakantbhai Mehta
  - Shri Kirtibhai Shah
  - Samanijis (Several)
  - Smt. Diptiben Mehta
  - Smt. Tarlaben Doshi
  - Etc.



# *Education*

Provide funding for Education to

- ❖ Jain Pathshala
- ❖ Jain Students in Schools
- ❖ Jain Students in Colleges
- ❖ Jain Pathshala Teachers

Funding provided to Organizations

- Shri Mahavir Jain Vidyalaya
- Bhavnagar Jain Sangh – VKK recognized in 2017 for helping 800 Pathshala students, 45 Teachers
- Stree Kelvani Mandal – @130 Girls benefited yearly
- etc

# *Literature*

Support publication/Distribution of Literature on Jain Philosophy

- Books on Jain Philosophy distributed to each member yearly (Since inception)
- Supported publication of “Tatvarthadhigam Sutra Granth” authored by Shri Chandrakantbhai Mehta (USA)

# **How To's for Charitable Donations**

- Donations are Tax Deductible in USA
- Charitable donations can be sent to

Veetrag Kalyan Kendra  
c/o Navin Shah  
19 Champlain Way  
Franklin Park, NJ 08823  
732 422 0320

Veetrag Kalyan Kendra  
c/o Prafull Mehta  
11 Jennifer Lane  
Manalapan, NJ 07726  
732 666 5091

100% of the funds collected are distributed to the charitable organizations that meet our goals.

**All administrative expenses are born by committee members personally.**

## *Special Funding Provision*

- We distribute collected funds across our objectives in proportions agreed to by our committee and IRS during registration.
- However, we also have a provision to accept funding for a specific goal. In that case we will distribute those funds for specified cause only.
- We also accept funding for specific charitable organizations as long as it meets two requirements:
  - The organization has formal letter from Reserve Bank of India to be able to accept funds in foreign currency
  - The receiving organization support one or more of our goals

# **Executive Committee**

- **President – Prafull Mehta (732-666-5091)**
- **General Secretary – Ravi Vora**
- **Treasurer – Jitu Vakani (732-951-2112)**
- **Committee Members:**
  - *Chetan Parekh*
  - *Minesh Shah (732-422-1589)*
  - *Mukesh Somani (732-821-2915)*
  - *Arun Shah (732-422-0739)*
  - *Kartik Zaveri (848-469-1452)*
- *Founding President – Navin Shah (732-422-0320)*

Please help us support the Needy.

Thank you !