

HUMANNESS BLOOD DRIVE

(Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan Westbury, NY - Oct 17th, 2021)

With the grace of Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudiksha ji Maharaj, NY-CT branch hosted a blood drive in our own bhawan in Westbury New York on Oct 17th, 2021. As the state of New York continues to recover from the after effects of COVID-19 pandemic, blood supply shortage has been a recurring phenomenon. Having formed a strong and dependable partnership with the NY-CT SNM branch, the New York Blood Center always reaches out when the supply runs critically low. Devotees though always keeping the welfare of the community at the forefront of their hearts, organized the event beforehand. Weeks leading up the event, volunteers of the branch put together a great deal of effort to maximize the awareness of the “urgent need for blood” by the New York Blood Center.



Registration booth was held at Diwali Mela in Hicksville New York in September 2021, during which volunteers not only encouraged eager listeners to take part in the blood drive, but also distributed literature to help spread the message of the Mission. Registration booth was also held at the main entrance of the New York Bhawan, encouraging the locals to take advantage of the easily accessible opportunity and become

part of the humane cause. In addition to registration booth, the event was posted over News 12 website for Westbury Chamber of Commerce while the volunteers distributed flyers to further the participation from the local community. **Total of 80 pints of blood was collected.** As the globe continues to face COVID-19 challenges, all activities were carried out while strictly adhering to the CDC based guidelines. Volunteers leading by example, applied face mask and used hand gloves and hand sanitizers through the entirety of each sub event concluding with the primetime event the Blood Drive itself.



Highlight of the event was the active participation by the young volunteers of the mission. Four youngsters who just turned sixteen this year made **their First Blood Donation** with smile on their face and spreading the message of "Service with Smile"



Witnessing such elevated levels of higher human sentiments, the New York Blood Center crew expressed great deal of appreciation and were quite eager to learn more about the ideology of the SNM.



The great triumph made by each and every participating member of the New Jersey, Pennsylvania and NY-CT branch, drew a great deal of attention from the locals and immediate neighbors. The number of walk-ins was overwhelming not to mention the enthusiasm of the youngsters was simply exemplary.



The event was attended by key high profile dignitaries as the NY State Senator Mr. Kevin Thomas and the Executive Director of the Nassau County Asian American Affairs Ms Farrah Mozawalla. **NY-CT Branch was awarded a Citation plaque on behalf of Nassau county executive Laura Curran** for its continuous humanitarian works & uplifting of the society. The award was humbly accepted by rev. Arun Ahluwalia Ji & Rev. Paul Chellani ji. Volunteers of the NY-CT branch humbly express immense gratitude towards Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudiksha ji Maharaj for providing such platform and for a successful conclusion of the October 2021 Blood Drive and seek further blessings and grace that we may continue to become part of such humanitarian efforts and help become an instrument in the fulfillment of the divine will.

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