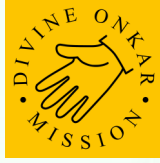


News in Focus

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Achieving our Charity's Cause
Helping abandoned elders to
live their twilight years with
respect and dignity



Opening Ceremony

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This March saw the grand opening of our new Old Age home. Divine Onkar Birdh Ashram is built in a beautiful location surrounded by nature and with modern facilities. Founder Mr Tersam Lal visited for the opening ceremony along with trustees Kumlaish Kumari, Charanjit Singh and dedicated volunteer Ramesh Kumar. [Mr Surjit Singh Randhawa](#) who kindly donated the land in memory of his wife, [Mrs Sukhwinder Kaur](#) joined our regular supporters [Mr Kulwant Singh Gora](#) and [Mr Ram Lubhaya Suglani](#) who were part of the planning team .

The residents of the home in Jalandhar, Punjab receive a complete service like home from home, but **better!**

Food is prepared fresh daily to their preference and liking. Residents are provided with clothing, bedding and blankets, and keep busy playing games, watching TV and enjoying social events.

Religious festivals will be celebrated depending on the faith of the residents and we encourage family visits. If residents wish to pursue a personal interest, they are provided the practical means to continue their hobby or trade for pleasure.



Mr Surjit Singh Randhawa, Mr Gurdayal Lubhaya Suglani, Mr. Kulwant Singh Gora with Swaran Singh Tehna - Prime Asia TV and Mr Avtar Singh Gakhal



Trustee Charanjit Singh with local Police



Mr Sanjeev Kalra Special DGP Punjab with Mr Tersam Lal cutting the official opening

We can provide the medical care when the need arises and residents with long term conditions of mental health receive treatment. We carryout regular medical checkups and offer immediate medical care in an emergency. Long term issues of disability have been addressed.

Each resident has a history and painful story of discrimination and abuse. Now our residents can live their twilight years with respect and dignity. Currently we have 11 residents receiving care and a warm and comfortable home.

The home was opened by the local Police commissioner and attended by local dignitaries named below: *Mr Sanjeev Kalra Special DGP Punjab, Mr Rajinder Singh Rt SSP, Mr Darbara Singh ADC Jalandhar, Mr Harish Anand AD Session Judge, Mr Pardeep Anand CA Saab, Dr Samir Malhotra General Doctor, Mr Karnail Singh Skin Specialist DR, Mrs Tamana Dentist, Mr Bhjan Lal Manger, Mr Avtar Singh Gakhal from Toronto (Friend Furniture), Mr Swarn Singh Thena Prime Asia, Mr Gurnam Singh ASI Police and Mr Sudagar Singh Nagra providing the sight bus.*



A medical bus attended for eye checks and a medical camp for local villagers while registration for the home took place.



The new build offers facilities with separate rooms for male and females, separate shower rooms with communal eating





Its not all study!

On the 12th June all the children and staff from our Jharkhand orphanage enjoyed a day out at the Tarang Water Park, with special thanks to Shri Anil Modi Ji and his whole family who sponsored the trip. Fun was had by all and it proved to be a lovely reward for their hard work this school term before they break up for the holidays.

Will you consider sponsoring towards education?

Just £15 per month can give a child a chance at life.

Cutting Edge Technology

Onkar Mission hospital is keeping up with new state of the art technology when it comes to our cataract operations. The charity has purchased a phacoemulsification machine, a device that is used for a method of cataract surgery in which the eye's internal lens is emulsified using ultrasonic energy and replaced with an intraocular lens implant.



The hospital aims to do on average 55 cataract operations each week during November through to March, during the cooler months of the year.

All patients and their accompanying support are provided free board and stay overnight to ensure the reduction of risk of infection. As well as giving our staff an opportunity to educate the patients on proper eye hygiene and aftercare.

Once the procedure has been carried out the patients have full after care for one year. The patients are discharged from the hospital with appropriate eye protection, medication, warm clothes and follow up appointments.



Implant Cataract donation £50

Ramgarh Awards

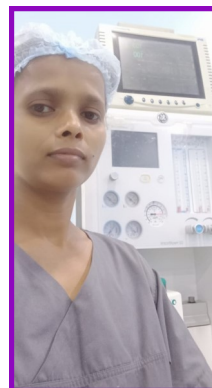


On the 26th January D.O.M was honoured with the Ramgarh District Republic Day Award by Ramgarh DC and SP, for its excellent work in the interest of society. Shri Rajesh Kumar Nagi was awarded for personal achievements and Excellent work. He was accompanied by his Wife, Mother and Mr Rana (UK volunteer) to accept the award. Well done!

Success Stories

My name is **Pawan Mahto**, s/o Late Damru Mahto. I am from Ichatu, Ramgarh (Jharkhand). I am 1st batch student of Divine Onkar Mission School.

I have completed my Diploma Degree from Government college. Now i am posted in Indian Railway. If this Organization had not taken us in we would never have reached where we are today. Thanks to Father (Shri Tersem Lal Nagi) and all member of Divine Onkar Mission that supported and encouraged me.



I am **Sakun Kumari Mahto**. I studied in Divine Onkar Mission High School from class Nursery to class Tenth. You are God gifts in my life your are greatest and always good thought given in life. Thank you so much father ji our higher study are also complete from D.O.M

I study Operation Theatre Assistant and Technician in M.G.M.M.C.AND HOSPITAL JAM-SHEDPUR. Supported by Divine Onkar Mission. Now I'm working at home town in Ramgarh, in The Hope Hospital. I assist all surgeons such as general surgery, Orthopaedic, Gynae surgery and also assist Anaesthetists. I care for different types of patients. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.



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Annual Charity Show



Sunday 10th December was our annual dinner and dance which saw supporters come together at the Prestige Suite in Birmingham to celebrate and raise funds to support the projects. Guests were treated to a 3 course meal while being entertained by Kully Beghal, Kully Khera, Boota Pardesi, Shin and Sardara Gill. Santa and his elf made an appearance gifting sweets and having selfies with guests (Thank you to Judith and Richard). Local school boy Manjit showed off his talents and wowed the crowd with his superb dhol playing. **If you are interested in attending this years show November 2024, please contact us.**



Marathon Marvel raises £2072

Indy Gakhall completed the London marathon in 4 hours and 7 minutes in aid of D.O.M. He said It was an amazing experience and something I will certainly remember forever. The last 6 or 7 miles were a real struggle. I certainly felt like I hit some kind of wall at that point. Up until then it was enjoyable and I was taking in all the support. After that it was a slog. I hope to do it again in the future, now knowing what it entails I would be able to better prepare and hopefully do it in a quicker time and actually enjoy the later stages. Thank you and well done Indy!



DOM Festivals

Long time volunteers Neil Hudson and Pauline Sayhi have returned for their yearly festival season this summer to raise funds towards the projects. They take extra Asian stock and fabrics we have in the warehouse and sell it at various festivals. Pictured above is the stall set up at Tewksbury festival. As we write, they are currently at the famous Womad world of music, arts and dance festival. We thank them for their continued dedication and hard work, especially Pauline's determination to continue after a fracture to her wrist bone while collecting more stock. Thank you Neil and Pauline!

Water on wheels



Serving water at daily langars has become easy thanks to these 2 great water drum dispensers on wheels. These were sponsored by Harvinder Singh Saini from Sangrur, Punjab in memory of his late father Bhagat Singh Ji and Gurvinder Singh Saini of Sardar Dry Cleaners . We thanks both families for making life easier for our serving staff .

Local community

December we visited The Good Shepherd Services, Wolverhampton and donated 150 packages for the homeless which included T-shirts, Toothbrushes, razors and confectionary.

We supported a local Restaurant The Bradmore Arms and donated 200 bags of sweets for children attending their Christmas Pantomime performance.

Our counselling service delivered 78 therapeutic hours of counselling over the last 10 months. Helping solve many issues facing individuals and families today.



Message from Founder

Mr Tersam Lal

Dear Members, Donors, Friends, Customers and respected visitors, Greetings from Divine Onkar Mission!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support over the year. It is only through your kind donations, sponsorship and giving your unwanted clothing and household goods that our projects continue. It is your unwavering dedication that allows us to turn our vision into reality. That vision I first had 33 years ago when

the charity was incorporated. Thank you for continuing that journey with us. Today we remain committed to that vision and we will continue this work as long as the need requires.

A need we found in our own Punjab, not a remote area like our normal projects, This state has a well-developed economy, transportation network, and cultural industries but still the elderly are being abandoned under unfortunate circumstances and left destitute. Our new Old Age Home project in Jalandhar is now housing 11 residents who can live out their years in a warm and comfortable home with support they require. Thank you for being a part of the Divine Onkar Mission family and for sharing our vision. We look forward to the exciting journey ahead.

With much appreciation and hope, God bless you all.

How you can help!

Join our Sponsor an Education or Old Age Home Project

Volunteer at our charity shop

Make a donation

Spread the word to Friends, family, work and school to raise awareness and funds

Share our posts on Facebook and Instagram to highlight and promote our projects

Or visit our office for more information:

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