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Love & Peace

THE MISSION OF SELFLESS SERVICE IN FIJI

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VISION & MISSION

VISION

Sai Prema Foundation Fiji is a Non-Government Organisation (NGO) and a registered Charitable Foundation, inspired by Sri Sathya Sai Baba, founded to serve the underprivileged and needy people of Fiji through Medicare, Educare and Sociocare initiatives.

MISSION

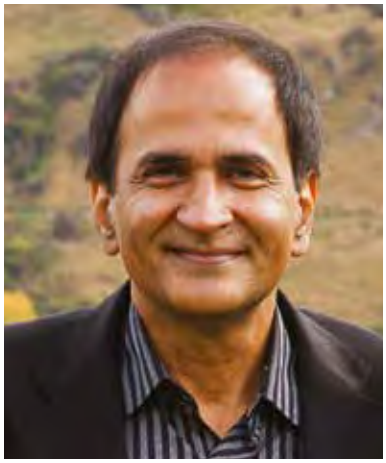
(1) To promote physical and mental well-being among the underprivileged, through Sociocare and Medicare initiatives

(2) To raise people's understanding of human values, in a world that is increasingly challenged by a lack of humanity

(3) To promote love, peace and unity among all Fijians, and promote better spiritual well-being

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Mahendra Tappoo



My heartfelt greetings to you all!

As we celebrate Sai Prema Foundation's third anniversary, I cannot but look back at 2018 and say that it was extraordinarily monumental. For a young Foundation like ours to make a significant impact upon the people of Fiji is only due to the grace of the Divine. The words and teachings of our inspirational master, Sri Sathya Sai Baba, *"Love all, Serve all, Help ever, Hurt never"* and *"Hands that serve are holier than lips that pray"*, is at the very core of our Foundation's values. Each and every person who is a part of Foundation is focussed not upon earning personal glory, name or fame but sharing a common goal of creating goodness in the world, making a difference and inspire change.

2018 was special as the Prime Minister of Fiji, Hon. Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama, on the occasion of his Birthday on the 27th of April, inaugurated the **Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Medical Centre** in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Medical Services. This Medical Centre provides quality general medical consultations and medications to the underprivileged and needy people of Fiji completely free of cost.

The **Gift of Life** project, in association with Ministry of Health, was supremely successful as 26 children were given free open-heart surgeries, catheterisation lab procedures and other cardiac interventions completely free of charge by the 16-member team from India, USA, Australia & Oman representing the Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital India. It was also a matter of pride for Fiji as the Foundation's **Medical Scholarship Program** came to fruition with the training of Dr. Maryanne Kora'ai at the Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital in Raipur India.

The **Sai Annapoorna** project served over 15,000 meals to the underprivileged and needy families as well as to residents of the various institutions across Fiji. The **Health On Wheels** Medical Outreach Project, in association with Ministry of Health, to the rural villages of Fiji continued to make a significant impact to the health and wellbeing of Fiji's rural population. The **Be a Hero** Project in association with the Fiji National Blood Service was supremely successful as the Foundation won both National and Regional Awards as the highest collectors of blood in Fiji and more importantly, help save thousands of lives. The **Children of God** project of looking after the needs of orphaned children gave us much joy all throughout the year. Project **Heart Beat**, a child heart screening initiative also expanded its work of screening for heart disease.

Our newest project, **One Fiji**, although in its infancy stage, is an opportunity for all Fijians to unite together, serve and help make a difference to the lives of the underprivileged and needy people of Fiji. It has been so encouraging that in its very first initiative, over 500 Volunteers from all walks of life, put their hand up to come and serve.

Despite all the above milestones, much is still yet to be achieved. The Foundation will continue to strive and work hand-in-hand with the Government to support its initiatives. 2019 will see the opening of the **Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Children's Heart Screening Centre** giving free Heart Screenings to the Children of Fiji and the Pacific. The Foundation will also inaugurate the **Sai Prema Ashram** in Pacific Harbour, an unprecedented project and an edifice with a dual purpose – ***a centre of Love & Peace and a Centre for Human Development***. Finally, we are working hard towards making our dream project a reality – the establishment of South Pacific's first **Children's Heart Hospital** in Suva – providing free Heart Surgeries for the children of Fiji and the Pacific.

I humbly invite all of you who have the same desire to serve, to join our efforts and help us work towards that common good. Let us try to make a difference. Let us do all that we can to inspire change. Like Mahatma Gandhi said, *"let us be the change that we wish to see in the world"*.

May God Bless Fiji!
Mahendra Tappoo

HEADS OF THE FOUNDATION



Mr. Mahendra Tappoo
Founding Trustee and Chairman



Mrs. Maya Tappoo
Founding Trustee



Mr. Kamlesh Tappoo
Trustee



Mr. Rajendra Kumar
Trustee



Mr. Sumeet Tappoo
Foundation Director



Mr. Pratin Lal
Treasurer & Head of Executive Committee



Dr. Krupali Tappoo
Foundation Medical Coordinator & Director of Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Fiji



Mr. Remal Tappoo
Secretary & Project Coordinator

MEMBERS OF THE FOUNDATION



Mrs. Namrata Tappoo
Health on Wheels Coordinator



Mr. Khushant Amarsee
Be A Hero Coordinator (West)



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Be A Hero Coordinator (Central)



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Graphics Coordinator



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Project - Sai Annapoorna



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Events Coordinator



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Project - Sai Prema Ashram



Mrs. Soniya Lal
Project - Gift of Life



Mrs. Bharti Rathod
Catering Coordinator



Mr. Mayur Maisuria
Project - Be A Hero

INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD



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Chief Mentor of the Sri Sathya Sai Institutions India



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Trustee & Director of Grumpert Foundation (USA)



Mr. Waisale Serevi
Fiji Rugby Legend and Sporting Icon



Mr. Arvind Thiagarajan
Scientist and Entrepreneur



ENDORSEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF FIJI HON. JOSAIA VOREQE BAINIMARAMA

Comments by the Hon. Prime Minister of Fiji as Chief Guest at the official opening of the new Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Medical Centre for the underprivilged and needy people of Fiji on Friday 27th April 2018

> “I’d like to extend a very gracious vinaka vakalevu to the Sai Prema Foundation for working with us to make this new medical centre a reality.”



Whether through your work offering free medical and dental camps and screening to Fijians in rural areas of the country, or assisting the National Blood Service in Fiji, looking after the needs of orphaned children, providing relief assistance to Fijians affected by severe weather, or even offering scholarships for Fijian doctors to train overseas, you've shown your care for our people knows no bounds.

On behalf of every parent in Fiji, we thank your foundation, along with the doctors who carried out this work, for what you've done for these young Fijians.

You are invaluable partners to my Government, and the tremendous impact you've had on the lives of young Fijians, in particular, cannot be fully captured in words.

The achievement of the Sai Prema Foundation is not only limited to this new medical centre; your charitable work throughout the country has already touched the lives of thousands of our people.

There is no more noble pursuit than giving our people the tools and resources they need to enjoy healthier and happier lives, that is the view of my Government, and I'm very glad to see that commitment shared so strongly by the Sai Prema Foundation.

The level of care and responsibility we show towards one another is what defines us as a society. It is what defines the Fijian spirit. And it will be the legacy we one day pass on to those who come after us. That legacy is becoming prouder every day due to the great work of our many partners in progress, including the Sai Prema Foundation and its members. All of this we see here today, this new medical centre, along with these young Fijians who you've already assisted, is all testament to your commitment to Fiji and to our people. You've certainly set a very high bar in responsible and caring Fijian citizenship, and I very much look forward to all you have yet to achieve.



ENDORSEMENT BY ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR ECONOMY HON. AIYAZ SAYED-KHAIYUM

Comments by the Acting Prime Minister of Fiji as Chief Guest at the official launch of the Sai Prema Foundation on Friday 19th August 2016

"It is very critical for Non-Governmental Organisations, such as Sai Prema Foundation that are going to carry out any form of community work, to be able to complement what the Government is doing."

"The work of organisations such as Sai Prema Foundation will help us realise that our strength is in our ability to get together as a human race and in our ability to get together as individuals. We look forward to working together with you and I want to highlight and appreciate, as Mr. Mahendra Tappoo has said, that he wants to work together with the Government."

"I want to thank the Sai Prema Foundation for its relief efforts during Cyclone Winston. Ladies and Gentleman, as we know, Cyclone Winston killed 44 Fijians and this is the largest death toll we have had from a natural disaster. It left a trail of devastation which was unprecedented. We really appreciate Fijians coming together and organisations such as Sai Prema Foundation coming together to help the people in need. I wish the Sai Prema Foundation all the best."

"I would like to acknowledge the Sai Prema Foundation for undertaking this initiative and bringing Dr. Katewa and his team to Fiji and looking at a much bigger picture and not just providing the Medical services but also looking into investing into the knowledge base of our Doctors. The children you have performed the procedures on, obviously you have given them a new lease of life and you have given those families a renewed sense of hope and that is very very important for us. That is very much appreciated."



ENDORSEMENT BY FORMER MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES HON. ROSY SOFIA AKBAR

Comments by the Hon. Minister for Health at the "Gift of Life" celebration function marking the successful completion of free children's heart surgeries coordinated by Sai Prema Foundation Fiji

"The Ministry of Health and Medical Services will provide all its support to Sai Prema Foundation to continue developing and to take its success to greater heights."



The Sai Prema Foundation generously facilitated the team from the Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital in Raipur India and children had free congenital heart disease surgeries. That meant families saved millions of dollars. The lives of these children and their families have changed for the better. For these children to be given the surgical treatment that they needed to live productive and fulfilling lives is truly awe-inspiring. And it is humbling to know that there are so many individuals who have given generously of their time and skills to saving lives, to providing the gift of life to those of our children who are in need of surgery.

To make a worthy program such as this a reality, requires a dedicated team. As such I would like to humbly thank the founding members and Board of Trustees. The success of the Sai Prema Foundation and Gift of Life, have been made possible through the commitment and dedication of these leaders who have gone out of their way to offer their service for a noble cause.

On behalf of the Government of Fiji I would like to convey the greatest appreciation to Sai Prema Foundation.

Every time these children smile, it is a wonderful reflection of your commitment to serve for the greater good of humankind, to save lives, to restore peace and happiness in the lives of those who need you. You are the champions of these children, you are their heroes, they will always remember you and, I have no doubt, aspire to be like you, to reach out and help others.

LOVE ALL - SERVE ALL

SRI SATHYA SAI SANJEEVANI
MEDICAL CENTRE

Providing Free Quality Healthcare for the Underprivilged and Needy People of Fiji





STATISTICS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2018

3,000 (Three thousand) patients
were provided with general medical consultations, dietetic consultations and medicine absolutely free of all cost.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SRI SATHYA SAI SANJEEVANI MEDICAL CENTRE

By Prime Minister of Fiji
Hon. Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama



A PROJECT BY

Sai Prema Foundation Fiji

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

MINISTRY of HEALTH & MEDICAL SERVICES
Shaping Fiji's Health

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The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.






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Medical Scholarship

Providing Free Scholarship to Train Fiji Doctors in the Field of Pediatric Cardiology



STATISTICS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2018

A Medical Scholarship was provided to Dr. Maryanne Kora'ai from CWM Hospital Suva who successfully completed a three-month traijing in a specific aspect of Pediatric Cardiology at the Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital in Raipur India.

GIFT OF LIFE

Free Heart Surgeries for the Underprivilged & Needy Children of Fiji









STATISTICS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2018

52 (Fifty Two) Children were Provided with Free Pediatric Cardiac Services *(Open Heart Surgeries, Catheterisation Lab Procedures and Interventions)* by an International Team of Surgeons, Doctors & Medical Professionals Representing the Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospitals India and in Association with the Ministry of Health & Medical Services with an Estimated Savings for Families of Fiji of over FJD$5.2million.













CONGRATULATIONS
GIFT OF LIFE






GIFT OF LIFE
Paediatric Cardiac Surgery
Facilitated by Sai Prema Foundation (Fiji)
CWM Hospital
August 2016
Anjal Chand
Health in Wheels


GIFT OF LIFE















Health on Wheels

Free Outreach Medical Camps, in association with the Ministry of Health, to the Rural Villages of Fiji, Providing a Wide Range of Quality Medical & Dental Services





SERVICES PROVIDED

- Medical Consultations for all Ages
- Child Heart Screening
- Women's Wellness Clinic
- Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- Cervical Cancer Screening
- Dental Services
- Ophthalmology Consultations
- Eye Clinics
- Optometry
- Dietician
- Disabilities Screening
- Cancer Counselling and Awareness
- Men's Health Consultations
- Prostate Cancer Screening
- Skin Disease Treatment
- Blood Testing and Collection
- Diabetes Screening
- Blood Pressure Testing
- NCD Screening
- Physiotherapy
- Free Prescription Medication
- Human Values Workshop

VILLAGES SERVED

- Suvalailai
- Lawaki
- Naiyala
- Tonia
- Wailotua
- Turagarua
- Dawasamu
- Navunisea
- Ucunivanua
- Sote
- Waidradra

STATISTICS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2018

Over 3,500 (Three thousand five hundred) patients were provided with the above mentioned service absolutely free of all cost.





Sai Annapoorna

Providing Free Meals to the Underprivileged & Needy Families and to Aged-Care, Special-Care & Orphanage Institutions

STATISTICS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2018

Total of 29,721 (Twenty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty One) Meals Served in 2017 (14,290) and 2018 (15,431) to Individuals, Families and Institutions.

List of Institutions Served Include:	
• Golden Age Home • Dilkusha Home • Gospel School for Deaf Hostel • Sisters of Nazareth Retirement Home • Father law Home • Hart Nursing Home • St. Christoper's Home	• Samabula Old People's Home • School of Blind • Hilton Home • Tamavua Monfort Boys Town • Suva Homeless • Composite Service Providers















BE A HERO

BLOOD DRIVE

A Blood Collection Drive across Towns & Cities in Fiji



AWARDS PRESENTED TO SAI PREMA FOUNDATION IN JUNE 2018:

1. Highest Blood Collection (Fiji-Wide)
2. Highest Blood Collection (Central Region)
3. Second Highest Blood Collection (Western Region)

STATISTICS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2018

Total Blood Collected in 2017: **1, 207**
Total Potential Lives Saved in 2017: **3, 621**

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Total Potential Lives Saved:













HEARTBEAT

A Child Heart Screening Initiative



STATISTICS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2018

207 (Two Hundred and Seven) Children Between the Ages of Newborn and Sixteen received Echocardiogram Screening to Test for Congenital and Rheumatic Heart Disease

CHILDREN of GOD

Looking After the Needs of Orphaned Children



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