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to Touch Lives & LIVE BEYOND LIFE

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MAKE A WILL

To Touch Lives and Live Beyond Life

Life and Death, the only two events, in one's life, are in no one's control. Both inevitable occurrences, unpredictable and both are expected eventualities, inevitable occurrences. Birth and death, are surely expected, but the timings and dates, are unpredictable, even by the best of astrologers. Both events, leave an everlasting impact, on the lives of our near and dear ones. Birth a joy; a miracle; an event of celebrations and greatest joy to the parents, grandparents, family members and friends. Death- a moment of immense sorrow and grief for the same people who rejoiced your birth. The same people, who were witness, to your birth, may also be witness, to your death.

Each one of us, in our life span, we take the greatest care of our entire body. Our eyes, our skin, our heart, our liver, our kidney, and lungs. These, very, body parts, serve us better, if they are exercised and taken care of, like our other assets like properties, cars, jewellery, factories and such others. We, leave, behind a legacy, for others, to execute, a document called- **WILL** the Last Testimony -as to how these assets, are to be distributed amongst our loved ones in the greatest details. Each asset, assigned to each person, we love cherished or has served us, in and through the journey of life.

But, the greatest assets, which served us, through the miracle of life, has no mention or thought in our **WILL** testimony why ???? why we do not give these assets, which gave and served us till the last, the importance they deserve, as they served us, in this wonderful journey of life. Did we know or thought that instead of turning them into ashes on the funeral pyre or burying them 6 feet below the ground to be devoured by insects over time useful to none, once on a pyre or underground except to turn into a small bowl of ashes to be immersed in the Ganges or a holy confluence of rivers or to be sprinkled on our land or village or city. from ashes to ashes.

Do we know, that even in death, we could, give light, to the blind and our eyes, could still live on in someone else. Our skin, would dress, the wound, of the burn

victim, of acid attack or a factory burns accident. Our heart could beat, in the chest of someone, who would not survive, as it is too weak and dying the next fortnight as his own is failing. Liver and kidney which is diseased and will not survive If not replaced by a healthy one at the earliest.

Our country, losses thousands of young and old because we did not give a thought to pass on our organs to someone else who needed it the most. to give life to someone else, whose family would be destroyed as they lose them to death. Each one of us have a chance To live, again beyond life. to be useful even in death and save lives. All, we need to do, is pledge. We need, to have the will, to inform our family and friends, of our desire, to donate and have the will, to insist with all your loved ones today, when we are hale and hearty, that this may be considered as your last wish and testimony, to be fulfilled by them, as a primary responsibility at ones death before they read your last will and testimony distributing your wealth and assets, after a few days of passing over to the beyond.

A wish, which the family, would fulfil, as a respect, to you, as same as , they would respect, the document that your lawyers or close friends will read out, after you are gone. An act, which will save as much as 8 lives, if organs are donated, if you are brain death and if not, having passed on peacefully at home or in the hospital your eyes and skin will light up the cornea blind and give sight, to the thousands today, who cannot, ever see, the beauties of nature and its multi colours and your skin, which will have a chance, to breath in the face or the body of thousands, who die of infection, if skin was not available. A donation within 6 hours of your passing away at your house or hospital and you would surely have lived life, to the fullest and served humanity in you dying even after death. It is karma = what you shall give you shall get. So Make A will of this beautiful gift, that we are born with **TO TOUCH LIVES AND LIVE BEYOND LIFE.**

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Organ Donation Seminar

20th August 2021

Rotary Club of Mumbai Kandivli West

26th August 2021

Rotary Club of Bombay South

28th August 2021

NSS Ruia College for all Mumbai NSS Units

Forthcoming Event

27th August 2021

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District Governor's Message



I Congratulate the District Thrust Area Organ Donation Awareness Team for releasing their first Sangeevani magazine. The team in the Dream year plans to take this initiative to a new level with all the hard work they have put in for the last four years.

I appeal to everyone to come forward and fill the Donor's

Card and I have filled the first Donor Card during the club installation ceremony of Rotary club of Cuff Parade. Every club and every member should take minimum guarantee of as many cards as they can get pledged from their clubs.

According to me minimum two form per member should be given so that they can fill it for themselves as well as for their spouses too, and thus we will be able to reach our target of getting 5000 pledge forms this Rotary year 2021-22.

I salute the parents of Divya (Renuka and Hitesh Sharma), who are true Rotarians and stood by the service above self motto. As they lost their daughter, they gave a new life to Six donors by making their daughter the youngest Donor,

who set a record to be in Guinness World Record Book. This is truly to LIVE BEYOND LIFE.

As blood donation is a part of organ donation thus, many camps have already been held for blood donation in the month of July and thousands of bottles of blood have been collected.

There is a stock of only 3-4 days of blood, surgeries are held due to shortage of blood and rotary has contributed in a huge way by helping in surgeries to happen by donating blood all over Mumbai. So kindly, keep doing blood donation camp every month all over Bombay.

I even request every member that they should visit the beautiful project of Rotary at Airoli Rotary Skin Bank And Burns Centre, and see the work happening over there and how doctors and staff over there are saving lives. It's One of its own kind in Mumbai and the only one in the city. Even when fire fighters get burnt they come here for the treatment.

I would like to announce that Rotary Service Center at Juhu has also opened an Eye Donation Collection Center.

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SANJEEVANI DIVYA

Touched Six Lives to LIVE BEYOND LIFE

Our darling daughter had celebrated her 8th birthday just a few days before. She was a bubbly and cheerful person – someone who would like to be at the centre of action – whether education, friends, games or family. Birthday was her occasion to celebrate with all her friends and dear ones. One of the best birthdays that she has had, was her comment to me. The environment was all of happiness and fun.



A few days later, she developed fever and headache. Doctor checked her well and gave her medicines to control the fever. But she had concussions on February 2 and we had to rush her to the hospitals. It was the most painful 7 days that we went through – hearing doctors say that surgery is ok, she is fighting well to eventually the message that she is brain dead. Doctors did talk to ask about 2 alternatives – a long coma or organ donation. Given that being part of Rotary Club of Bombay North, we were aware of organ donations and therefore for both my wife and me, it was an immediate decision to donate the organs.

What we did not budget for was the media visibility. Initial focus was to see how my family can adapt to the fact that they would have to talk about our daughter, when they are in the midst of extreme emotional down syndrome. Also, when we took the decision, we had not consulted our parents. My mom was shocked initially. The one big advantage of the media visibility and a lot of our relatives commending the deed was that my mom felt a great pride for our decision.

Divya was in her life ie providing love to all while being extremely energetic, cheerful and a go getter. All the spiritual shlokas that she used to chant-hopefully are blessing for the 6 people that she has enabled a better life to. Wishing all of them, all the health and happiness.

Ironically, while our angel daughter celebrated her 9th Birthday with the Almighty, on that very day, we were part of an event to set a Guinness Book World record to spread awareness for Organ Donation. In fact we were part of the core group from Rotary involved in doing not just Guinness Record but also the Humsafar event where 65 cars drove from Mumbai to Goa and back to spread the organ donation awareness. My involvement in the Guinness Record and the Goa drive is dedicated to Divya.

Also, while people talk to us on what a great deed - but the reality is that all the credit belongs to Divya.

I know the purpose of the article is to spread awareness. So a few aspects that may be done to improve-some of which Rotary in Mumbai is proudly doing.

▶ I mentioned to the hospital that they can use all organs that can be used – I certainly did not see skin anywhere. Neither did I hear in newspapers of other parts (like lungs) which could benefit living souls. One newspaper did talk of saving 8 lives – so maybe lungs may have been covered. But parents or the near ones soon move to the stage of doing the last rites and are buried in emotional aspects to focus on these minute things. I understand that this is a delicate issue, especially when you are dealing with near ones who are first time being told about organ donations. It would be worth figuring out how hospitals can maximise the efforts here.

▶ There should be some representation to the Government on why can't the Govt have a data base. Any well educated person with proper understanding being registered on that data base with his/her approval should be treated as a final decision. Thereafter there should be no further requirements

of taking approvals. Yes for a country like India with its size of population and the educational limitations, there are challenges, but atleast it can be initiated with the smaller well educated lot.

▶ The Government does recognise donors at an event. But frankly, one is talking to people who are already converted. It can be far more impactful, if there is presence of important Government ministers like the Prime Minister or the Chief Minister at such events. Think of the media visibility and debates that this would create – all leading to a much larger scale awareness. Yes celebrities would also help the cause as a couple of media channels have done.

Let me also commend Rotary (especially District 3141, my club – Rotary Club of Bombay North, and a few other clubs) for all the efforts that they are putting in to spread the awareness. Lets hope this program reaches the scale and size as Polio did and we achieve the same level of success in India for this program.

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