



## AASHIANA NEWSLETTER 2023

Thank you everyone for your support for this charity throughout 2023. Aashiana continues to try its best for your donations to reach the right people who need it most, either in UK or abroad.

*Ashok Puri, Chairman*

On 14 January, a Special Bhandara sponsored by Aashiana Charity U.K took place at the Holy Sangam in Prayagraj (Allahabad) on the Makar Sankranti Festival. Aashiana, supported by Swami Avsheshanand jee, provided food for the saints at Holy Triveni Sangam as well as blankets, woollen caps and socks with Dakshina of Rupees 110/-. They will use the blankets, caps and socks in the severe cold weather at the time.



£2000 was donated to Bilga General Hospital for dialysis machines in January 2023



In January, Aashiana Charity donated 200 children's sweaters to Government funded Primary Schools in India. Pupils attending these schools are of low income households and are in need. Due to the severe cold weather in some states of India, The Government declared a vacation for primary schools. Each sweater cost £1.25.



On 11th February, £330.39 was donated to the Manna House Food Bank in Blackheath, Halesowen



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**Thank you Ashok for your £500.00 donation**

Your donation will help people affected by the earthquakes.

Support after a disaster that has affected so many people is kind, and will make a big difference.

Thank you again.

Your donation reference no is: **ICCB01672389**

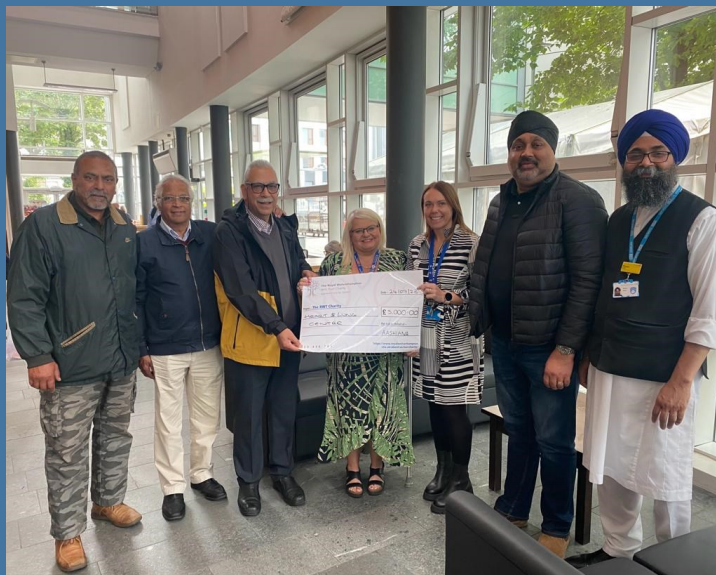
In March, our charity raised and donated £500 to The British Red Cross Earthquake Appeal who were providing humanitarian relief, assisting with search and rescue and providing food and blankets (Joint Effort from Red Cross and Red Crescent) to people affected by the powerful 7.8 and 7.5 magnitude Turkiye-Syria Earthquakes. The combined death toll neared 10,000 with thousands injured; an estimated 23 million people were impacted, homes destroyed, and infrastructure badly damaged.





In July 2023, Aashiana's donation of £1125 towards a lift at Mata da Mandir (Dudley). Official opening of the lift by Mayor of Dudley, Cllr. Andrea Goddard. The lift will enable those less able, to be able to easily go up and down the multiple floors at the Community Centre at the temple.

In July 2023, Aashiana members presented a cheque in the sum of £5000.00 to the Heart and Lung Centre, The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust New Cross Hospital. They were warmly welcomed by Consultant Mr Stephen Billing and hospital charity and fundraising team. They expressed their appreciation to all Aashiana members for the generous donation. The Heart and Lung Centre is a local success story which has consistently received good reviews and positive headlines to give it a national presence.



On 23rd August, we received a letter of appreciation from Head Teacher Mrs Georgina Wilford of World's End Infant and Nursery School. Aashiana donated £1400.00 for curriculum enrichment events. Do you remember touching a reptile or holding mini-beasts at school? The children had visits from the Animal Man and Animal Lady so they could see first hand about creatures that they referred to in science lessons. The money also funded an author visit by the energetic children's author and illustrator Paul Geraghty who delivered inspirational workshops to encourage reading, writing, drawing and creative thinking.

Thank you to all Aashiana members for helping to light up young, curious faces





In August 2023, we visited Coombs Wood Cricket Club in Halesowen. Charity members got to see (and sit on) the five benches with commemorative plaques that we donated and also watched grassroots cricket in action, where we also helped fund new kit for the youth teams to practice and play.





In September, Aashiana had the great opportunity to help lots of children who have not had the best start in life, with many having been homeless and not knowing their parents. The charity sponsored and contributed towards each child's two uniforms, two shoes, two socks, one sweater and school bag to needy children.



In September, Aashiana sponsored a freezer to Shree Bhadrakali Mandir, Shekhupur, Punjab, to help them to store cold in the summer months for the hundreds of people the mandir feeds.





Aashiana proudly sponsored Quarry Bank Tennis Club Open Tournament in September 2023. It was a keenly contested adult competition for men's singles, ladies singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Trophies were officially presented again at the club's Annual Function in November 2023. We thank Mike Wood MP and Deputy Lieutenant Gurpreet Bhatia for being a part of the Aashiana Presentation Party. It has been a pleasure supporting this local club which is more than a hundred years old, donating £840.00 to sponsor an Open Tournament, uniforms for the Ball Crew with Aashiana logo and 4 benches with commemorative plaques at the local club.









In December 2023, Aashiana gave Christmas Hampers to over 70s, 80s, and 90s on 6th December and 20th December 2023 at Rowley Regis Disability Centre, Rowley Regis, Blackheath. Aashiana Charity thanks Mr and Mrs Jas Wouhra, Director of Lioncroft Ltd, and Lawrence Barton's family, who contributed towards the hampers. Aashiana also donated £150 to the Centre towards food.



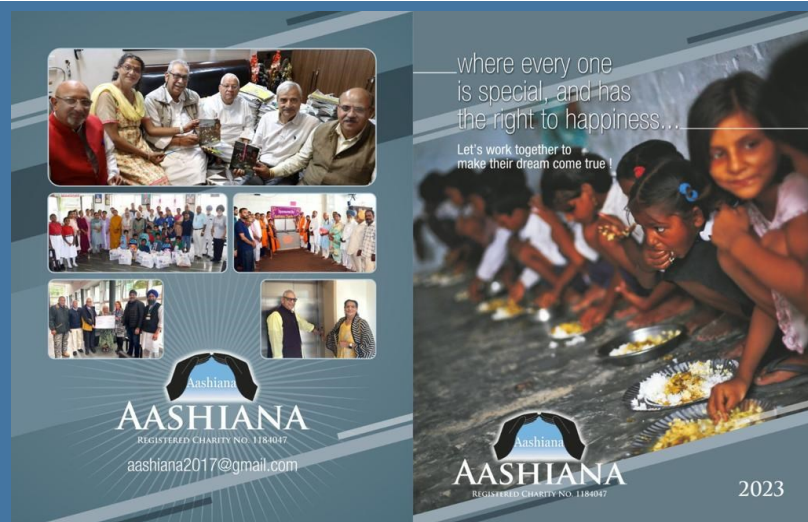
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In December, Aashiana donated a pack of 4 notebooks and 1 pen each to 1300 students in Jalandhar, Punjab. This is for children that are less fortunate than others and equipping them with the fundamentals to learn. All children also received a free medical check-up clinic.

Trustees and Committee members of Aashiana thanks everyone for their donations and continuous support

### Support us to support you...

Membership is open to any individual over 18, irrespective of their background to help with the charity's continuous work with charities UK and abroad.

### Membership subscriptions

- Adult: £100 per year
- Senior Citizen / Unemployed: £60 per year or direct debit of £5 per month