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MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

DEAR FRIENDS,

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh!

Thanks to the ongoing support of our donors, this past year has been a rewarding one as we have continued to expand our reach while remaining true to our vision.

With your help we were able to move into a brand new office with improved facilities that have helped accommodate our team. Our volunteer base also saw a peak in numbers and we hired our first legal fellow as we aim to strengthen our civil & human rights awareness and advocacy initiatives in 2011. None of this growth could have occurred without your help, so thank you.

From the onset, 2010 provided many challenges and corresponding opportunities. In January, the fatal earthquake that left hundreds of thousands dead in Haiti also shook the rest of the world. Our team of devoted volunteers and donors allowed us to play a positive role in the disaster area through preparing langgar, distributing medical supplies, toys and clothing. Our initial disaster relief efforts have formulated into long-term rebuilding plans as our team continues to work hard in Haiti.

We were also fortunate enough to help a mother and her daughter find asylum in Canada after her husband was brutally killed in Pakistan by a group suspected to be the Taliban. The family has begun rebuilding in Winnipeg, Manitoba where they are supported by the local community.

The Humanitarian team also worked hard with the other UNITED SIKHS chapters around the world to assist with the IDP program in Pakistan and those suffering from the severe flooding in Panjab, India.

Our Feed the Hungry program continued this year. Each month a team of volunteers – both young and old – visit the Parkdale Recreation Centre and provide langgar and clothing to the homeless.

For a second year, the Canadian chapter hosted the 3rd Annual Global Sikh Civil & Human Rights Conference. This year the three day Conference was held in Surrey, BC and attended by hundreds as prominent lawyers, politicians, activists, and leaders tackled issues affecting Sikhs globally.

As we move forward into the new year, it is our hope that 2011 will be a year of continued growth that will allow us to make a positive and sustainable impact on individuals and communities. Please join us in our journey. It is only through our partnerships that we can build a better future not only for Sikhs but for all communities.

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh!



Ranbir Singh
Director and Community Liaison
UNITED SIKHS

ABOUT US

UNITED SIKHS is UN-affiliated, international, non-profit, non-governmental, humanitarian relief, human development and advocacy organization, aimed at empowering those in need, especially disadvantaged and minority communities across the world.

UNITED SIKHS began in 1999 when a group of Sikhs from the New York metropolitan area banded together to assist in the socio-economic development of immigrant communities in Queens, New York. Today, UNITED SIKHS is a grass-roots organization with chapters in America, Asia and Europe that pursue projects for the spiritual, social and economic empowerment of underprivileged and minority communities.

OUR MISSION

To transform underprivileged and minority communities and individuals into informed and vibrant members of society through civic, educational and personal development programs, by fostering active participation in social and economic activity.



HAITI EARTHQUAKE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

JANUARY 16 - ONGOING
PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI

January 12, 2010 a deadly earthquake of 7.0 magnitude rocked Haiti killing hundreds of thousands of people and leaving millions homeless. UNITED SIKHS rushed emergency supplies to thousands of people left homeless by the earthquake.

As early as January 16, Retired Lt. Col. Gurbachan Singh, along with other volunteers arrived in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti to first hand assess the situation and distribute food, water, medical supplies and toys for children. UNITED SIKHS Canada played a vital role in assisting the efforts both through fundraising and volunteering in the disaster area.

COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLIES

Immediately following the earthquake, UNITED SIKHS Canada began an intensive and successful period of fundraising. Volunteers spent countless hours collecting, sorting, and packing various items to be sent to Haiti. On February 21, in the presence of volunteers and local politicians, the first shipment of supplies left UNITED SIKHS Canada's Mississauga office. The Montreal volunteering community organized similar efforts and with the help of Sukhwinder Singh, UNITED SIKHS Director based in Toronto, a 40-foot high container filled with boxes of supplies left for Haiti on March 6.



Volunteers help sort and pack food sent in the first shipment to the disaster area.



Volunteers sort through the mountain of clothing generously donated to UNITED SIKHS Canada's humanitarian relief efforts in Haiti.



Toronto volunteers after loading the first shipment.



Montreal volunteers after loading their first shipment.



UNITED SIKHS Canada Director Ranbir Singh speaks to local politicians, community members, and the media regarding the shipment being sent to Haiti.



Andrew Kania, Member of Parliament for Brampton West, thanks UNITED SIKHS Canada for their humanitarian relief efforts.

SEVA IN THE DISASTER AREA

Harcharan Singh and Amritpaul Singh, both from Brampton, Canada, arrived as part of the second volunteer team early in the relief efforts. The volunteers purchased food, water and supplies in two 20 feet trucks before heading to the UNITED SIKHS AID camp in Haiti. Despite the immensely difficult travel, the volunteers did not rest until they had prepared and served hot meals to about 500 survivors.

"We were tired after spending 30 hours on the road, but did not want to rest until we had cooked and served our first hot meals to earthquake survivors" said Harcharan Singh, UNITED SIKHS AID Langgar in-charge. "My family and Sikh community have supported me to come and serve here. I am happy that I was able to live up to my faith and expectations." He added.

"After seeing the magnitude of disaster I forgot all my pain. Here, everyone needs help. Countless survivors with serious injuries are hungry and waiting for food. I could not think of anything else but to cook hot meals and serve them," said Amritpaul Singh, UNITED SIKHS Aid volunteer.



Harcharan Singh of Brampton, ON prepares food in Haiti.



Amritpaul Singh of Brampton, ON prepares langgar (hot meals) in Haiti.



UNITED SIKHS Canada volunteer serving langgar to elderly woman and her family.

Also, joining the UNITED SIKHS team to assist with preparing and serving langgar was popular Brampton city councillor Vicky Dhillon. Arriving February 14 until February 22, Dhillon joined the UNITED SIKHS team carrying 1,500 shirts, lots of tooth-brushes, dry food, shoes and many other supplies.



Popular Brampton City Councillor and social activist Vicky Dhillon (centre) with Canadian Forces, medics and other volunteers from UNITED SIKHS helping in Haiti relief efforts in Port au Prince.



Dr. Baljinder Singh, volunteer of UNITED SIKHS, with a patient in Port au Prince.

Daily, over 5,000 hot-meals were distributed following a request from the Mayor of Carrefour, Yvonne Gerome, to increase supplies. Medical doctors, physical therapists, occupational therapists from Chicago, New York, Toronto and Seattle also played a vital role in providing medical assistance by setting up a rehabilitation camp at a nearby makeshift hospital. Volunteers also offered emotional support where they could. Charles, a little 8 years old boy came into the UNITED SIKHS camp where workers bathed him, brushed his teeth and eagerly participated in kirtan (devotional songs).



Manraj Kaur, volunteer of UNITED SIKHS from Vancouver, helps Charles colour at UNITED SIKHS' base camp.



UNITED SIKHS AID Volunteers load hot meals to give out to families and children.



Efforts did not go unnoticed; on February 4, President Barack Obama praised UNITED SIKHS relief efforts at the National Prayer Breakfast meeting in Washington DC. The president was addressing a select audience of heads of state, including the Prime Minister of Spain, and praised the relief efforts launched by different communities in Haiti.



God's grace is...expressed through multiple faith-based efforts. By evangelicals at World Relief. By the American Jewish World Service. By Hindu temples, and mainline Protestants, Catholic Relief Services, African American churches, the UNITED SIKHS."

- PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

Also, upon returning, UNITED SIKHS Canada volunteers were honoured by the local sangat and leaders at the Rexdale Nagar Keetan and at City Hall. Member of Parliament, Gurbax Singh Malhi attended a ceremony honouring the volunteers and presented them with plaques.



REHABILITATION OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDP)

FEBRUARY 2, 2010
PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN

DISTRIBUTION OF BLANKETS AND SUPPLIES TO DISPLACED FAMILIES AS WINTER APPROACHES

UNITED SIKHS Canada along with the US and UK chapters provided assistance to families who were affected by the communal conflict in the (Feroz khel tribe) Orakzai Agency and (Sada) Khurram Agency by providing them with blankets and assisting Gurdwaras with essential supplies. The supplies came as the harsh winter in Pakistan continued to take its toll, especially on those who had been displaced from their homes.



Residents of Pendigeb receive blanket provided by donations from UNITED SIKHS Canada, US and UK.



Residents of Khyber agency receive blankets provided by donations from UNITED SIKHS Canada, US and UK

Blankets were distributed to 87 families in need including Sikh families of Khyber, Orakzai, and Khurram Agencies and some Hindu families of Para Chinaar Khurram agency. Baba Ji Amir Singh, the leader of Sikh Sangat in Peshawar and FATA, and UNITED SIKHS volunteers Charanjit Singh Sagar and Saroop Singh distributed blankets to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) from minority communities. Baba ji Amir Singh thanked UNITED SIKHS for providing blankets for IDPs and added that it will help IDPs cope with the hardships of bitter winter.

As temperatures dropped in North-West Pakistan, UNITED SIKHS also began distribution of additional relief supplies to IDPs living in Peshawar and Hasan Abdal with host communities. Supplies included medicines to Civil Dispensaries of Gurudwara Bhai Joga Singh Peshawar and Gurudwara Punja Sahib Hasanabdal and food supplies to Gurudwara Bhai Joga Singh Peshawar for Langgar. The committee members of Gurudwara Bhai Joga Singh, Amrat Singh, Baba Ji Makhan Singh and Sarbat Singh, expressed their gratitude for having important medical supplies and food rations to assist with rehabilitation efforts.



Donated food supplies for Gurdwara Bhai Joga Singh and medical supplies for G.Bhai Joga Singh Civil Dispensary.

Dr. Mohammad Ali, who is in charge of the Civil Dispensary at Gurudwara Shri Punja Sahib said “We are very thankful to UNITED SIKHS for donating medicines; these were urgently needed.” He added a request for more supplies especially for common cold, fever, diarrhea, intestinal, stomach and gastric problems as the season makes children more susceptible to these diseases.



Dr. Mohammad Ali, in charge of the Civil Dispensary Gurudwara Punja Sahib, checks supplies donated for Sikh IDPs living with host communities.

The IDPs from Bunir and Swat are also facing difficulties in getting food rations from UN and other agencies. The National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) blocked thousands of ration cards of families from these areas (which provide identification and therefore access to existing food supplies). UNITED SIKHS along with other UN agencies is coordinating with Social Welfare Department NWFP, PARRSA, NADRA and Special Support Group (SSG) to reopen these ration cards.

IDPs first began to flee from the Swat valley in the North-West Frontier Province (NWFP), in May 2009, in response to Pakistan army’s military operation against the Taliban. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has reported that over 2.5 million people are displaced by this conflict, which has stretched the much needed humanitarian resources in Pakistan.



IDP men and women in Gurdwara Panja Saheb

OCTOBER 6, 2010
WINNIPEG, CANADA

FAMILY FINDS ASYLUM IN CANADA

A Sikh woman and her daughter flew into Winnipeg the first week of October, after her husband was brutally killed in 2008 by a group suspected to be the Taliban, near Peshawar, Pakistan.

The pair were granted asylum by the Canadian government after the brutal slaying of the head of their family, Balwant Singh. UNITED SIKHS provided help to Harender Kaur, 42, and her daughter, Iimid Kaur, 14, since they were 'found' amongst other Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Gurdwara Panja Sahib in Pakistan, where they had taken refuge after the killing.

On 23 November 2008, a militant group, believed to be the Taliban, kidnapped Balwant Singh from his shop near Peshawar, in the North West Frontier Province of Pakistan (now Khyber Pakhtunkhwa). They kept him hostage before slaying him and his body was found two days later 20 km away. This left Harender Kaur and her daughter alone and destitute and they took refuge 125 km away at the Panja Sahib Gurdwara.



Harender Kaur and Iimid Kaur being met by representatives of the Sikh community in Winnipeg: From left to right in the front row: Giani Kewal Singh, President Khalsa Divan Society of Manitoba, Azizeh Ferdowsi, Resettlement Counsellor, Iimid Kaur, Harender Kaur and Ranbir Singh (UNITED SIKHS director). Back row, left to right: Jaswant Singh, Gurpreet Kaur, Dilbagh Singh and Arvinder Kaur

In July 2009, UNITED SIKHS AID volunteers, who were in Pakistan to provide relief during the Pakistan IDP crisis, heard of Harender Kaur's plight and that they had no other family in Pakistan and wanted to be reunited with other family members in the United Kingdom.

“Our humanitarian relief volunteers got in touch with our advocacy team in the UK to contact Harender Kaur’s family and to provide assistance with their asylum application,” said Mejjindarpal Kaur, UNITED SIKHS Legal Director based in London, who led a team of case workers and lawyers in this asylum case.

“We requested the UNHCR (*United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*), who were handling their asylum application, to reunite the duo with their family in the UK. But we were told that their chances of obtaining asylum in Canada were better. We, therefore, obtained supporting evidence from their UK family which we submitted to the UNHCR,” She added.

Soon after their arrival in Winnipeg, Harender Kaur and Iimid Kaur were honoured by the Deputy Premier of Manitoba, Hon. Eric Robinson, at a fund raising dinner for Winnipeg Mayor Candidate, Judy W Leis. At an event organized by the Sikh Society of Manitoba, they received siropas (robes of honour) from the renowned Ragi Nirmal Singh, Khalsa Hazoori Ragi of Sri Darbar Sahib, Amritsar. This event was attended by the management of all eight Winnipeg Gurdwaras who had gathered to meet them with the congregation.

When they flew into Canada, UNITED SIKHS Canada director based in Toronto, Ranbir Singh, joined them in Winnipeg, where he had made arrangements for them to be warmly received by representatives of the Winnipeg Sikh community.

“We were very happy that the open hearts and minds of the Canadian government and people had given Harender Kaur and her daughter a new life after they fought a gallant and lone battle as refugees in Pakistan,” said Ranbir Singh.

“When we arrived at Winnipeg airport, we were received by community leaders, Giani Kewal Singh and Darshan Singh Brar, and their families. It has been a hectic line up of activities for the duo, as community leaders including Giani Jaswant Singh have made many arrangements to make them comfortable. We have a doctor who said he will do house visits if they need him; a driving instructor who said he will teach them driving for free; they are invited to Sikh homes for meals everyday and the list of help offered is long,” he added.



Harender Kaur and Iimid Kaur being honoured by the Dy Premier of Manitoba, Hon Eric Robinson . From left to right: Giani Kewal Singh, Mr.Kavin (with microphone) , Deputy Premier, Hon. Eric Robinson, Harender Kaur, Iimid Kaur, Mayoral Candidate, Judy W Leis. and Local M.L.A, Mr. Mohinder Sran.

FEED THE HUNGRY

MONTHLY
PARKDALE RECREATION CENTRE, TORONTO CANADA

Every month UNITED SIKHS Canada volunteers spend one day of their weekend helping to feed the disadvantaged. Taking place at Parkdale Recreation Centre of downtown Toronto, the Centre becomes filled with volunteers wearing a dastar (a Sikh turban), who serve hot-meals and distribute clothes on occasion to the homeless.

“Our slogan is to ‘Recognize the Human Race as One’, it is with this spirit that I eagerly look forward to the next Feed the Hungry event” said one regular volunteer. “Everyone is so appreciative and happy to have us at the Centre. It doesn’t take much, but it goes a long way” said another volunteer after the November 13 event.

Over the last five years, UNITED SIKHS has mobilized 12 disaster relief missions spanning 8 countries in Asia and North America, including the Asian Tsunami, Asian Earthquake, Hurricane Katrina, Haiti Earthquake and the Myanmar Cyclone. The 'Feed the Hungry' campaign is an extension of UNITED SIKHS' humanitarian relief work in response to the dire need for food caused by man-made crises.

"The Feed the Hungry effort is to further a 500 year old mission by Guru Nanak Sahib , the first Sikh Guru, to feed the hungry, " said Ranbir Singh, UNITED SIKHS' Director.



APRIL 19, 2010
LONDON, UK

FEEDING STRANDED PASSENGERS AT HEATHROW AIRPORT

As an extension of the Feed the Hungry program, UNITED SIKHS, responded to an SOS call for hot meals from Heathrow airport and fed stranded hungry travellers as an ash cloud spewing out of Iceland's Eyjafjallajokull volcano affected air traffic in Europe in a way unprecedented in living memory, grounding planes, and leaving thousands stranded.



UNITED SIKHS volunteers serving hot meals to stranded passengers at Heathrow airport.

At 7am on Monday morning, Harbans Kaur, UNITED SIKHS community Service director, received a call from an employee at Heathrow's Terminal 3, who said that there was a lounge-full of people in the arrivals hall who had not eaten a hot meal for days. These were passengers stranded since the flight ban caused by Iceland's ash cloud five days prior.

Immediately, a team of eight UNITED SIKHS volunteers put a plan into action and prepared lentil curry and rice. Volunteers Gurmit Singh, Narpinder Kaur and their friends purchased water bottles, fruit, chocolates, and tea, and set off to Terminal 3 to serve the people and assess the situation.



Stranded Heathrow passengers having their hot meals.

"When we got to the arrivals hall we saw a sad scene. The stranded passengers we met were from Australia, Vietnam and USA. They had run out of money and food at the airport was expensive. They had no choice but to sleep on the floor or remain sitting on the hard chairs. Some of the passengers were in transit on long haul flights and many were stranded for four days. They were bored and exhausted. They were all very pleased to be offered free hot meals by us," said Baljinder Kaur, one of the UNITED SIKHS volunteers.

As a global hub airport, Heathrow had come to a halt, becoming the temporary home of hundreds of passengers. They waited for resumption of normal flights, and became ever more hungry and tired in the process. Waiting passengers spoke of hotel rates escalating overnight, forcing them to 'sleep rough' at airports.

"I was stranded and hungry, without much money, at Frankfurt airport two days before we received the SOS due to the traffic crisis caused by the ash cloud. I knew how it felt. It mattered not that the stranded travelers at Heathrow could have bought cold sandwiches which were available at high prices in an outlet. We needed to provide solace through hot food." said Jaswinder Kaur from UNITED SIKHS Canada.

"As we began serving the food, a big queue formed of smiling passengers who came for seconds as well. One even asked for the recipe. A lot of them wanted to know who we were. They said they had not encountered anything of this nature before," said Atinder Singh, another UNITED SIKHS volunteer.

"The spirit of selfless service spread, as one passenger immediately offered to help serve the food, and grateful airport staff assisted us in making hot drinks. A duty policeman said how happy he was to see the stranded being fed. Stranded passengers asked if we would return," added Darshan Kaur, one of the eight volunteers who had mounted this 'Feed the Hungry' event at the airport.



UNITED SIKHS volunteers with the passengers they fed and a helpful policeman.

PANJAB FLOOD RELIEF

AUGUST 17, 2010

LEHRAN, SANGRUR, PANJAB, INDIA

Heavy flooding in Haryana during the month of July claimed many lives and left hundreds of acres of land inundated. Panjab Fifty village families of District Sangrur, who had lost their crops when the swollen River Ghaggar swept over their fields, received cash relief from various chapters including UNITED SIKHS Canada, whilst they awaited compensation promised by the government.

UNITED SIKHS gave Rs 5,000 to each of 70 rural families in 16 villages that had suffered extreme losses. A total of Rs 3.5 lakh was distributed in one day.

UNITED SIKHS director, Mejjindarpal Kaur, who personally distributed the relief in 16 villages along the Ghaggar said, "We visited 16 of the 27 villages in the Lehran subdivision where farms were destroyed and sadly we were not able to help every needy family. Most of the families were not yet in receipt of the Rs 5,000 promised by the state government because of administrative delay."

Our team, which comprised members of a local relief organization run by the Baba Nanak Charitable trust, the Rescue and Revival Mission, led by their chairman, Inderjit Singh Jaijee, started from Village Khanauri and wound up at Handa, where the Ghaggar leaves District Sangrur. The recipient families were identified with the help of village elders.

Amongst the aid recipients were widows of suicide victims who were affected by the floods-affected villages. All the women were the sole support of their families. We also identified 50 widows of 'suicide-farmers' in the same region, and we sought donations to provide them monthly cash assistance so that their children are not forced to drop out of school due to hardship.



UNITED SIKHS AID team arriving at a village to distribute cash aid to flood victims in Moonak, Sangrur , East Panjab.



UNITED SIKHS distributes cash to flood victims in Moonak, Sangrur, East Panjab.

3RD ANNUAL GLOBAL SIKH CIVIL & HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 17-19, 2010
SURREY, BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Global Sikh Civil & Human Rights Conference is an annual global gathering of human rights lawyers, politicians, judges, activists, multifaith representatives, leaders and members of the Sikh community. Organized by UNITED SIKHS, this global conference provides an open arena for discussion of ideas and concerns that most affect Sikhs as a community.

On December 17, 18, and 19 2010 Sikhs, academics and civil rights advocates from across the world gathered in the vibrant city of Surrey, British Columbia for the 3rd Annual Global Sikh Civil Rights Conference. Just a short 30 minutes from Vancouver, Surrey is home of the largest Sikh community in North America. UNITED SIKHS Canada in conjunction with the USA chapter and the Guru Nanak Sikh Gurudwara-Surrey Delta hosted a very exciting, informative and inspiring event.

The theme for this year's conference was Protect Our Identity, building upon the work of our Protect Our Identity (POI) Campaign launched earlier in the year which gained considerable momentum within the global Sikh community.

This year's speakers included Liberal MP for Newton-North Delta Sukh Dhaliwal; Surrey's Mayor Dianne Watts; Surrey City Councillor Barinder Rasode; MP for Bramalea-Gore-Malton Gurbax Singh Malhi; Lawyer Mark Persaud; Dan Mach of American Civil Liberties Union; Karen Narasaki from the Asian American Justice Center; academic Professor Sukhsimranjit Singh; attorney and human rights lawyer Palbinder Kaur Shergill; Becky Monroe, the acting director of the U.S. Dept of Justice Community Relations Service (DOJ/ CRS); Jessi Kaur representing Kaur Foundation; Senior Shironmani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee member Kiranjot Kaur; Policy Director for BC's Civil Liberties Association Micheal Vonn UNITED SIKHS volunteers, and members of the Sikh community.



L-R: City Councillor Barinder Rasode, Mayor Dianne Watts and MP Sukh Dhaliwal listen to panel discussions.



Senior Shironmani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) Member, Kiranjot Kaur, speaks on the role of women in protecting the Sikh identity.



Becky Monroe, Acting Director, U.S. Department of Justice discusses the importance of religious accommodation.

For the first time, UNITED SIKHS screened Sikh films, including "Holy Kitchens," which explores the Sikh practice of langar, "Harvest of Grief" about the Punjab farmer suicides, and "Udaari," about the youth Sikh experience in the UK. UNITED SIKHS was additionally very pleased to feature several prints from artist Kanwar Singh Dhillon "Art of Punjab" collection in a silent auction; the proceeds of which were donated toward international civil and human rights advocacy work.

Also, this year the conference actively engaged the youth community by hosting panels addressing the challenges that young Sikhs face today. Youth topics included bullying prevention and protecting the Sikh identity. Other panel topics included minority rights under international law, articles of faith and religious accommodations, and women's rights.



Saint Solider & Sukhraj performing hit song "Sister".



Gatka team performing during dinner. intermission.



Conference organizers and Gatka team.

The global conference provided a unique opportunity for both community leaders and members to engage in a dialogue with experts, advocates, authors, and academics about the pressing civil and human rights issues that most affect the Sikh community. Not only does the conference provide a stimulating and thought provoking forum to learn about the current state of civil and human rights for Sikh communities around the world, it also galvanizes the community to act together in developing solutions and resolutions to combat discrimination in all forms. This year key issues that arose from the discussions were the implications of Bill C42/ Watchlist in Canada, European Union (EU) legislation regarding air travel security, and transportation security in the United States.

HAITI VOLUNTEERS

UNITED SIKHS would like to thank all our Canadian volunteers who selflessly helped in our Haiti efforts:

Volunteer	Location	Volunteer	Location
Lt. Col. (Retd).Gurbachan Singh	Boston, MA	Sukhminder Singh Virk	Vancouver
Harcharan Singh	Brampton, ON	Shellay Malik	Mississauga
Amritpal Singh	Brampton, ON	Ayesha Hussain	Toronto
Balwant Singh	Seattle, WA	Surjit Singh Basutta	Delta, Canada
Paramjeet Singh	Brampton, ON	Ramandeep Singh Khaira	Surrey, BC
Sarvinder Singh	Brampton, ON	Sukwinder Singh Sangha	Surrey, BC
Kulwant Singh	Brampton, ON	Karnail Singh Rai	Surrey, BC
Ramneet Kaur Badyal	Vancouver	Dharampal Singh Sandhu	Brampton
Avneet Kaur Pannu	Vancouver	Tarlok Singh	Brampton
Sukhpreet Singh Heir	Vancouver	Gursharan Singh	Brampton
Manraj Kaur Johal	Vancouver	Jasvir Singh Chattha	Surrey, BC

MAJOR DONORS

We at UNITED SIKHS thank all our donors who donated in support of our various projects. List of donors who donations exceeded \$1,000

Donor Name	Amount (\$)	Donor Name	Amount (\$)
Sri Guru Singh Sabha Canada	\$8,247	Mr Balbir S Bahugun Mrs Inderjit K Bahugun	\$2,070
Charanjit Singh	\$6,000	Khalsa School Calgary Educational Foundation (Student Fund)	\$1,779.98
Sri Guru Nanak	\$5,100	Namdhari Sangat Canada (Society) ONT	\$1,500
Sikh Society of Manitoba Inc.	\$5,100	Manmeet Singh Chhabra	\$1,400
North American Sikh League	\$5,000	Singh Sabha Winnipeg Inc.	\$1,100
Paramjit Singh (Sodhi Furniture)	\$5,000	1729298 Ontario Inc. O/A Paragon Collision	\$1,100
Aerofleet Services	\$4,865	Narinder Mann	\$1,000
464290 Ontario Limited O/A Airflight Services	\$3,860	Sikh Society of Sask. Inc.	\$1,000
Khalsa Diwan Society Manitoba Inc	\$3,500	DGM Sales Ltd	\$1,000
East Metal Products Ltd.	\$3,100	Baljit Raina / Harpreet Kaur	\$1,000
Tejdeep Singh Chattha	\$2,500	Harjot Singh	\$1,000

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2010

Balance as per bank on January 1, 2010		\$18,817.98
Donations received during the year		\$243,774.26
Money spent on human aid:		
Haiti Money Sent	\$82,915.27	
Haiti Expenses (Purchase of tents)	38,400.77	
Pakistan Flood Relief	21,282.00	
Punjab Flood Relief	7,500.00	
Afghan Family (cash help on landing)	1,200.00	
		<u>\$151,298.04</u>
Total money spent on human aid:		\$151,298.04
Expenses:		
Bank Charges	\$256.71	
Radio Expenses	12,672.00	
Prepaid rent for 3 yrs - new office lease	10,568.00	
Office rent and stationery	2,046.41	
2nd global conference	819.41	
		<u>\$26,362.53</u>
Total Expenses		\$26,362.53
(Overhead expenses are 11% only)		
Total human aid spent including overhead expenses		<u>\$177,660.57</u>
Balance as per bank on December 31, 2010		<u>\$84,931.67</u>

OUR PEOPLE

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RECOGNIZE THE HUMAN RACE AS ONE