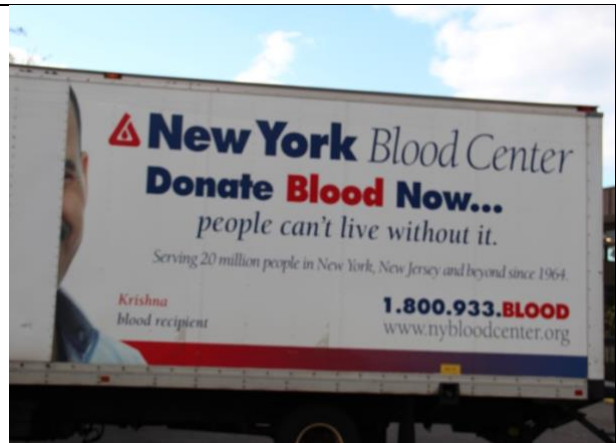
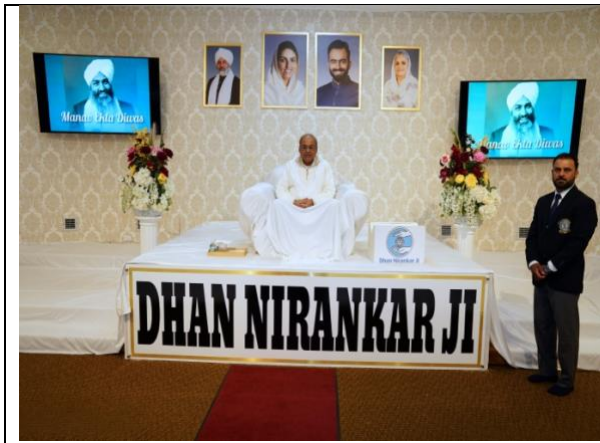


Manav Ekta Diwas 2023

With the grace of Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, NY-CT observed the Manav Ekta Diwas congregation (Human Unity Day) on April 23rd, 2023. Manav Ekta Diwas which commemorates the sacrifice made by Satguru, Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji Maharaj, Chacha Pratap Singh Ji and many other devotees of Sant Nirankari Mission. Upholding the values of love, compassion and forgiveness in the face of negative reciprocity, Blood Drive has become the sole flagship social cause of the Mission. Indeed Sant Nirankari Mission at times is synonymously identified as the leading advocate of Blood Donation Drives. **On Sunday, April 23rd, 2023, NY-CT Branch in association with New York Blood Center, hosted first of its biannual blood drives.**



Days leading up to the event, volunteers of the NY-CT Branch, circulated informative material in form of banners, flyers, email campaign, call campaign, and word of mouth to help bring about the awareness of critical need for blood as expressed by the local blood banks, and to encourage members of the local community to come forth and become part of the humanitarian effort. **In total some 104 donors had registered, out of whom 77 were able to donate and 77 units were collected.** The event was held in the presence of **rev. Naresh Kumar Ji** and **rev. Basant Ji** visiting from **Milwaukee, Wisconsin**. The visiting couple was extended a warm welcome by the newly formed NY-CT SNM Band.

As selected donors were being directed towards pre-screening, process, a full fledged Manav Ekta Diwas samagam was being observed in the main atrium of the NY-CT Center for Oneness. During the congregation, devotees expressed their humble sentiments in the form of personal anecdotes, spiritual hymns, poems etc. During the final discourse, rev. Naresh Ji blessed the devotees emphasizing on the importance of the Mission's history.



The glorious height the Mission has reached today would not have been possible without the selfless hard work of the pioneers of the Mission. We cannot place the due value to the seamless smooth journey we savor today, without wholeheartedly acknowledging, understanding and exercising mindfulness to the hardship faced by the devotees of the past. In its infancy, the Mission went through some turbulent phases, and it was the spirit of not succumbing to falsehood, rather propelling full speed ahead, that paved way forward for the Mission. And today, as we all are witnessing, the Mission indeed has risen and spread across all continents and amongst fellow humans of various cultural backgrounds. Let's humbly pray to Her Holiness, Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, that may we all continue to pay homage to the great sacrifices made by the devotees in the past, and that may we continue the legacy of those devotees by inculcating the teachings of the Mission in our life.