

MANCHERJI EDALJI JOSHI MEMORIAL TRUST

*“When a man assumes a public trust
He should consider himself public property.”*

- Thomas Jefferson

The year 1980 saw the birth of the Mancherji Edalji Joshi Memorial Trust. Born out of the need for survival and the preservation of the RESTRICTIVE COVENANT (which even today we are trying to uphold) the Trust has forged ahead relentlessly in this effort.

The Mancherji Edalji Joshi Memorial Trust is registered under the BOMBAY PUBLIC TRUST ACT 1950, the Charity Commissioner of Maharashtra State and INCOME TAX ACT, 1961. Ever since its registration the Trust has been issued an ongoing 80G certificate of exemption under the Income Tax Act, thereby establishing its credentials as a well-managed Trust. **Donors qualify for exemption under 80G on all donations to the Trust.**

Since inception the Trust has undertaken various Fund Raising Drives such as procuring donations, releasing souvenirs at thirty - seven consecutive Festival of Spring Jamshedi Navroze Gambhars and three successful and many splendored Winter Fairs, Winter Fair 80,86 and 89. The proceeds from these drives are credited to The Corpus of the Trust and invested in approved securities and only the interest thereof utilized towards the **CHARITABLE OBJECTS OF THE TRUST.** Today our Corpus stands at 4.82 crores.

Accounts of the Trust are audited yearly by the auditors M/s M. B. Daruwalla & Co. All statutory tax returns are filed on a regular basis with The Income Tax Department as well as the Charity Commissioner, Greater Mumbai, Maharashtra State. Those wishing to peruse the accounts are welcome to do so by contacting the undersigned.

THE PUBLIC CHARITABLE OBJECTS OF THE TRUST :

EDUCATIONAL MEDICAL AID AND POVERTY RELIEF

Monetary aid in all three categories is given to the deserving poor. Norms for each of these categories are laid down and aid is disbursed accordingly after a detailed survey of the applications as also a personal interview of the applicants. Scholastic performance in the education category, doctors' and medical bills in the medical category are imperative. These are thoroughly scrutinized and only on satisfaction of each case is aid disbursed.

Also financial aid to the poor, the needy and the destitute are disbursed by crediting X amount to his/her Bank A/c directly every quarter.

We sincerely thank the Principal and Management of the Dadar Boarding Madressa for permitting the use of their premises for this endeavor and other activities of the Trust.

FOOD SCHEME

The Trust runs a highly effective Food Scheme. Started more than a decade ago it has steadily gained momentum over the years catering to the needs of the poor of our community.

Today the FOOD SCHEME covers more than a hundred beneficiaries. Below is a summarized table giving a comprehensive over view of the categories under which the donations received under the Food Scheme are utilized.

LIST OF BENEFICIARIES AND ESTIMATE OF YEARLY EXPENSES OF THE FOOD SCHEME AS ON 31.1.2018

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION OF RECIPIENTS	NO OF RECIPIENTS	ANNUAL EXPENDITURE IN RUPEES
A	Old, infirm and poor Zoroastrians who have no one to turn to	74	29,96,000
B	Parsee children of J. B. Vachha School for Parsee Girls (Dadar)	6	57,600
C	Khandias, Nassesalars and Bungli staff at Doongarwadi (Breakfast only)	23 to 26 (depending on daily attendance)	2,40,000
D	Boys from distant Gujarat villages staying in Modi Hostel and studying in Mumbai	3	1,56,000
E	Food grains and Provisions (These are given to recipients who are able to cook for their families but are in low income group)	31	3,34,800
	Approximate Annual Total Expenditure as on 31.1.2018		37,84,400

There is always an ongoing appeal for donations under the Food Scheme which is attributed mainly to the fact that all donations under the Scheme are not constant; e.g. Mr. X may make a one-time donation only not necessarily every year. However, beneficiaries are constant with a waiting list of the poor. The demand is always greater than the resources available to feed the applicants. **IF THE FOOD SCHEME HAS TO FLOURISH, IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE TO FEED OUR POOR there is a constant need to appeal to our charitable community.**

Our sincere thanks to Mr. Homi Daruwalla for his tireless efforts in propagating the FOOD SCHEME. Our deep gratitude to Miss Gulu Billimoria for helping to procure donations under this scheme ever since its inception.

GUJARAT HOUSING

The Trust has been constantly building ONE PUCCA CEMENTED HOUSE for the poor in the interiors of Gujarat who have been hitherto living in abject poverty in broken down mud shanties. This will be the twenty - first year of this activity.

We sincerely thank Ferzyn Boomla for keeping alive her mother's noble gesture of donating one NAJU DAVER GARA for this purpose. We also thank THE HOUSE OF GODREJ for their generosity in donating a refrigerator/washing machine/cupboard for the same. The monies collected from this effort is utilized towards building one such house. This will be the 22nd House that we shall be building through the good offices of the World Zoroastrian Organisation Trust.

Every House that is built bears a marble plaque at the entrance specifying THIS HOUSE IS BUILT FROM THE MONEY COLLECTED BY THE MANCHERJI EDALJI JOSHI MEMORIAL TRUST THROUGH THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE WORLD ZOROASTRIAN ORGANISATION TRUST.

Kudos to the very noble couple BACHI AND DINSHAW TAMBOLY for bringing to light the plight of the poor of Gujarat and its interiors. These are the kind of community members who unfailingly keep alive the spirit of PARSI THY NAME IS CHARITY.

Our sincere thanks to Ferzyn Daver the HOUSE OF GODREJ and all our brethren for supporting this scheme for over two decades.

Our grateful thanks to **Late Dr. Phiroze Motiwalla** for his magnanimous donation to build two houses for the poor of Gujarat. Praise unto the noble heart of this truly wonderful human being.

DHARMAGYAN CLASS

Ever since the inception of the Trust, an enlightening Dharmagyan Class is being run. Initiated by the Late Er. Rustomjee, Panthaky in the 80s, it is today being very

effectively conducted by the erudite, world renowned scholar Er. Ramiyar Karanjia, Principal of the Dadar Arthonan Madressa. Started with a handful of children, today the same is being run in two batches every Friday of the week. The children are taught about our rich culture and religion in fun methods, that leave a lasting impression on young minds. It is over three decades since these classes were started. Today the second generation is attending these classes. Our sincere thanks to Er. Ramiyar Karanjia and Mrs. Havovi Karanjia for making this a truly enlightening, learning experience.

We also thank the Principal and Management of the J. B. Vachha High School for allowing the use of their premises for the purpose totally free of cost over the last 3 decades.

SUMMER CAMP

Once a year, in the month of April the Trust organizes a seven day SUMMER CAMP for children between the ages of seven and twelve years. This "Whiz Kids" (Summer Camp) as it is so named is an eagerly awaited event.

Under the able leadership of Navroze Siganporia, "Sigi Sir" to all, over a hundred children from all walks of life participate in this program. Our grateful thanks to Sir Dinshaw Petit for allowing us the use of the Petit Sanatorium, Bordi (all 16 rooms) totally free of cost for four full days. Kudos to this magnanimous gesture for over one decade.

Our grateful thanks also go out to the large hearted Mr. Jemi Dandiwala for providing 3 sumptuous meals a day at highly subsidized rates, Mr. Danesh Irani of PARIS Bakery for donating biscuits for our children for the last several years. Thank you, Sir, for your generosity. We are deeply grateful to WORLD ZOROASTRIAN ORGANISATION TRUST for sponsoring conveyance to and fro ever since the start of the Summer Camp and to Mr. Zarir Bhathena for participation gifts to all children at the Camp.

Sigi Sir, we thank you profusely for initiating the Summer Camp and motivating it to grow over the years. Your zeal, your enthusiasm and love for the children is highly appreciated. You are indeed a role model for the younger generation to emulate and keep the beacon shining in the years to come.

SPORTS

Sports in all disciplines are encouraged by the Trust. We are the co-sponsors of the JAL D. PARDIWALLA ALL PARSIS ATHLETIC MEET, and also THE DADAR PARSI COLONY GYMKHANA ANNUAL FOOTBALL CRICKET AND ATHLETIC MEET.

MATRIMONIAL BUREAU

With a view to encourage the community to marry within its fold, a matrimonial bureau was initiated almost two decades ago and still continues to exist. Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Katy Lord for continuing in its endeavor with dedication and zeal.

FESTIVAL OF SPRING JAMSHEDI NAVROZE GAMBHAR

This is the 38th FESTIVAL OF SPRING GAMBHAR. Over the years it has flourished, grown and brought enjoyment and entertainment to our community on this our Jamshedi Navroze. Over 3000 community members attend this function. The poor attend totally free of cost. The atmosphere radiates a lot of "Parsipanu" which is a joy to behold.

The "Festival of Spring" Gambhar is a Mega Fund Raiser - an eagerly awaited activity of the Trust. A month long week-ends of fun contests are held, widely attended by one and all.

Success is never a "One Man Show." It needs many hands to really achieve the same and hence "the debt is immense of endless gratitude."

Our sincere thanks to the DADAR PARSEE COLONY GYMKHANA for magnanimously allowing us the use of their grounds free of cost over the last thirty-eight years.

The PRINCIPAL AND MANAGEMENT OF J. B. VACCHA SCHOOL for the use of their premises for the contests and rehearsals, gratis.

THE PRINCIPAL, ADMINISTRATOR AND MANAGEMENT OF THE DADAR PARSI YOUTHS ASSEMBLY HIGH SCHOOL for their unstinted support in making this function a success.

The Principal and Management of the Dadar Athornan Madrassa for their support over the years.

Our humble gratitude to the Trustees of Rustomfaramna Ajiary and Er. Kaizad Karkaria for their unstinted support in all our endeavors.

Our heartfelt gratitude to **Tanaz Godiwala** for providing an excellent and sumptuous repast at the GAMBHAR over the last thirty-five years at highly subsidized rates. Today we remember the late Freny, Rohinton and Neville Godiwala with gratitude and humility.

Our sincere gratitude to **Roxanne and Micky Buhariwala**. Today we salute late Mr. Framroze Pavri for standing by us and setting us on our feet right from WINTER FAIR 83,86,89.

Our thanks also to **Modern Electrics** for being with us for over thirty-eight years.

It is indeed a matter of pride that in the catering/mandap/décor and electrical department we are today working with the second generation of all three departments. The years increasingly forge a relation of mutual admiration & respect.

Most of all our gratitude to all **our volunteers and well wishers** for year in and year out bringing alive The Festival of Spring for the Colony and community.

A lot of water has passed under the bridge bringing with it its fair share of highs and lows. The lows have motivated us to try even harder. The highs have brought a tremendous sense of fulfillment but never complacency for we believe that there is always room for greater achievements! In keeping with our motto, we continue to "PAITISHTA, KERONUTA, VAIDODUM" – Aspire, Strive and Accomplish.

We acknowledge with **humility and pride the vision of one man, the late Mancherji Edalji Joshi**, our beloved founder father whose dream and vision fructified into the creation of our beautiful garden colony – truly a haven to live in, in this age of concretisation. The garden around the statue is our tribute to this benevolent far-thinking man. We thank Kamal and Noshir Dhabhar in creating a fitting ambience around the statue.

In death as in life this man of extraordinary vision, the Late Mancherji Edalji Joshi's statue, stands sentinel even today, guarding his beloved domain. He has moved on to his maker but shall live eternally in our memory for we believe that "death's a path that must be trod if man would ever pass to God."

Atha Jamyad Yatha Afrinami.

Mithoo Jimi Jesia

SECRETARY

