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The week of February 18th to February 24th has been a historic week for the Sadhu Vaswani Mission and its numerous devotees worldwide. It was during this week that our beloved and revered DADA J. P. Vaswani underwent a successful open-heart surgery at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington D.C., USA, at the hands of some very eminent, skilled, cardiac surgeons and doctors.

Many devotees worldwide have asked how they can help commemorate this historic event; how they could help express their profound gratitude to GOD for giving DADA this extended opportunity to continue to serve mankind, especially the less privileged amongst us.

The idea of the endowment fund was born as a result of these requests from the devotees. The endowment fund is setup so that the annual interest of the fund will be used to carry out free coronary angioplasties and coronary bypass surgeries on at least 20 deserving and needy patients in Pune each year. These procedures will be carried out during week of February 18th to February 24th each year. This endowment fund will be a perpetual instrument that will keep on giving the gift of life to needy patients each year.



## The Moment of Calm

### A Global Forgiveness Moment

The Moment of Calm is a simple concept that addresses an urgent need in our world – that of love and peace. We believe that there can be no world peace without peace in the heart. Anyone can participate in this global initiative by simply observing 2 minutes of silence on August 2 at 2pm to forgive and seek forgiveness. This act, when collectively done, can raise world consciousness and engulf humanity in a wave of love and peace.

In 2016, over 18.2 million people participated from across the globe, including Morocco, UAE, UK, Spain, USA, India, Singapore, South America, South Africa, China and Taiwan. The Moment of Calm has received tremendous support and enthusiasm from people from all walks of life. COME ...

Let us join this growing force of peace.

The Moment of Calm marks the birth time of an Apostle of love and peace - Rev. Dada J.P. Vaswani, Spiritual Head of Sadhu Vaswani Mission. He affirms, "Forgiveness creates peace in the mind, which in turn ensures a well-balanced body."



Bridge Builders came into existence in 1992 under the guidance of spiritual Master and Mentor Dada J. P. Vaswani. It comprises of high spirited youngsters dedicated to the cause of social service irrespective of any caste or creed. The motto given to them by Rev. Dada is "Be a Healer or a Helper or a Bridge Builder or all the three put together."

They strongly believe life is a journey, faith is the nourishment and virtuous deeds are the shelter.

The Bridge Builders activities include:

- Social Service Activities
- Youth Events
- Bhajans & Kirtans Sessions

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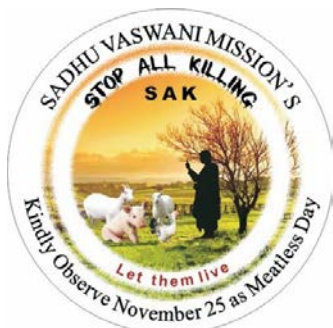
On Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/> (keyword: Bridge Builders Pune)



## CHILDREN'S EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP

In honor of Dada J.P. Vaswani on his birthday, SVC Atlanta provides financial aid to needy students at the Sadhu Vaswani School in Rajkot, India.

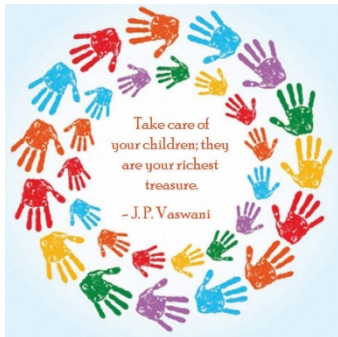
\$50 pays for one child's education for one year. The commitment we ask is for a one-year basis. You can sponsor one or more children. The annual education drive ends on August 15.



In 1986, it was proposed that November 25, Sadhu Vaswani's Birthday be celebrated as an International Meatless Day. The campaign has met with considerable success in that, millions of individuals send their pledges to the Sadhu Vaswani Mission to go meatless on this day. Four state governments in India - Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh - have issued instructions for the closure of slaughter-houses as well as butchers' shops on 25th November every year, in their respective states.

In order to create an awareness in the minds of citizens about the Meatless Day campaign, Peace Marches are held in Pune and other cities in November, every year. Thousands of students from city schools and colleges march through the streets propagating the idea of Meatless Day and reverence for all life, as the first step to World Peace. Meatless day Newsletters are also issued between August and November every year to propagate vegetarianism and the Meatless Day.

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Classes will be held every other Sunday from 12.30pm to 1.45pm (75mins) on:  
Sunday, February 12th  
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Sunday, March 12th  
Sunday, March 26th  
Sunday, April 9th  
Sunday, April 23rd  
Sunday, May 7th  
Sunday, May 21st

If you would like to volunteer your time or know of any high school students who would like to earn credit for volunteering, we are looking for more teachers to help us run classes.

(After all, these are our children so if we don't make the time for them, who will?)

We cover a variety of topics from yoga to conversational Hindi, from learning bhajans and prayers to taking an in depth look at all of our Gods and Hindu festivals. Classes are interactive and designed to be entertaining as well as educational.

Kindly click on the link below if you would like to join us and bring a 1" white ring binder to store all the Hindi, puzzles, games, stories & bhajans we are going to learn this year!

<http://goo.gl/forms/yOGR6D3seg0SsVUQ2>



During the American Thanksgiving holiday weekend, volunteers personally hand out blankets to homeless persons in the metro-Atlanta area and socks and refreshments to select Nursing Homes such as Roswell Nursing Home and Lilburn Geriatric Center and contribute towards the Sadhu Vaswani Mission's clothing and blanket drive.



## "Sight for the Sightless" (JYOT SHEVA)

Under this program, we collect funds for eye cataract surgeries for those who cannot afford this simple operation. By providing a needy person with JYOT, he/she can see the world & thank GOD for its beauty. It costs \$50 per operation. The drive ends on March 29th: Chetichand - Sindhi New Year day. The money collected will be sent to the K. K. Eye Institute, (operated by The Sadhu Vaswani Mission Pune, India) where surgeries will be performed for the economically backward villagers staying in remote rural areas of Maharashtra. We humbly ask for your support to fund this worthy cause.



SVC Atlanta partners with homeless shelters in connection with their back-to-school supply drives. In 2015, SVC partnered with Our House, which is a non-profit early childhood education center and emergency shelter located near downtown Atlanta. In 2016, SVC partnered with Nicholas House, which is a nonprofit agency that operates a transitional housing shelter as well as scattered apartment sites for homeless families.

**Reminder:** Sadhu Vaswani Center of Atlanta, Inc. is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization. All donations or contributions are tax deductible. Tax receipts will be provided immediately following the end of the calendar year. Payment methods include check, Paypal, and Venmo (@svcatlanta).

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