Breath for India

Breath for India Fundraising Effort
“Prana”…breathing forth, the breath of life.
The struggle for breath experienced by COVID-19 patients has reached devastating proportions in India. A severe second wave of the pandemic has overwhelmed hospitals and medical care facilities, with over 350,000 new cases being reported every day. Each person diagnosed joins a tsunami of suffering that has already claimed hundreds of thousands of lives.

Protect the Breath of Life
The Springfield community, led by the Asian Indian Women’s Organization (AIWO), India Association of Greater Springfield and the Hindu Temple of Greater Springfield, has launched a midwestern response to purchase life-saving oxygen equipment. The essential equipment will be deployed at points of greatest need throughout India. Members of the local medical community are coordinating the effort. Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach recognizes the magnitude of the need and has responded to this urgent call by providing infrastructural and logistical support.

Fundraising Goal
Raise over $250,000 and donate over 500 oxygen supply units, PPE and home care units. These will be delivered DIRECTLY to hospitals and nursing homes in India identified by a steering committee of local physicians in constant touch with medical personnel on the ground.

Provide concentrators, supply units, home monitoring and treatment devices. Mission Outreach, in cooperation with AIWO, will direct payment to vetted regional vendors that have a nationwide presence and distribution network in India, enabling the direct delivery of ordered supplies by the vendor to identified hospitals and nursing homes.

PPE—Mission Outreach will accept orders and coordinate air freight shipment of surgical masks, face shields, gowns and gloves to identified medical facilities.

Will you please assist with this all-important effort and heart-felt appeal?

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The average person takes 20 breaths per minute. A healthy person does so automatically, with no thought nor effort and at no cost. COVID-19 has changed that. The need for basic oxygen supply in India is real and extremely dire.

AIWO is an all-volunteer body with a reputation for philanthropy and volunteer work, assisting the work of charities in Springfield such as Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois, HSHS St. John’s Children’s Hospital’s NICU renovation, Mercy Communities Inc. and The Outlet. They are proud to have raised over $515,000 in support of these non-profits over the past several years.

With the dire COVID-19 situation in India, AIWO and its partner agencies have worked with the local medical community to identify and develop relationships with reliable vendors and medical personnel in India who are deeply invested in addressing this global health crisis.

Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach (Mission Outreach), an international mission of HSHS, works in solidarity with health systems across the Midwest to collect, prepare, donate and ship quality medical supplies and equipment. Serving in more than 95 countries, the organization has delivered more than $85,500,000 in lifesaving medical products. Mission Outreach is a 501c3 organization, accredited for international medical donation by the MedSurplus Alliance, Taskforce for Global Health at Emory University.

As a partner for Breath for India, Mission Outreach will provide the infrastructure and non-profit status to process donations, source products and provide payment for equipment that will save lives in India.

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In gratitude,
- Asian Indian Women’s Organization
- India Association of Greater Springfield
- Hindu Temple of Greater Springfield
- Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach