



(COMPLETED - 2023)

### GUJARATI HINDU SANSKRUTI KENDRA

# BRIEF HISTORY OF KENDRA EKTA MANDIR, COMMUNITY CENTRE AND HALLS

Kendra was founded in 1993 by the Kathiawad Hindu Seva Samaj; Saptah Mandir and Surat Hindu Association to build a much-needed Temple and Community Centre at 5 John Zikhali Road, Durban to serve the religious and cultural needs of the community. The whole community was actively involved in fundraising and cultural activities for 8 years and this culminated in the grand and memorable official opening of the Ekta Mandir and the Community Centre in April 2001 under the spiritual guidance of Shree Rameshbhai Oza and Shree Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji (Pujya Muniji).

Kendra's primary objective, is the promotion of Hindu Religion and Culture and enriching the lives of all in the boarder community through its religious, social, cultural, and educational activities. With these objectives in mind, the Kendra has organised, with great success, over 1,200 events since its formation. The activities extend over religious events and festivals, aartis and bhajans, youth events, cultural shows, Bridal Fair, Gujarati and Hinduism classes, music and dance classes, community service projects and social responsibility programs.



The building work at the Retirement Home has now been completed and the Home has 124 en-suite rooms (37 doubles and 87 singles). The Home can accommodate 161 persons. The residents are charged significantly subsidized monthly rates. Residents do not pay any contribution for the room. They only pay a monthly pro-rata share of the running costs of the home. The rooms are fully-furnished and are all en-suite. Services include all meals, cleaning, laundry, electricity, water, wi-fi and Netflix. Facilities include lounges dining rooms a gym, hairdressing salon and library. The current monthly charge is R13,300 for a double room (R222 per person per day) and R10,300 for a single room (R343 per person per day). There is no mark-up or any profit element in this pricing. The home is operated on a cost recovery bases.

We are pleased to advise that the retirement home is now 95% occupied.









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## **APPEAL FOR DONATIONS**

Kendra is launching a fundraising drive to pay off its 2 major liabilities that total R3,400,000.

These are made up of the following two amounts:-First National Bank Loan  $\rightarrow$  R2,000,000 and Ethekwini Municipality  $\rightarrow$  R1,400,000.

This shortfall was largely caused over the past 3 years by losses incurred during the covid period and its aftermath.

### **BACKGROUND**

- 1. Kendra is a credible, transparent and stable organisation that has started by the community, and has operated over the past 31 years. It continues to serve the community with all its religious, cultural and all other activities.
- 2. It is a Registered and Compliant non-profit organisation.
- 3. All Financials have been audited to date and Kendra is compliant with SARS to 31 March 2024.
- 4. Its most recent BGM and elections were held in September 2024.
- 5. An appeal is made to well-wishers and benefactors to kindly donate to Kendra.
- 6. All donors shall receive recognition on the main donor board.
- 7. All donations are eligible for tax write-off, depending on the taxpayer's status.
- 8. Donors may also name Kendra as a beneficiary in their Wills or Trusts. Donations will be eligible for estate duty tax deductions depending on each taxpayer's status.

### **APPEAL**

A sincere appeal is made to donors to kindly consider supporting this fundraising drive of R3,400,000 by as follows:-

- 1. Naming rights to Elevator in New Wing R350,000
- 2. Naming rights to Solar Panels R200,000
- 3. Naming rights to Heat Pumps R200,000
- 4. Naming rights to Room R125,000
- 5. Any other amounts of Donations from R500 and above will also be most appreciated.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION AND SUPPORT

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## **Appeal For Donations**

### **PROJECT FUNDING REQUIRED – R3.4 MILLION**

NAMING RIGHTS FOR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR SPECIAL AREAS	
New elevator	R 350 000
Solar installation	R 200 000
Heat Pump	R 200 000
Generator	R 200 000
INDIVIDUAL ROOM NAMING RIGHTS PAYABLE R 5,000 PER MONTH	R 125,000 PER ROOM

ALL DONATIONS ARE MOST WELCOME
ANY AMOUNTS OF R500 OR MORE WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED ON THE
MAIN DONOR BOARD

### **DONATIONS: TAX DEDUCTION**

The Kendra is a registered Public Benefit Organisation (Registration No. 004-387 NPO) in terms of Section 30 of the Income Tax Act.

Donations towards the Kendra Gardens Retirement Home qualify as a tax deduction of up to 45% in terms of S18A of the Income Tax Act, No. 58 of 1962. The actual amount of the donation in the tax year will qualify for a tax deduction of up to 10% against Taxable Income. Any excess amount over 10% of Taxable Income can be carried forward to the subsequent tax year for a tax deduction. Kendra will issue a S18A tax receipt to each donor.

Benefactors can also name Kendra as Beneficiary in a their Will Or trust to qualify for savings in Estate Duty or Income Tax.

Please contact your financial adviser for advice pertaining to your deduction in terms of tax.

### **BANKING DETAILS**

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