

Mancherji Edalji Joshi Memorial Trust Food Scheme For Poor Zoroastrians:

DEAR ZOROASTRIAN BRETHERN:

We are once again approaching all Zoroastrian Brethren for donation towards the 'FOOD SCHEME' which we run for old and poor Members of our Community.

We are fortunate enough to get good donations in the past which has helped us run the above Facility for deserving Zoroastrians for last many years.

The FOOD SCHEME is run by MANCHERJI EDALJI JOSHI MEMORIAL TRUST to feed the Old and Poor Infirms of our community.

There are many old and infirms neglected by the Society, some of them by their own children and Family and are fighting for their survival, who need your attention. Most of them are frail, weak and bed ridden and do not have even strength to go to the roadside food stall and depend on their neighbours to bring some food for them to survive.

In this world, very often, the efforts of an individual are not significant enough to make a difference. But collectively, it is possible for a group to do much more than the sum of the individual parts.

We all fortunate Zoroastrians have to ensure that the food scheme continues to operate feeding these deserving members of our community.

Thanks to the munificence and largesse of benevolent individuals and donors we are able to tend to their daily meals. But the demand is much in excess of the Funds generated and hence this appeal. Your generous contribution will help us in reaching out to our poor brethren.

The Food Scheme is run by the Charitable Trust known as MANCHERJI EDALJI JOSHI MEMORIAL TRUST, which not only supervises cooking of food, but also delivery of the same to the community Members are done through Dabbawalas.

We are a Public Registered Trust registered with the Charity Commissioner under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act 1961. Amongst our Charitable activities is the Food Scheme where the Trust undertakes to feed the old infirm / handicapped and under privileged of our community. This scheme was started as you are aware in January 2003. Your generous donation will enable us to continue to feed the poor and to reach out to a larger section of these not so fortunate within our Community.

When we first started we were supplying meals to ten persons, two meals a day. Today this service is extended to 135 persons in all. As word gets around, more applicants approach us or are referred to us and only after thorough inquiries are the same added to our list of beneficiaries.

Donations over the years have increased due to the foresight of our initial donors who have put the Scheme on the net and also by word of mouth as more people get to hear about this scheme. You will however appreciate that funds are necessary to run this scheme effectively and hence our yearly appeal to you.

The enclosed chart will give you a detailed and latest break up for the Food Scheme, its beneficiaries, their categories and approximate expenditure involved in feeding them.

Our accounts are duly audited and filed with Charity Commissioner and every donor small or big is immediately issued a receipt. Donations of Rs. 5000/- and more are also sent the break up of Food Scheme so that they know how exactly their donation is being utilized.

On behalf of the Trust, I once again appeal to you for your generous support to our Food Scheme.

Your donations can be made by cheque in favour of "MANCHERJI EDALJI JOSHI MEMORIAL TRUST".

Further enquiries are also welcome via e-mail to :

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hnd@vsnl.com

Your Donations can be sent to:

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Kindly give widest possible publicity to this note, by forwarding the same to your family members and Zoroastrian friends to get maximum support to this noble cause.

Hoping to receive favourable response from you,

With Kind Regards
Homi N Daruwalla

LIST OF BENEFICIARIES & ESTIMATE OF YEARLY EXPENSES OF THE FOOD SCHEME (AS AT 30.11.2008)

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION OF RECIPIENTS	NO. OF RECIPIENTS	ANNUAL EXPENDITURE IN RUPEES
A1	Old and infirm and poor Zoroastrians who have no one to turn to	51-1/2	11,07,600
A2	Students (sons of Chasniwala's studying in Bombay Colleges) staying at the Manekji Seth Agiary Hostel	11	3,01,200
B	Poor Parsi children of J.B. Vachha School of Parsi Girls (Dadar)	27	50,000
C	Khandias, Nassesalars and Bungli Staff at Doongerwadi (Breakfast only)	16 to 20 (depending on daily attendance)	84,000
D	Food grains and provisions (these are given to recipients who are able to cook for their families but are in low income group)	26	2,17,080

APPROXIMATE TOTAL EXPENDITURE PER YEAR AS ON 30.11.08 =
17,59,880/-