

GUJARATI HINDU SANSKRUTI KENDRA

KENDRA GARDENS RETIREMENT HOME



KENDRA HALLS & COMMUNITY CENTRE (COMPLETED – 2001)

GUJARATI HINDU SANSKRUTI KENDRA Brief History

KENDRA EKTA MANDIR AND COMMUNITY CENTRE AND HALLS-COMPLETED – 2001

The 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 Sydenham 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).

The 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, arthies and bhajans, youth events, cultural shows, Bridal Fair, Gujarati and Hinduism classes, music and dance classes, community service projects and social responsibility programs.



KENDRA GARDENS RETIREMENT HOME PHASE 1-COMPLETED 2011

After great introspection Kendra embarked on its next major project in 2007, the building of a much needed Retirement Home for the community.

The Home was completed in 2011 with 75 rooms accommodating 90 senior citizens and was inaugurated by the Honourable Minister Pravin Gordhan. Due to the high demand for these facilities, Kendra has subsequently completed another 21 rooms, over the past 3 years. The complex currently has 96 rooms accommodating 125 persons and is fully occupied.

A further addition to the services offered was the installation of a fully integrated WiFi service over the entire complex at a cost of R1 million. Residents are not charged separately for this service.







Kendra Gardens most senior 105 year old resident Mrs. Amarthama Moodley



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New Project

KENDRA GARDENS RETIREMENT HOME PHASE 2-PROJECTED 2021

The original Gandhi Desai School, had been built by Kathiawad Hindu Seva Samaj (Samaj) in the 1950's. When the school was closed by the withdrawal of the Government support in 1992, the school had been let to a private school operator. Samaj donated rentals of about R9 million, (from 2008 to date) to Kendra to support



DESIGN OF PROPOSED CONNECTING BRIDGE

Kendra activities. Due to difficult times, the school tenant vacated one-third of the school this year and is expected to vacate totally next year. Numerous attempts to find suitable alternate tenants has proved unsuccessful.

Kendra has decided to renovate and convert this building into 28 additional rooms to extend its existing facilities. This expansion will accommodate 35 more residents, taking the total capacity up to 161 residents. The estimated cost of these renovations is expected to be in the region of R12 million and this will include 28 new rooms as well as an additional dining room, lounge, elevator and offices/ storerooms. A bridge will connect the two buildings. Fundraising has commenced and we expect to complete the project by early 2022.

There is still a great demand for residency at the Home due to its Hindu ethos as well as the excellent facilities and the modest pricing of R8,300 per month for a single room (R277 per person per day) and R10,500 per month for a double room (R175 per person per day). The fully furnished facility has proven to be extremely popular. The price includes VAT, private en-suite accommodation, air conditioning, electricity, water, all meals, laundry, cleaning, free WiFi and Netflix.

BUILDING PROJECTS SINCE INCEPTION

	EKTA MANDIR KENDRA HALL	KGRH PHASE 1	KGRH PHASE 1	PROPOSED KGRH - PHASE 3
CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED	2001	2011	2020	2021
COST OF PROJECT	R12 million	R33 million	R7 million	R12 million
CONTINUED SERVICES OFFERED	EKTA MANDIR Cultural, religious, educational, social responsibility Projects +/- 140 weddings Annually	60 SINGLE ROOMS 15 Double Rooms 90 Residents Full service retirement home fully occupied	6 Single Rooms 15 Double Rooms 36 Residents Additional Dining Room Full WiFi provision	21 Single Rooms 7 Double Rooms 35 Residents New Elevator New Dining Room New Lounge Connecting Bridge

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Appeal For Donations

PROJECT FUNDING REQUIRED – R12 MILLION				
NAMING RIGHTS OF ONE OF 6 ENTIRE WINGS / FLOORS OF THE RETIREMENT HOME	R 500,000			
NAMING RIGHTS FOR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR SPECIAL AREAS NEW DINING ROOM, NEW LOUNGE, CONNECTING BRIDGE AND NEW ELEVATOR	R 350,000			
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 a 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.

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

BANKING DETAILS				
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Branch Code	130526			

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