



May 4, 2021

During the past couple of weeks, we have been hearing very sad and shocking news from India: Rapidly increasing Covid-19 infections, hospitalizations, deaths, extreme suffering, significant supply shortage of oxygen, medicine, PPE, masks etc. India is facing a humanitarian crisis of an unbelievable scale. A life is being lost every 4 mins.

TCF is urgently collecting funds to help the COVID 19 crisis in India.

It is time for all of us to come forward and help.

For the immediate relief, TCF has teamed up with the Champsee Family Foundation. For every dollar that we raise, the Champsee Family Foundation will match dollar for dollar up to a certain limit. We appreciate the generosity of Mrs. Lata Champsee (spouse of the late Mr. Motilal Champsee, a strong supporter of TCF in the past).

We, at the Toronto-Calcutta Foundation (TCF), sincerely are grateful for your generosity during our 2020 October donation drive in which we raised approximately \$40,000 in funds to assist in our continuous humanitarian activities including:

- Provide coaching and education for numerous high school and pre-school students in impoverished areas of West Bengal; in fact, several students have achieved excellent results and will be moving on to further higher education to “jump-start” their careers
- Assisting Toronto food bank and food packet distribution to West Bengal needy villagers to help combat hunger due to COVID
- Cyclone Amphan repairs and farmer support
- The Feminine Hygiene Program
- Medical and medicinal support for needy individuals
- Free blanket distribution
- We very much desire to reconvene the excellent eye camp activities post Covid-19

As donors and TCF Directors, we have visited and witnessed some of these ongoing programs and were quite moved by the effectiveness, execution and results achieved at these wonderful programs. Seeing the joy and gratitude from these impoverished individuals firsthand, made us very happy and content and therefore, we continuously perform our voluntary roles.

Again in 2021, due to the Covid-19 crisis, we will not be able to hold our annual fundraising dinner gala and will not be able to hold our annual talent show which were both substantial sources of our funds to execute our humanitarian programs. We sincerely wish to continue these programs but require funding in order to do so. We therefore request to you our valuable TCF partners for donations to help our organization continue such activities and additional activities. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations over \$25. Donations can be made by:

- 1) PayPal on our website or direct credit card: <http://www.toronto-calcutta.org/donate/>
- 2) Cheque to 2 Leland Avenue, Toronto, ON M8Z 2X5

Sincerely, the Directors of the Toronto-Calcutta Foundation