

# DELHI HOUSE

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## Dear friends and supporters of Delhi House,

I greet you and wish you a blessed New Year 2024.

I would like to tell you a little story about how I came to work at Delhi House. Twenty-seven years ago, on the morning of New Year's Day, January 1, 1997, I read the chapter Isaiah 58 in the Bible. I was very touched and wrote in my diary that I should do what Isaiah 58 says in the year I am about to enter. But because of the activity I was involved in, I became busier and busier and this assignment was only recorded in my diary.

In 2009, I heard about Delhi House Society (Sewa Ashram) from a close friend and met with board members and heard about the vision and the work, but I still couldn't remember what I had written down. One day I was going through my old books and reading my diary and suddenly I came across what I had written down on January 1, 1997. It clicked in my head and in my heart. Oh, I had forgotten and now I remembered what I had been given as an assignment. Isaiah 58 says to free others from the bonds of injustice. It means to bring the oppressed to freedom. It means sharing our food with the hungry

and to bring the homeless poor into our home. It means giving clothes to the naked. It means that we stop pointing fingers and speaking ill of others. It means seeing the needs of the suffering. This is God's heartbeat: to put an end to destitution, oppression, hunger, homelessness, poverty, blame and slander. And in Isaiah 58, God puts these things on our hearts instead of just doing pious or Christian things. God wants to see practical love – that pleases him.

So in April 2010, I embarked on this journey, trusting that this is in God's will. Now, after many years of advocating for social justice, I want to encourage you to write things down. It will remind you of what has been placed in your heart for your own life journey. And maybe it will show you, as it did for me, what God is up to in your life and what pleases him.

I wish you a wonderful 2024 and we look forward and invite you to join hands with Delhi House. I wish you God's blessings

**Keshav Dutt Pandey**



Children from the Learning Center at the Circle on National Day

## The Center of the Community – the Circle in Sewa Ashram

After acquiring the land in Narela more than 20 years ago, the new rehabilitation center began to take shape. A clinic building with patient rooms was built and small residential buildings for staff.

### The Circle becomes the central location

Not long afterwards, under the direction of Ton Snellaert, the Circle was created as a central location on the site. It functioned as a meeting place for the Ashram community and its round shape symbolized the equal togetherness and the living center of faith as the center of the work.

The Circle was built with organic materials – with a timber frame and a round thatched roof as a crown. It looked beautiful and also symbolized God’s philanthropy for us. The photos show the history of the Circle over the years.

When space became scarce, it was used as a patient ward for several years. It has seen countless meetings, church services, birthdays, weddings, celebrations and cricket matches (on the TV, which was donated to patients).

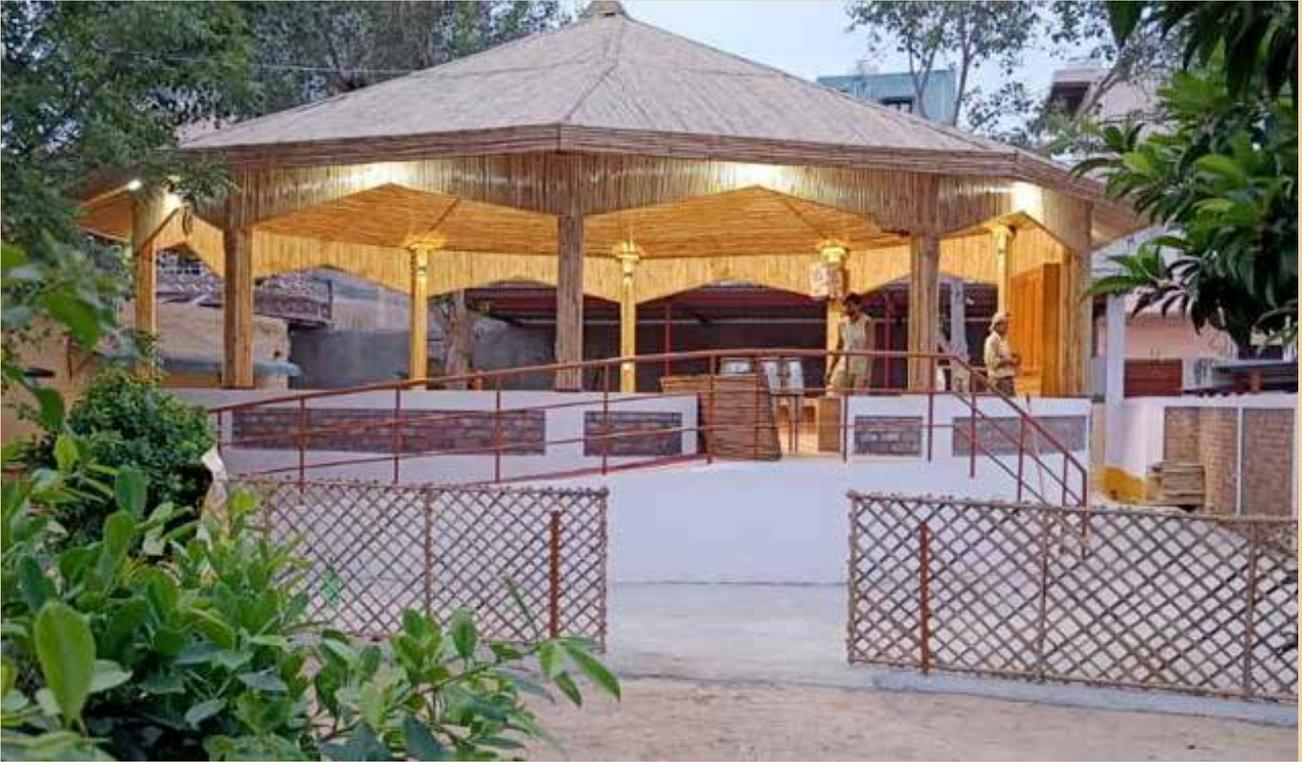
### The ravages of time

After 18 years, however, it had become so outdated that its dilapidation had become a real danger. In addition to the roof, which soon had to be covered with new plastic sheeting year after year to prevent rain from falling through, the termites in particular had become dangerous for the structure as they had eaten into the timber frame.

Last year, it was clear that the Circle was in danger of collapsing and urgently needed to be demolished before it could cause any major damage. But it was just as clear that a new Circle had to be built, symbolizing and

The Circle over the years: 2004, 2010, 2011, 2022





*The new Circle on the day of the inauguration*

continuing this important function for the community. It should be round again, radiate beauty and be made of organic material.

#### **New building in bamboo**

In March 23, an Indian company donated a large sum so that the already existing plans could be implemented

immediately. On August 5, I had the pleasure of attending the grand opening of the new Circle. A sturdy bamboo hybrid building as the center of the community, which delighted everyone with its organic appearance and timeless beauty.

**Dirk Walliser**



*A memorable moment – the inauguration evening. In the photo you can see (from left to right): Lalita (our nurse), Dirk (Board of Delhi House e.V.), Vinoy (Treasurer Delhi House Society), Sarah and Sanjiv Edward (Board of the company that donated to the Circle), Satya (General Secretary Delhi House Society), Keshav (Team Leader) and Mohini (Chaplain), Praseeda (Family House) and Prakash (Head of Operations).*

## The Dream of owning your own Place becomes a Reality for our Employees



*View from the Ashram to the South*

The Sewa Ashram and the Learning Center have been surrounded by construction activity for years and are now framed by towering apartment buildings with up to 24 floors. The area has become the largest urban development project of the state-run Delhi Development Authority (DDA).

Narela, previously a sleepy suburb with a feel of a country town, will become an urban district of Delhi – especially when the metro connection to the city is completed in a few years. This will open up completely new opportunities for future projects that could provide training and work for former patients and generate income for Delhi House.

### **Vision of the future**

We dream of a restaurant with a delivery service and a bakery for the future. And our employees dreamed of acquiring their own apartment in the new apartment blocks and being able to provide their families with good housing in the long term.

For four of them, the dream has become a reality. They were able to apply for a two-room apartment and get a loan from the DDA to buy it.

We, Christoph and Dirk, were able to visit their apartments in October and have tea with the proud employees. We were totally touched by this development and the happy faces of Suresh, Sanju, Rajpal and Monu (you can read Sanju's story in last year's newsletter). And now another wonderful chapter has been added to these life stories - from orphan, street child, patient to employee who now lives within his own four walls.

Stories of healing, transformation, growth and building a good existence that become role models for our patients.

**Dirk Walliser**



*Monu, Sanju and Suresh*

# Financials and Statistics

## Dear friends and supporters,

every year we would like to inform you about how our work is financed and how we use the funds. Delhi House Society is funded by donations from 6 countries: Germany, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, USA, and India. The bank details as well as the contact details of the organizations that issue tax deductible donation receipts for the donors from each country, can be found on the last page of this newsletter. We make sure that the administrative costs are as low as possible and that all donations are used for their intended purpose. Our foreign organizations forward 95–100% of the donations received, to our work in India, directly.

The Indian financial year always begins on April 1st. The following table documents the origin of donations by country, and the amount of operating expenses and investments. The second table shows the earmarked donations and expenditures for the different areas of our work.

For the first time in our history, there is a considerable amount of local donations from India (INR 45.6 lakhs – equivalent to approx. US\$ 54,800). These are donations from larger Indian companies that donate to charitable projects as part of their corporate social responsibility. These include Petronet LNG, Celebi Delhi Cargo Terminal Management, Anand Ranjan, Lease Plan India and Fedbank Financial Services.

### Children in the Learning Center on average (January – November 2023)

- Day Care (age 2–5): **22**
- Non formal education (ages 6–12): **38**
- Remedial Education (age 6–16): **65**

### Adult education in Learning Center (Nov. 2023)

- Sewing class: **22**
- Adult Women Literacy Class: **10**

I would also like to briefly introduce you to our new division “Love Delhi Initiative”. This is a platform for which many Christian organizations and churches in Delhi have come together. The aim is to develop strategies and measures in the following areas:

- Promotion of marginalized groups and help for the poor and needy
- Extracurricular education for slum children
- Addressing mental health issues among millennials and GenZ
- Promotion of business start-ups and job creation in marginalized groups

This initiative is funded separately through a Swiss foundation. If you take a closer look at the figures, you will see that we had more expenditure than income for this project in the past financial year. However, this is largely offset by a surplus of donations for this project from the previous year.

## Christoph Burkhardt

<b>Delhi House Society India</b> 	<b>1.4.2022 – 31.3.2023</b>
<b>Annual Financial Statement in INR</b>	
Opening Cash Balance	7.972.666
Local Donations from India	4.558.955
Foreign Donations	12.703.531
from Germany	6.183.470
from Switzerland	5.362.704
from New Zealand	1.144.447
other foreign donations	12.910
Interest on bank accounts	291.136
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17.553.622</b>
Operating Expenses	-17.132.601
Purchase of Fixed Assets	-549.097
Building Construction	-1.275.762
Change in current assets/liabilities	151.955
<b>Closing Cash Balance</b>	<b>6.720.783</b>
<b>Donations in Kind</b>	
Food and other Consumables	154.000
Ambulance-Vehicle	800.000
All figures in Indian Rupees	



### Delhi House Society India Revenues and Expenses by Projects

April 22 – March 23	Revenues	Expenses	Shortfall/ overlap
Project	INR	INR	INR
Non-earmarked (*)	7.759.001	3.052.914	7.759.001
Sewa Ashram	4.327.805	8.666.122	- 4.338.317
CP-1	668.756	973.820	-305.064
CP-2	325.655	324.685	970
LC(*) Narela	1.174.659	1085312	89.347
LC(*) Bawana	942.619	729.286	213.333
Love Delhi Project	2.355.127	4.125.321	-1.770.194
<b>Total</b>	<b>17.553.622</b>	<b>18.957.460</b>	<b>-1.403.838</b>

(\*) LC = Learning Center;  
Non-earmarked = Donations without allocation to a project and interest income.  
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Sewa Ashram patient statistics Jan – Nov 2023	Total
Patients pick up from roadside	46
Patient self-came from road side	107
Patients refer from hospitals and other NGOs	7
<b>Total Number of new patients</b>	<b>160</b>
Critical patients admitted to hospital	28
Patients discharge after completed treatment	84
Patients shifted to other NGO for rehabilitation	4
Patients who left during treatment	16
Patient died during treatment	14

Delhi House Society exists to see the lives of the poor transformed: physically, socially, economically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. We thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to care for our brothers and sisters in India. For more details on how you can partner with us please visit our website [www.delhihouse.org](http://www.delhihouse.org)

**INDIAN RESIDENTS & INR PAYMENTS ONLY:** All Indian contributions made to Delhi House Society are eligible for tax deduction of 50% u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act 1961. Make a direct deposit in INR to Delhi House Society, Account No 380902010006469, Union bank of India, Ansari Road Branch, Dariyaganj, Delhi. IFSC code: UBIN0538094. Contact [office@delhihouse.org](mailto:office@delhihouse.org) and supply full name, address, Pan Number and Mobile number of the contributor, else it will be treated as anonymous and will be subject to taxation.

**EUROPEAN RESIDENTS (EUR):** Make a SEPA direct deposit in EUR to Delhi House e.V., Waldsaum 33, 45134 Essen, Germany. IBAN: DE97 6601007506145097 50 BIC: PBNKDEFF (Postbank Karlsruhe). Contact [office@delhihouse.de](mailto:office@delhihouse.de) to receive a receipt in German language for income tax deduction.

**SWISS RESIDENTS (CHF):** Make a direct deposit in CHF to Verein JayaHo, 3000 Bern. Account: IBAN CH07 0900 0000 3051 5590 9, Contact [verein@jayaho.ch](mailto:verein@jayaho.ch) to receive a receipt in German language for income tax deduction.

**NEW ZEALAND RESIDENTS (NZD):** Make a direct deposit in NZD at ANZ for Cry for the World Foundation, Account: 01 0819 0374190 30, Branch: 37, Rotherham St, Riccarton, Christchurch.

**AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS (AUD):** Go to the webpage of our partner Interserve Australia <https://interserve.org.au/give/> and select "Interserve worker or Project" in the "I would like to give"-drop down, enter the Recipient Number 1299.82 and "Delhi House Society", Select "Once-off" or "Regularly" in the Type of giving space and then the required information is provided/asked for, depending on choices made. Giving can be via credit/debit card, bank transfer or cheque.

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