

SEVA ACTIVITIES

REPORT ON SEVA ACTIVITIES FEBRUARY, 2008

*“It is the very essence of Devotion,
The very breath of Devotee,
His very nature.
It springs from the actual
experience of
The Devotee - an experience
That convinces him
That all beings are God's children
That all bodies are altars where
God is installed
That all places are His
Residences.”*
-Baba

The Sathya Sai Centre of Edmonton is dedicated to providing service wherever it is needed. Our strengths lie in the skills and talents of our devotees and volunteers, and the quality and efficiency of our services.

The expression “Service to Man is a Service to God” best describes the essence of our mission.

Seva Activities

While most people sought the warmth and comfort of their homes on cold wintry afternoons and nights, devotees and volunteers of our Centre were found **hosting and serving dinners at Operation Friendship and the Native Friendship Centre.**

My gratitude to Brother David Rebus, Sister Rema and Brother Ramanj Govindsamy for

obtaining the donors. The donations and the offers to help with the program were heart-warming.

At Operation Friendship we had **12 volunteers** who helped prepare the side dishes and to serve the seniors. At the Native Friendship Centre, we had, on average, about **8 volunteers** to set up the tables, prepare the complete dinner and serve the needy. Our thanks to all our volunteers and sponsors.

Sai Centre members served hot meals once at Operation Friendship on the 24th of February, and on four Wednesdays at the Native Friendship Centre.

At Operation Friendship we prepared and served about 170 meals and at the Native Friendship Centre we prepared and served between 50 and 70 meals to needy citizens each Wednesday in February.

There are also volunteer opportunities at Operation Friendship and The Native Friendship Centre. **Sponsors are also needed for meals served at The Native Friendship Centre.** Please contact the Seva Coordinator if you are willing to help in either capacity.

Clean-up at the Centre

The Sai Centre is also looking for active volunteers to keep our premises neat and tidy at all times. Please see Sister Hema Archarya who has been spear-heading this Seva Activity for details on how we can be of assistance.

Our appeal also goes out to our youth to take on leadership responsibilities and spearhead some of our Seva activities.