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SHREE PRETORIA HINDU SEVA SAMAJ

(Established in 1932)

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SAMAJ SOCIAL SUPPORT POLICY

1. AIM / PURPOSE

The purpose of the Samaj Social Support policy is to:
Provide clarity to the community on the type of social support services rendered by the Health, Welfare and Gender Committee (HW&GC) of the Shree Pretoria Hindu Seva Samaj.

2. RATIONALE / BACKGROUND

Since its formation in 1932, the Shree Pretoria Hindu Seva Samaj has served as the custodian of the welfare, education and spiritual needs of the Gujarati community of Pretoria. Whilst general welfare assistance for needy families has always been provided on an informal basis, since 1999 a sub –committee was formed to support the health, welfare and gender needs of the Gujarati community and surrounding areas. Following this a policy document was drawn up.

3. VISION & MISSION

The vision of the Health, Welfare & Gender Committee is “to improve the social and welfare lifestyle of the greater Pretoria Gujarati community”. This will be achieved by engaging in activities that support the socialization of senior citizens, awareness programmes on health, welfare and gender issues, excursions and providing healthy recreational activities.

4. TYPES OF SUPPORT

The HW&GC of the Samaj will provide the following support:

- **Educate** the community on resources available to address health, welfare and gender challenges.
- Regular (monthly) meetings of senior citizens by means of the ***Samaj Senior Citizens Club***. Activities of the club will include:
 - The promotion of preventative and educational intervention to enable active aging and healthy life-style;
 - Programmes that encourage socialisation, fitness and entertainment
 - Organizing excursions to places of interest both nationally and internationally

- Awareness and education around health, welfare and gender issues.
- Organizing of functions where knowledgeable people can address community on health, welfare and gender issues
- Provision of Diwali hampers to identified indigent families or persons

5. COMPOSITION OF SOCIAL SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The Health, Welfare and Gender Committee is a Portfolio Committee of the Shree Pretoria Hindu Seva Samaj. Its chairperson is elected biennially by the broader Gujarati community and the rest of the committee is made up of health & welfare professionals and volunteers.

6. PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED BY PERSONS REQUIRING WELFARE ASSISTANCE

- 6.1 All requests for assistance must be directed to the office of the Administrator of the Shree Pretoria Hindu Seva Samaj based at the Samaj premises at 264 13th Avenue, during working hours.
- 6.2 Applicants will be required to provide details of the nature of assistance required.
- 6.3 All individuals making enquiries will be given contact details of relevant resources.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS

Health, Welfare and Gender committee members and its co-opted members as well as its volunteers to abide by the code of confidentiality at all times.

8 MONTHLY REPORTS

- 8.1 The Head of the Health, Welfare & Gender Committee will provide monthly reports to the Executive on monthly activities.

9. GENERAL

- 9.1 The HW & G Committee will continuously strive towards positive change within the Gujarati Community.