



A GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR THE CARE OF SPIRITUAL SEEKERS AND FELLOW MEN IN NEED

In June 2015 Gurudas (Roger Siegel) started the idea for the Vedic Care Charitable Trust, then named The Vedic Care Project. He saw the need for care of the elderly, isolated and forgotten peoples, so he posted a concerned post on Facebook with a photo that day. He had also been sharing the message of caring for one another around the world for some time. He then asked others to join him to form a team to actualize a model care center, etc. Aradhana devi dasi (Ana Lucia Alves) joined first, then Rama Nisrhimha das prabhu (Richard Dench). The Vedic Care have three Trustees, with many capable personalities who have joined as advisors, volunteers, ambassadors, assisting care givers, etc.

The VCC cultural heritage:

This idea sprang from Radharani, Srila Prabhupad and The Varna Asrama ancient model of care; Das anu das, serving each other.

What inspired the VCC:

"The care and compassion that Prabhupad showered on me and all the heroic devotees and people who have volunteered to care and serve others without being forced to." Gurudas

The VCC brand:

"An Oasis of Love" or "The gateway to the spiritual world". Our Assisting Care facilities (not medical), residential villages and farms are for all spiritual seekers and compassionate souls who wish to leave a peaceful, kind and prosperous life. Our efforts is so they can live in a caring community, wherein the individual is respected and cared for at all stages of their lives.

Our mission statement:

"The Vedic Care Charitable Trust is a global organization for providing ecumenical loving care through a network of member eco-villages, temples and farms; giving all those who seek enlightenment and a healthy life style, a place to come, serve, be served and share their wisdom; a world-wide oasis of love. Spiritual seekers and fellow men, can come, associate, live and be supported in every way in an enlivening and nourishing atmosphere. At the VCC we're focused on preventative and spiritually enlivening and supportive healthy living style. We're promoting one simple idea: That we must provide essential loving support, holistic health assistance and education for Spiritual Culture practitioners and fellow men in need."

Our long term goal:

To have a Care facility in every town and village, as well a hotline, worldwide outreach teams.

In short:

The Vedic Care Charitable Trust is a global organization providing essential material and spiritual care services to all sincere spiritual culture practitioners, through a ecumenical cooperative network of member eco-villages, temples and farms. We hope to relieve pain and suffering and leave no one behind.

We'll provide:

A loving supportive care and bliss for the mind and body of all souls that follow spiritual practices. We'll also assist any of our fellow men in desperate need who will behave in a proper manner; showing appreciation, kindness and respect for another human being.

The VCC principals:

We are devotees of Krishna. We love, care for, honor and respect every human being and living entities..

On Cooperation:

News ideas and feed back can be sent to our website, it will be then followed up with emails and if need be phone calls. As ideas develop the will feature in Articles on the Vedic Times and weekly phone meetings. We'll assist devotees with the same Devotee Care ambitions to succeed in their area.

The VCC time frame :

From the initial idea for the VCC to develop properly it took 15 months. Charity Status is done, Social media in the works and our website is now done. We're now beginning the fundraising stage for our model caring and educational facility.

The VCC is an international organization:

The VCC international branches should follow the guidelines of this basic Constitution at all times, but like a brand, as long as they do not divert from our goals and aims, maintaining the standard necessary to keep the Vedic Care name, they can be autonomous, utilizing links for legitimacy. With this said, a quarterly report should be shared with the Trustees and the Core (international) management body.

- The management structure in regional charter groups will include: Trustees, members, president, secretary, treasurers and careers. The same structure as we've now should be established. e.g. We already facilitating that in the UK.
- The Vedic Care has a policy of Transparency so our yearly reports and important documents are shared on our website for the pleasure of donors and well-wishers.

- All VCC facilities will share a common web site, and promotional materials. The main VCC website will be the central focus but a local website in the same line can also be build if so desired, as far as there are links to one another. Also, they should all use the same style, logo and guidelines as they will be doing their own fundraising campaigns.
- Co-mingling of denotations received: As there will be one website for all that will occur. Only the local and independent campaigns and local direct donations will be kept locally, for their proper distribution. Donors can also ear mark their donations on which project they want to support.

Services the VCC wish to provide:

Kirtan, spiritualized food distribution, readings, pastoral services for devotees and family members (like flower garlands, sandalwood, the writing of a devotee's biography etc.), burial services, supportive hospice services and out-reach, educational services and community outreach. We'll also focus on creating jobs for the community in our centers and farm communities.

The essence of each service:

* VCC Out-Reach Teams

Compassionate Care out reach is another form of prasadam (mercy), as is our giving of Shastra readings (ancient scriptures), kirtan (mantra music meditation), healthy prasadam (vegetarian blessed diet) according to the individual's medical situation. Our outreach support teams won't be required to administer any medication and will assist the Nurses and Medical practitioners.

* VCC Hotline

(Pastoral care can be included - with a fellow up visit if need be) Our hotline project will be for assisting devotees from afar. So if you need to reveal your mind in confidence, ask questions or share your insights, we'll be there to 'Care'.

* VCC Residential Care

This is provided by our Out-Reach Teams, on a case by case basis, assisting with readings, cleaning, relieving family members stress, sharing healthy foodstuffs. All according to the individual's situation and the family members' needs.

* VCC Healing Centers

The VCC Holistic & Spiritual Health Care facilities are dedicated to assisting in the care for devotees and others aspiring to live a life of service to God. We will provide preventive and supportive health and educational services (for all interested parties) offering each recipient a safe, self sufficient and non materialist environment. Healthy and Whole lifestyle is our primary concern.

* VCC Hospice Projects

Our hospice projects are in development. Our supportive care provided is meant to allow each client to fully absorb the mind in transcendence, so they may be adequately prepared for that critical time of passing; guaranteeing a successful auspicious transition to the next life.

* VCC Retirement Projects

Self sufficient Eco-Villages and spiritual environments for spiritual seekers and fellow men in need. With our Farm & Eco-Village partners, we'll build these everywhere on the planet, where no one is left alone, in difficulty.

* The Vedic Care "Vastu Huts"

Would you like to live peacefully in the midst of friends and like minded people? So we invite you to "seed your retirement" with us as we're planning to create tiny homes for retirement in our Eco-Villages and Farm Projects.

* VCC MP3 and Tablets Program

Many senior devotees have found themselves in nursing homes and hospice facilities where they are surrounded by purely materialistic minds. This can have a devastating effect on the spiritual well-being of the devotee and spiritual seeker. However, the simple gift of an MP3 player or a tablet pre-loaded with Kirtan (spiritual music), Hari Katha, prayers and so forth, can benefit the spiritual well-being greatly.

* The VCC Farms, Self-sustained Eco-Villages and Educational training projects:

We'd like to develop our education training projects, as well as small Farms and self-sustained Eco-Villages (this will require an small indigenous local industry for providing funds for the community). The goal is also to bring the Vedic wisdom of the old members as Mentors to the youngsters. We want to provide an environment of love and respect where all lives count and are useful (Life experience is also a currency as well as money), and when the body becomes weak, that the full support be there for a successful passage to the next realm.

Who will be providing the VCC services to the community:

We'll serve with qualified volunteers or financially compensated professionals, part or full time individuals, depending on the time, necessities and capacities of each individual. A salary roof of (no more then) \$2,000,00 per month will be kept for all positions.

The VCC Trustees

Our trustees shall be elected by the Founders and other Trustees. Their sincere interest in the cause and their honest service is the only stipulation for anyone to become a Trustee. VCC general membership could vote names into consideration out of their appreciation. The removal of a Trustee would be by fellow Trustees only, and with the great majority agreeing and only after a full understanding and proof of the Trustee incapacity to serve the cause.

The Trustee responsibilities are various depending on their capacities. but they are mainly defined by:

- They are committed for their lives to the success of the VCC.
- They will serve in their specialized capacities and will continuously learn, serving and participating hands on as the project evolves.

The VCC Trustees number should not be greater then five with international responsibilities. Each VCC project will have their own Core Team (eight members) to fully run the project and report to the main Trustees and Core Team quarterly.

The VCC shall be incorporated:

This shall be done in every project as liability in failure will not fall on anyone's head specifically. Meetings should be at least trice a week if not more. Trustees will create a system where their inspire others to care. Leading by example they will be able to encourage many to do more.

The VCC is based on love and trust.

The VCC envisioned incentive memberships:

Memberships will be based on monthly donations and will be as follows:

- General membership - \$31 - will receive discounts on our treatments and on our online shop, and monthly newsletters.
- VCC friend - \$51- the above and one product from our online shirts collection.
- VCC Donor - \$108 - the above and a medium size b& w foto signed by Gurudas after supporting the VCC for a whole year.
- VCC Angel - \$291 - the above and a one week per year stay free at any of our or member facilities.
- VCC Benefactor - \$ 611 - the above and a week stay in any of our or member facilities.
- VCC patron - \$ 811 - all the above and one more week stay in any of our or member facilities, making it two weeks stay in total. Furthermore, welcomed to holist preventive health treatments with a discount after that.
- VCC life member - \$ 1.111 or more - all the above , a VCC Life member card which will allow you to visit and stay for a retreat or for preventive health treatments a whole month each year. They'll also receive wonderful literature by mail.

Groups we'll develop VCC membership with:

The Indian community, Hindu community, Yoga societies and all spiritual seekers.

Targeted member-ship:

All the above. In the hundreds we hope, beginning with a few and growing.

VCC work with other non-profit groups:

e.g. Iskcon, Christian, Buddhists, Bhakti Marga and other faith groups; Yoga societies, Health living societies, retirement communities.

We'd be glad to work in cooperation with any institution who wishes to care for fellow humans who are engaged in a meaningful and healthy lifestyle, spiritual search and self realization. We will serve by sharing information, resources and educational skills.

The VCC transparency:

The VCC have a full transparency policy, meaning we're sharing our yearly financial reports on our website.

Funding the VCC operations:

We'll operate mostly with gifts from our Donors - personal and corporations - but also from Memberships, Online Shop, Governments Grants, Seminars, Speaking tours and all media.

The VCC budget:

We see unlimited possibilities.

Distribution of the VCC funds:

All distribution of funds are to be agreed upon by all the VCC Trustees at all times. We decide things in a consensus. Funds will be used for the VCC projects in most need and all shall be used for the success of our mission.

The VCC wish - time line:

In 12 months: We see our first model facility fully operational. We're developing in Arizona.

In 24 months: Two more, hopefully in Paraty, Brazil, and one in the UK or Alachua, Florida.

In 36 months: Five more we hope.

Our mediums to communicate the VCC activities to the public:

Our website, facebook, Vimeo and all most known social medias. We also expect to have many TV appearances, documentaries and multifaceted articles about our activities in the mainstream media, just like our VCC New York Times article.

The VCC incorporated and bases of operations:

VCC Incorporated will start in California U.S. and then United Kingdom and so forth.

Operations are to be from CA, then from AZ to begin with, expanding to Florida and further as we're able.

Improving actual VCC practices, communications, etc:

With more funds we'll get on a platform where we can have visual international conference calls, and where we can begin giving courses and classes online. Training teams to facilitate loving care as much as possible.

The VCC biggest asset:

The Vedic Care message in preventive healthy, loving and caring lifestyle. Because there are so many persons in need of care, the demand for our services is essential and constant.

Impediment to the VCC's success:

Complacency until an emergency arises. Then everyone acts, frantic, reactive and piecemeal. Maharaj Yudhistir defined how everyone dies yet that we deny it. We want to have the prevention from stress methods in place, to kindly deal with old age and end of life issues so to make it as fulfilling, peaceful as possible.

The contribution to the VCC project will you like to make to the world:

As an instrument of Kindness, based in Love and Trust, we're serving to promote a Love, Care and Respect ideal society, serving in a holistically healthy environment all living entities in need; promoting personal growth and ways to find peace, this way relieving much of the suffering of our fellow men.

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