

## **KAMLA FOUNDATION AWARD**

### **Introduction**

Kamla Foundation has created this award to acknowledge the acts of exceptional goodwill which are carried out by many people, and may go unrecognised by the wider community. In order to redress this imbalance, to generate awareness and to promote a greater sense of community spirit, Kamla Foundation has established this annual award that will be given to an 'outstanding individual' in recognition of their contribution in helping to improve the lives of others, or their inspirational ability to battle adversity.



These indeed, are the qualities attributed to Mrs Kamlaben Mistry, in whose name and memory this award is in recognition of. She was renowned for her dedication to her family, resilience in the face of adversity, her sense of duty and gracefulness, in good times and bad, she never lost her capacity to smile and laugh, nor to inspire others with her warmth, kindness, energy and commitment to help the wider community.

This award will build on the spiritual and humane ethos she left as her enduring memory, and hopefully, the worthy recipients of the award will continue that legacy.

### **The Awards Process**

We hope that this Award becomes widely accepted as the primary recognition for excellence in contributing to community life and that it grows to offer even greater benefits for both its recipients and for the wider society. Principally, the Award aims to recognise those who have made outstanding achievements in their field, who are inspirational role models and have contributed in a significant way to the local community.

In addition we will help our Award Holders to develop as individuals, leaders and team-players by supporting them to become Ambassadors for their community.

### **Selection Criteria: How the recipients will be chosen**

A Community Panel (representative of the local area) will be charged with choosing the worthy winners. Recipients of the Award will be selected in part by how they demonstrate or exemplify the spirit and the principles of building and promoting community involvement. The Award criteria will include committing ongoing acts of kindness, exemplifying the ideal good neighbour and championing a community or neighbourhood cause.

In choosing the recipients of the Kamla Foundation Award, regard will be given to the nominee's achievements in the year immediately prior to the receipt of the award, as well as their past achievements and ongoing contribution to the wider community.

### **The Selection panel will also look at how the individual has:**

- Developed relationships within and between communities,
- Increased community awareness and promotes good relations,

- Increased respect for difference and diversity,
- Demonstrated excellence in their field,
- Been an inspirational role model for the local community,
- Carried out voluntary work beyond paid employment,
- Performed, the nature and length of activity or service,
- Achieved as an individual or as part of a group or organisation.

**Examples for achieving the award could be the following:**

- A person who has overcome humble beginnings or adversity to achieve success through hard work and determination and served as an outstanding role model to the community, embodying the values of self motivation and unwavering purpose - even in the face of extreme adversity.
- A person that demonstrates fresh, bold thinking, which is innovative enough to inspire others.
- It takes a special somebody to change the tide and to deliver the impossible for the community. This unique individual makes the area a better place to be.
- A person who gives up their time and talents generously for the benefit of the community – no matter how big or small the cause.
- A person ‘going the extra mile’ to help people around them. It maybe someone helping an individual local to them. It could be someone who works for the good of local people in their area and is known as a friend to turn to when they have a problem or are in need.
- A person who has a life changing effect on those they care for and their families.
- A person who has made a positive contribution to their community, have demonstrated exceptional volunteering and or leadership commitment, are an example to their friends, or have successfully faced personal challenges.

**Winners**

Award recipients will be the guest of honour at a celebratory dinner and receive a certificate, a bronze trophy (see design below) and the sum of INR 2,000 in recognition of their achievement.

**Bronze Trophy**

