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## Shrimad Rajchandra Love & Care charity packs 15,000 hygiene kits for community

**Washington, DC:** On July 19th more than 600 volunteers from across the country gathered to assemble 15,000 hygiene kits for the homeless shelters, NGO aid organizations, and community charities. This event was coordinated by Shrimad Rajchandra Love & Care USA (SRLC). This year SRLC held this signature volunteer event, in Tysons,



More than 600 volunteers gathered for the 'seva yagna'

VA. Volunteers ranging from the ages of 12 to 65 packaged the kits which will be distributed to local homeless shelters, NGO aid organizations and organizations such as Volunteers of America.

The kits items included soap, comb, toothbrush and toothpaste, lip balm, shampoo, and other self-care products. A thoughtful card with a loving message was also placed in each package as a blessing to the recipients of kits. The room was filled with spiritual music and a vibrant atmosphere as the event was carried out. Volunteers also enjoyed taking selfies at the photo booth to share the moments.

The event was also attended by multiple dignitaries including the Indian ambassador to the United States, Harsh Vardhan Shringla and Reverend Father Walter Kedjierski, the Executive Director of Secretariat of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. In addition,

representatives from multiple charities attended the event including those from Volunteers of America, SOME INC, Grace DC Homeless Project, and the Foundation Schools. The festive charitable event was done with the purpose of seva yagna. Seva in Hindi means selfless offering through actions for another party, this act is done with the purest intentions with no expectations of anything in return. Yagna signifies a formal, grand event that brings an entire community for one purpose, it has connotations of a purposeful gathering full of friends and bonding. The seva yagna was held at the Sheraton Tysons Hotel and was conducted as part of the organizations' annual spiritual retreat.

Shrimad Rajchandra Love and Care USA is an initiative of Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur to offer service and bring joy to the lives of the underserved sections of society.