

## EDITORIAL

Dear Friends,

*"Tough times never last but tough people do."*  
- Robert Schuller

Time waits for no one. Yet another year has passed. It seems not too long ago, we embarked on our mission to spread awareness about the importance of early detection of Breast Cancer. Since our inception, several organizations have shared the same cause, making Passages part of a global movement that saves lives through emphasis on Early Detection through regular annual check ups and the Pink Ribbon symbol.

We, the Passages team, would like to share that we have now turned 25 and, through the years, have grown to empathize with the challenges and hardships that our patients face during their recovery journey. Our journey, too, has been one of patience, perseverance, and a positive mindset in setbacks.

A sincere acknowledgment and gratitude to each and every **donor, friend and family** for seeing us through the years by making generous funds available for the chemotherapy treatment of the lesser-privileged patients that we have been supporting.

A big shoutout and thanks to **Team Gallery Art & Soul** who tirelessly, with a sense of hope and empowerment, have organized successful fundraising events for Passages.

Heartfelt acknowledgment to the members of the **Indus International-Mumbai** for their contribution through the years, especially during the pandemic and lockdown.

We appreciate the encouragement of all our volunteers who are part of the process through the ups and downs, reminding us that tough times will eventually pass.

As we enter 2024, we look forward to seeing you all at our celebratory events.

A Happy New Year to all!

**Kaya Shewakramani**

## OUR ACTIVITIES 2023

JANUARY 24, 2023



Passages sponsored a very enjoyable **Puppet Show** for the children undergoing cancer treatment at the Bai Jerbai Wadia Hospital, Parel.

MARCH 16, 2023



Along with the chemotherapy tablets, gifts (food items) were distributed to the cancer patients whom we support. We thank **Mrs. Rita Advani** and family for this initiative of sponsoring these food items.

## OUR ACTIVITIES 2023

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023



**'Foto Metallica'** - a fundraiser for Passages - a creative and inspiring evening at the Gallery Art & Soul, Worli - was organized and presented by **Jeh** and **Jehan Khubchandani** - dynamic twins, one a skilled photographer with an eye for detail and the other a keen budding acoustic expert; they have always supported our Passages' initiatives by their active involvement in some of our fundraising, organizing for our C-Kids events and medicine distribution activities.

Foto Metallica had mesmerizing photographs and sound installations on audio and visual display; most proceeds collected were for our Medicine Bank initiative.

We, at Passages, are very grateful for Jeh's and Jehan's enthusiastic dedication to Passages' activities and wish them success in their future endeavors.



## OUR ACTIVITIES 2023

OCTOBER 18, 2023



Food items were distributed at the office to our regular cancer patients who come for their chemotherapy tablets.

Our gratitude to **Mrs. Raj Kumari Manghanani** and **Mr. Vishamber Shewakramani** for supplying these food bags for all.

NOVEMBER 17, 2023



In keeping with the festive season of Diwali, we had decided to add a little extra cheer to the families of our patients by creating a Diwali 'goody bag' to be gifted to all, at the Passages' office.

Accordingly, gift bags of food essentials were created, thanks to the sponsorship of our donors - **Master Yuvansh Periwal, Miss Aadya Periwal** and **Mrs. Shilpa Saraf**. We appreciate their promptness in responding to our appeal and for their kind generosity.

## OUR ACTIVITIES 2023

DECEMBER 16, 2023



'Artresia' Holiday X-Mas Party, Worli - our Passages' stall raised awareness about early detection of breast cancer and literature was distributed accordingly. There were items for sale donated by well-wishers; the proceeds went to raise funds for our Medicine Bank Initiative. Our thanks to **Kanchan Khubchandani** and **Arpana Khanna (Designs by K)**; **Shilpa Saraf**, and **Parul Mehta**.

## A BIG THANK YOU!



Our sincere thanks to the **Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Charitable Trust**, for their generous donation towards our Passages' initiatives of helping some more lesser-privileged cancer patients complete their treatment requirements under our Cancer Health Program schemes. Thank you **Mrs. Neela Parikh** (President, 2022-23) and committee for this funding on 16.02.2023.