



EDUCATION
WITH PURPOSE

Mirin Kaur Phool with
California Assembly Member
The Honorable Ash Kalra and
NCSS President Terry Cherry



As I reflect upon all that we have achieved together in 2017, and look towards in 2018, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude. There is nothing more heartwarming for me than to hear a Sikh youth share how he/she is more comfortable in the classroom or better appreciated by peers because of Kaur Foundation's educational resources in their school. I feel equally delighted when I meet teachers at regional or national social studies conferences who express to me how much they value Kaur Foundation's standardized and contextual instructional materials to teach from, given the diversity in their classrooms. Interactions such as these highlight for me how our educational resources are transforming the dialogue taking place in public schools and reinforce the importance of our work.

We are committed to serving our community by bringing knowledge and understanding about Sikhs and Sikhi into America's K-12 educational system. In 2017 alone we introduced over 2100 teachers to our educational materials, empowering them to use it in their schools to bring knowledge and a new understanding about the Sikh community. This has been possible because of the generous support from our enlightened donors, the strategic guidance offered by our Board of Directors, and our team of dedicated staff, interns and volunteers. Everyone has worked together tirelessly so we can be stronger each day, enabling us to achieve the goals we have set for ourselves - a safe and inclusive environment for our children.

We have remained steadfast to our vision since 2002. In 2018 we continue to promote cultural literacy by creating more innovative educational resources and distributing them to our target audience - the educators via our teacher training program. Our signature teaching resource, the 'Cultural Safari' video is consistently the most widely used tool used by teachers throughout the country.

Your support for Kaur Foundation's educational programs brings knowledge of Sikhi to schools, making it possible for our children to remain proud of who they are.

Sincerely,
Mirin Kaur Phool
President, Kaur Foundation

THE 4 CORES OF KF

Conduct Professional Trainings for In Service and Pre-Service teachers

1

Create K-12 Resources and content about Sikh culture and identity

2

Advocate for adoption of Sikh resources via curriculum in School Districts and Counties

3

Raise awareness about the Sikh community through Educational Partnerships

4

1. In Service and Pre-Service Teachers Training:

Over 2100 teachers reached through social studies conferences and religious literacy trainings in Ohio, Georgia, Texas, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Illinois and California.

Each teacher trained reaches an exponential accumulation of students who are educated about Sikhi in American Public Schools!



Illinois

Teachers enjoying Langar at Palatine Gurdwara as part of Religious Literacy training.



Texas

Kaur Foundation Training Session at the Texas Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference.



N. California

Kaur Foundation Teacher Training/ Presentation and Reflection with Q&A session.



Kaur Foundation session in a Religious Literacy for Educators Training week at Palatine Gurdwara, Chicago.

We are grateful to the Gurdwara Management team, Bhai Sahibs and Sangat.



2. Creating Resources

PROUD ACHIEVEMENTS

"Cultural Safari", our signature DVD and accompanying teacher resources were endorsed by the National Council for the Social Studies for use by educators in all states.

MONUMENTAL MILESTONE – High School Lesson Plans

"Teaching about Sikhism" – Kaur Foundation has developed a 16 day unit in collaboration with High School World Religions teachers. This resource will be disseminated to schools in 2018 to be used across disciplines such as Social Studies, World History, and World Geography.

UPCOMING RESOURCES

High School Documentary – The pre-production phase for the high school level curriculum documentary is completed. We are still in need of funds for filming and distribution.



Explore our expanded educational resources at our new website:
www.kaurfoundation.org

3. Partnering With School Districts and Counties:

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 KF presence
2016

 KF engagement
2017



4. Raising Awareness: Northern California (San Francisco, San Jose)

97th National Council Social Studies (NCSS) Annual Conference

This year, Kaur Foundation exhibited, presented and hosted the President's Reception at the 97th National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) Annual Conference at San Jose Sikh Gurdwara. Approximately 300 educators, social studies supervisors, policy makers, Sikh youth and community members attended the President's Reception at the SJ Sikh Gurdwara. While educators gained, first hand, knowledge about Sikhs, our community learned about the importance of opening doors and building relations with local educators. We are grateful to our exceptional on-ground team who worked with us to create a purposeful event with the inspiring leadership of Bob S. Dhillon, Pushpinder Ji, Gurinder Pal Ji, Robin Bhurjee (San Jose Sikh Gurdwara and Guru Nanak Khalsa School San Jose), and Harbir Bhatia (Joy of Sewa).

Kaur Foundation's education director conducted workshops and clinics for conference attendees. KF volunteers were busy tying turbans and answering questions from educators who visited our exhibition booth.



NCSS attendees, local educators, and community members at the NCSS President's Reception San Jose, Sikh Gurdwara

KF Exhibition Booth & Clinics at NCCS Conference, San Francisco

Attendees from Kaur Foundation's clinic on 'Exploring Sikhism' conducted by KF Education Director.



KF Communications Lead, Simrin Singh & Education Director, Dr. Pritpal Kaur answer questions from conference attendees



Educators experiencing the feel of a turban with KF Technology Lead Jasmeet Singh

NCSS President's Reception Presenters & Speakers



Terry Cherry
National Council
of Social Studies
(NCSS) President



John Camardella
World Religions
Teacher



**Honorable
Ash Kalra**
California
Assembly Member



Jagjot Singh, CA
Master of
Ceremonies



Pushpinder Kaur
Principal
San Jose Gurdwara
Khalsa School



Mirin Kaur Phool
President
Kaur Foundation

NCSS President's Reception – Contributions of the San Jose Youth



NCSS President's Reception

San Jose Gurdwara Community and Volunteers



WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

In 2017, **\$125,000** in donations from our supporters helped us create safe learning environments for our children.

75% of these donations were used to **train teachers** so they can teach their students about Sikhs.

The remaining 25% was used to **expand our footprint at major conferences** to reach more Public School teachers and classrooms nationwide.

How you can continue to help!

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Let's Nurture This Cause Together



Curriculum for High School

The 100 Year Journey (Documentary)

This 45 minute educational documentary will focus on the Sikh American experiences; interweaving stories from more than a century ago to the present day. At the heart of the documentary will be the philosophy of Sikhi, and what it means to be a Sikh. It will be divided into 5 sections, each exploring the legacy and the integration of Sikhs in America.

Project Status:

Storyboard is complete. 60% of project funding raised.

Project Impact:

Teachers who have used our signature resource '**Cultural Safari**' want more resources for the High School level in the following areas: History, World Cultures, AP World Geography, World Religion, and Governance classes. This documentary will fill a void in the current educational resources for High School, and audiences beyond looking for historical information in a digital format.

Create Impact! Here's how:

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