THE SANDHU CHARITABLE FOUNDATION





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THE SANTON CHARITY DONATES £20,000 TO MAGIC BUS UK



The Santon Group's charity, The Sandhu Charitable Foundation, has made a donation of £20,000 to assist Magic Bus UK in expanding its operations in Delhi.

Founded in 1999, Magic Bus is an Indian non-profit organisation working with children from marginalised communities. Magic Bus work through a researched, activity-based curriculum which has been designed, to bring about behaviour change. Using the medium of sport, Magic Bus programmes work with children and communities towards gender equality, better education, health and livelihood opportunities.

Following the donation, Magic Bus will be able to enrol thousands of vulnerable children in Delhi on to their unique sports for development programme, designed to change vulnerable children into confident young leaders in their communities. They will also be able to train youth volunteers to run the activities for the children. The Youth Volunteers are real life role models for the children and with the leadership and livelihood skills Magic Bus provide they become drivers for change across the country.

Commenting on the gift, Tiffany Garside, Director of Magic Bus UK said: "It is fantastic being in partnership with The Sandhu Charitable Foundation and The Santon Group team. They are totally committed to creating long-lasting, positive change in India. We are extremely grateful for their ongoing support and impressed by their genuine desire to help the most vulnerable children in India break the cycle of poverty."

Pardeep Sandhu, Head of Philanthropy at The Santon Group, and Bim Sandhu said: "We have been long term supporters of Magic Bus and over the several years that we have been engaged with them we have become increasingly impressed by the progress they have made in creating a platform for making long term beneficial change to the lives of hundreds of thousands of children in India. We are proud to be able to make our own small contribution to the ongoing success of the Magic Bus team"

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