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Subject: celebration of life ! what an awesome evening.
To: lalitha@mohanfoundation.org

Dear Mrs Lalitha Raghuram,

At the outset let me congratulate you and Mr Raghuram for putting up an excellent evening to commemorate the 10 GLORIOUS years of MOHAN FOUNDATION.

I am privileged to be a life member of the fantastic organization.

After returning back from the program , let me confess I could not sleep and sat up penning down what came to my mind , I take the liberty to send that as an attachment in this mail.

Please do let me know if I could associate with any of your programs or volunteer myself to help the organization .

Once again I thank both of you to extend an invite to me for the great evening.

Many more successful milestones to be achieved in the years to come.

All the best

Warm regards,

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DATE: 7th April 2013 Sunday

TIME: 6:45 PM

VENUE: Hotel Katriya, Raj Bhavan Road, Hyderabad.

EVENT: CELEBRATION OF LIFE

VENUE: Rajiv Gandhi Stadium Uppal

EVENT: **IPL** 2013 – Sunrisers Hyderabad Vs Royal Challengers Bangalore.

An Evening to remember!!!! An evening of choices, an evening of exciting events.

@ Katriya, where a room full of 400 people had gathered for an IPL Match!!!!

I Play for Life.

On the other hand at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium you had over 40,000 people who had gathered to watch Sunrisers Hyderabad Vs Royal Challengers Bangalore slug it out with the likes of Chris Gayle, Virat Kohli, Cameron White, Kumar Sangakara, Vinay Kumar , H. Vihari and many more.

A highly exciting game.

I happened to chose to go to Katriya where a room full of people had the opportunity to spend an evening in the August Company of some amazing selfless personalities.

The MATCH: **I PLAY FOR LIFE**

TEAMS: MOHAN FOUNDATION

Captained by Dr. Saraf and very well supported by Mr. & Ms. Raghu Ram and their ever enthusiastic team. Present among the teams were celebrities in their own right, Swami Ji and the various doctors and some personalities who had travelled from various parts of the country to reach Katriya to attend the CELEBRATION OF LIFE, what I term as – **I PLAY FOR LIFE !!!**

The recipients of various organs who now lead a second life, a life which was extended for them by some gallant families who in their hour of grief chose to help other families to keep the lamp of their heart alive.

Yes! the presence of the donor families , who need to be saluted for their decision to rise above the situation/ tradition and agree to donate the organs of their loved ones who had passed away or were declared brain dead.

It was the best evening of my life!!! The joy an excitement present in the atmosphere was unexplainable and could only be felt deep within.

While we heard the various eminent personalities share their thoughts and enlighten us with the wisdom of what we human beings call a gift. I relate the evening with the birthday party of 5 to 7 year old child who is eagerly waiting for the day to come for the big celebration, then comes the day for the grand party. Now the child is eagerly waiting for the gifts he has received to be opened. Very much excited not knowing what is wrapped as a surprise for him. Compare the happiness and joy of that child, and imagine the smile on his face, with that of a patient with the gift of life! The recipient leading a life of uncertainty, a life of hope waiting for the gift, no excitement of unwrapping as the gift is known. It is something that's desperately needed to continue to live on.

It was truly an amazing evening! We had amongst the crowd a number of such winners, winners of life who had got an extension, thanks to the members of the donor families. Three hours spent over the evening just went by as it was very engrossing. Time and again we had Ms. Lalitha Raghuram apologizing for the delay, which happens so many times in life and its insignificant, so was it this evening.

A little delay matters most as explained by Ms. Raghuram while launching the Swami Narayan LIFE SAVER Program, The Golden Hour, YES!!

We need to know, learn, understand and spread awareness of the same. An hour that can help save a life, an hour where delay of every minute will make a lot of difference between life and death for the concerned person.

I would deviate a little from my thoughts for a while. I reached home after an amazing evening where I had the opportunity to be with celebrities, yes! Celebrities in their own right! The entire team of Mohan Foundation from across the country, the recipients of extended life, the donor families, businessmen, doctors and his highness Swami Ji who enlightened the audience with his thoughts and suggestions.

I had left the event **IPL** at Katriya to reach home and view the **IPL** on the television set, watching two teams fighting for victory. It was definitely an exciting match, I felt like I had left one match and came home and the match still went on. You must be wondering what I'm talking about!!

Yes, the match continued in my opinion!! only the venue had shifted and the players had changed, so did the atmosphere. There was excitement at both the venues but it was clearly different.

Finally the last over was being bowled and the home team desperately needed 14 runs to win, it was really exciting to watch the final over at the end of which the game was tied and then the CLIMAX! SUPER OVER!! GOLDEN HOUR!! This is what I related to an over which will decide the winner. Friends, Yes! It's the HOUR that decides the winner. We have the two batsmen representing the home team walk to the middle of the pitch to decide who will bask in glory. Surely it kept all the spectators at the edge of their seats, just like the kin of the accident victims would be during the golden hour. You had 11 men on the field trying to save every run being scored so that they could win. We need to build a team of highly aware people who would emulate these 11 players, cautious enough to save every [RUN] every MINUTE of the GOLDEN HOUR which would help an accident victim win the battle of LIFE! [In the SUPER OVER/GOLDEN HOUR].

Being an avid sportsman I too would have enjoyed being among the crowd of 40,000 where the air was filled with excitement and a carnival like mood prevailed. By god's grace I chose to be at the better of the two venues – CELEBRATION OF LIFE!

I carried back with me information and knowledge wherein I could be a part in spreading awareness to reach out in hour of crisis for such victims.

It was indeed a privilege to be invited to this great evening and I thank Mohan Foundation for it.

We did not have to wait for the end of the evening to know who the man of the match was unlike at the stadium. Every individual who was present at The CELEBRATION OF LIFE was the man of the match because he learnt how he could become the man of the moment – THE GOLDEN HOUR!

I wish Mohan Foundation All the Very Best and years filled with success ahead!