



Rani
RAMCHANDANI FOUNDATION

PROFILE



WHAT *we* DO

Support for Specific Groups

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- Assist young mothers and widows in starting new businesses.
- Support capable students with tailored education plans.

Social Work Initiation

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Started social work in Nakuru seven years ago during the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Achievements and Impact:

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- Distributed 13,010 wheelchairs nationwide.
- Launched a smart stick for blind people, aiding 40 individuals in Nakuru among others

Collaboration and Partnerships

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Collaborate with diverse social workers and clubs from various backgrounds.

Community Support Range

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Provide assistance to individuals of all ages, including infants, teens, youth, and the elderly.

Youth Empowerment

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Partner with counselors to guide and advise the youth for a better future.

Service Offerings

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- Distribute food, medication, and mobility devices to people with disabilities (PWD).
- Conduct blood donation drives.
- Distribute masks, sanitizers, and sanitary items.
- Engage in environmental activities like tree planting.



LETTER from the CEO



About me:

Born in 1978 in Baroda, India, Rani Ramchandani's journey is rooted in a rich tapestry of experiences. In 2000, I tied the knot with Shammi Ramchandani, a prominent businessman. Blessed with three beautiful children, our family is now based in the vibrant city of Nakuru, Kenya.

LET US COLOUR THE WORLD WITH SMILES

Let us make this community a better place together, let us rise into a new light.

Philanthropic Leadership

My commitment to community service is exemplified by my roles in various organizations. I served as the President of the Rotary Club of Nakuru for the term 2022-23, earning recognition as an award winner for District 9212. Looking forward, I assumed the position of Acting President of the Lions Club of Menengai for the term 2023-24. Notably, I am the visionary founder of the Rani Ramchandani Foundation, dedicated to making a positive impact.

Diverse Organizational Engagement

Simultaneously, I have actively participated in diverse organizational roles, contributing my skills and expertise to various causes. My dynamic involvement reflects a commitment to multifaceted efforts aimed at societal betterment.

Balancing Acts of Leadership

In the intricate dance of leadership, I seamlessly manage multiple roles, leveraging her influence to effect positive change. My commitment to service and strategic vision underscores my ability to make a lasting impact across different spheres of community and organizational engagement.



Carly Ferris

ABOUT US



The Rani Ramchandani Foundation, spearheaded by its visionary founder Rani Ramchandani, emerged seven years ago during the tumultuous onset of the Covid-19 pandemic in Nakuru, Kenya. Rooted in collaboration with a diverse array of social workers and clubs, the foundation stands as a beacon of hope, dedicated to serving individuals spanning all age groups — from infants to the elderly, including teenagers and youth.

Through a comprehensive range of initiatives, including the distribution of essential resources like food, medication, and mobility devices for persons with disabilities (PWDs), the foundation actively engages in impactful endeavors such as blood donation drives, environmental initiatives like tree planting, and support for vulnerable demographics like young mothers and widows.





GEOGRAPHIC and Humanitarian

REACH

The Rani Ramchandani Foundation's reach is expansive, covering over 50 different locations in various counties through the provision of essential mobility devices. Its impact is evident in the distribution of 13,010 wheelchairs nationwide, the launch of a smart stick for the visually impaired benefitting 40 individuals in Nakuru, and the donation of significant quantities of food hampers, sanitary pads, masks, sanitizers, and books. Additionally, the foundation actively supports children's homes, old age homes, and educational initiatives, epitomizing a holistic approach to community welfare.



The rescue and ongoing education of 38 street children further underscore the foundation's commitment to transformative change. With a steadfast vision, the foundation continues to evolve, driven by the support of well-wishers, the County Government, and donors, aspiring to create a society where persons with disabilities (PWDs) are not just acknowledged but empowered for a more comfortable and fulfilling life.





Social Work Initiation

Seven years ago, amidst the tumultuous onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, we embarked on a transformative journey into social work in Nakuru. Fueled by a profound commitment to community welfare, our initiation marked a pivotal moment of altruism during challenging times. Rani's dedication to addressing the community's pressing needs became the catalyst for the establishment of impactful initiatives that extend far beyond conventional boundaries. This initiation signifies her responsiveness to immediate crises and underscores a sustained commitment to fostering positive change within the community.

Impactful Foray into Community Welfare: Rani's foray into social work in Nakuru represents more than a response to a momentary crisis—it embodies a sustained dedication to the community's well-being. Her initiation during the challenging circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic laid the foundation for a transformative journey. Through her commitment to community welfare, Rani not only addressed urgent needs but also set in motion a series of initiatives designed to make a lasting impact. This profound dedication to social work reflects a resilience that transcends challenging times, positioning Rani Ramchandani as a beacon of positive change in Nakuru.

What we do





FOSTERING *Collaborative* PHILANTHROPY

At the heart of the foundation's ethos is a vibrant culture of collaboration and partnerships. Thriving on the strength derived from unity, the foundation actively engages with a diverse array of social workers and clubs, each contributing a unique perspective and expertise. This inclusive approach not only enriches the foundation's initiatives but also amplifies the impact of its philanthropic endeavors. By forging connections across varied backgrounds, the foundation creates a powerful network that is instrumental in addressing the multifaceted challenges faced by the community. This commitment to collaborative philanthropy ensures a holistic and cohesive effort towards positive social change, reflecting the foundation's belief in the strength of collective action.



Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders

The foundation is deeply invested in the empowerment of youth as a cornerstone for building a brighter future.

Recognizing the pivotal role that guidance and advice play in shaping young lives, the foundation actively collaborates with counselors.

This strategic partnership is designed to provide the youth with not only practical guidance but also valuable insights to navigate the complexities of their journey ahead. By nurturing the potential of the younger generation, the foundation aspires to instill a sense of purpose and resilience, ensuring that these empowered individuals become catalysts for positive change within their communities.

Through this commitment to youth empowerment, the foundation envisions a future where the emerging leaders are equipped to surmount challenges and contribute meaningfully to the betterment of society.





Comprehensive and Holistic Service Offerings

The foundation's commitment to community welfare extends far beyond conventional charitable efforts, showcasing a comprehensive approach to addressing diverse needs. A core aspect of its service offerings involves providing essential resources such as food, medication, and mobility devices, with a special emphasis on catering to the unique requirements of people with disabilities (PWDs). By attending to these fundamental needs, the foundation lays the groundwork for a more inclusive and supportive community.

In addition to its foundational services, the foundation actively engages in impactful healthcare initiatives. This includes organizing blood donation drives, a vital contribution to addressing critical health challenges within the community. Furthermore, the foundation plays a crucial role in ensuring the health and safety of the community by distributing masks, sanitizers, and sanitary items. These measures not only respond to immediate health concerns but also contribute to the overall well-being and resilience of the community.



Embracing a holistic vision, the foundation extends its impact to environmental initiatives, such as tree planting. This commitment reflects an understanding that sustainable community development involves not only meeting immediate needs but also cultivating a harmonious relationship between the community and its surroundings.

Through these multifaceted service strategies, the foundation aims to create lasting positive change, nurturing a community that is not only resilient in the face of challenges but also actively engaged in shaping a sustainable and vibrant future.

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The foundation's commitment to creating a positive impact is underscored by its tangible achievements, reflecting a remarkable journey of service and compassion. Notably, the distribution of 13,010 wheelchairs nationwide has significantly improved accessibility for individuals with disabilities. The introduction of a smart stick for blind individuals in Nakuru stands as a testament to the foundation's dedication to innovative solutions, positively impacting the lives of 40 individuals.



Beyond mobility, the foundation has made substantial contributions to address fundamental needs. This includes the distribution of 21,000 food hampers, 31,000 sanitary pads, and 15,000 masks and sanitizer donations, directly improving the well-being of numerous individuals. The donation of 21,000 books reflects a commitment to education, contributing to the intellectual growth of communities. The foundation's multifaceted impact extends to children's homes, old age homes, and businesses run by persons with disabilities (PWDs), showcasing a holistic approach to community development.





Among the foundation's notable achievements is the successful rescue and ongoing education of 38 street children, a testament to its dedication to transforming lives. By providing these children with educational opportunities, the foundation not only offers them a chance for a brighter future but also demonstrates a commitment to breaking the cycle of vulnerability. These achievements collectively highlight the foundation's unwavering dedication to making a lasting and positive difference across various facets of the community.



REPRESENTATION PIECES

theVoice Game Changer

Genesis In 2016 as she walked home one rainy evening, she encountered street children

BY MERCY KOSKEI

In 2009, Rani Ramchandani wasenchanted on a journey from her home in India to Kenya to help her late father establish a traditional Masai school.

Little did she know that this move would mark the beginning of a remarkable philanthropic journey that would touch the lives of many Kenyans. Today, the Rani Ramchandani Foundation, has successfully expanded its charitable activities throughout Kenya, helping orphans, people living with disabilities, and widows.

"I can still remember it was a young girl and my boyfriend's grandmother, who was blind, was invited to our wedding. However, he arrived with a wheelchair and I just had a wheelchair. I was that person again. I was so embarrassed, it was like I was presenting them with what they deserved their honor; something I had never done in my country," she tells the story of her first "normal" stock the experience.

The constant diversity of cultural and language differences presented a stark contrast to her familiar environment. This moment, however, did not repeat itself; it opened a door to integrate her to the community and make a positive impact.

Her journey to philanthropy began in 2010, specifically in 2010. While walking home one rainy afternoon, she saw a group of street children heading from power by

This encounter left a lasting impression on her, prompting her to take action. The following day, armed with abilities, she started a small business, raising what little she had. The joy and appreciation from the children inspired her to continue.

"When I first came to see my parents, I told them I wanted to help the disabled service back at home. They didn't understand,"

I came to Kenya when I was a young girl. My husband was a businessman, so he was forced to jet back after our wedding. However, he arranged for my travel to join him a month later. I was that naive girl. I was shocked at how people dressed, and what surprised me most was that most ladies shaved their hair, something I didn't witness in my country.

Rani Ramchandani

Aunty Mzungu:
Meet Nakuru's Mother Teresa

clothes, books, and school supplies to nearly 1000 children and widows in Nakuru and Nairobi, since a month. That really motivates me to do more," Rani says.

"I brought blankets and clothes to the hospital and asked where I could donate them. I found them. I distributed the gifts I had, and to my surprise,

they really enjoyed it, despite how bad it was. They even thanked me many times."

After this initial success, Rani started with her upbringing, where she attended her parents' funeral. She saw the challenges in India. Their regular donations of food, clothes, books, and stationery to nearly 1000 children and widows left an indelible mark on her. Drawing from this inspiration, Rani continued with her philanthropic journey.

"I started working with local charitable bodies, especially the widows and orphans. I started giving them food, clothes, books, and stationery to nearly 1000 children and widows regularly. Our significant progression

Rani Ramchandani's philanthropic endeavours continue to inspire a uplift, communities, families and individuals, leaving an enduring legacy that has seen her grateful beneficiaries accord her two moni



Up Close & Candid

Rani Ramchandani
Turning Compassion Into Action

BY MILLY MAINA

Rani Ramchandani was born and raised in Nakuru, Kenya. Where her childhood was shaped by a deep sense of community and service, values that continue to guide her journey in philanthropy and social impact. After graduating from the University of Nairobi in Electrical and Electronic Technology (EET), but finding no job in her field, she decided to follow her passion for helping others. She founded the Rani Ramchandani Foundation, which provides education, healthcare, and mobility solutions for those in need. Rani finds joy in creating new smiles, gardening, and painting. Here's her story.

Creativity fuels my passion, whether through art or community development."

What brought you to Kenya?

In 2000, I married a businessman based in Nakuru, hence the move. While settling in, I witnessed firsthand the deep inequalities within society. Many people go to bed without food, people struggling with disabilities without aids, and vulnerable children and widows left without support. This realization planted the seed for my future mission. Kenya became more than just a home; it became the place where I could make a real difference.

How did you get into philanthropy?

It started organically. Seeing children banished and hungry, I began by sharing what I had: food, school supplies and basic necessities. Small acts of kindness soon grew into structured initiatives. Through my work with the GLO Foundation, the GLO Dispensary and sawi families, I made a significant impact. I knew I could not turn away. This experience transformed my compassion into action, leading me to establish a foundation that would not just provide aid but create sustainable change.

What charity initiatives do you have for different groups you work for?

We believe every child deserves a chance to thrive, so we founded the Rani Ramchandani Foundation. Spreading school fees for orphans and underprivileged students, distributing sanitary pads to ensure girls stay in school and do not miss classes due to menstrual health challenges, providing school uniforms, books and meals to support holistic learning, and counseling and mentorship programmes.

What is the Rani Ramchandani Foundation and what inspired you to start it?

The Rani Ramchandani Foundation is a beacon of hope that transforms lives through education and empowerment.

What does the future hold for Rani and the Foundation?

The future is one of expansion, empowerment and innovation. Our key goals include scaling up our mobility programmes, expanding our education socio-economic programme, developing corporate PVDFs and partnerships, strengthening partnerships with global and local organisations to increase impact. At the core of it all, my dream is to create a world where no one is left behind, where dignity is upheld, and where kindness is the foundation of society. Together, we will continue to colour our beautiful world with smiles - one smile at a time.

healthcare and economic empowerment. Originally launched as "Helping hands", it has grown into a force for sustainable change. The inspiration came from the overwhelming need I saw in my community - children without basic needs, families going hungry and PWDFs at risk of being trafficked. I knew a structured, long-term approach was necessary to create lasting impact, and that the Foundation was born.

What impact has the Foundation had to date? From distributing wheelchairs, hearing aids, Smart Sticks and sanitary pads, to providing school fees, books and uniforms, our impact is measurable and life-changing. Beyond numbers, our true success is seen in the smiles, confidence and transformation of the people we serve.

On Jamhuri Day in 2024, you were honoured with a Head of State Commendation by President William Ruto. How did it feel to receive this recognition? What does it have on your philanthropic initiatives?

It was one of the most fulfilling and proud moments of my life. It validated years of hard work and the collective efforts of our volunteers, partners, and beneficiaries. This recognition amplifies our message, giving us greater visibility, credibility, and access to more resources. It serves as a reminder that kindness and compassion do not go unnoticed and encourages us to think even bigger.

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THE ASIAN

On Jamhuri Day, 12/12/24, Rani Ramchandani was honored to receive the prestigious Head of State's Commendation (HSC Award) from His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief. This accolade celebrates the significant contributions of the Rani Ramchandani Foundation in serving the community. Furthermore, Rani's transformative efforts have been recognized globally with the Afri-Glo 2024 award, the Gala Humanitarian of the Year 2024 award, and the Pacesetter International Award, underscoring her wide-reaching impact. Yet, her true reward is the thriving community that now stands where there once was desolation. Rani is not just a participant in her community's story—she is a crucial pillar in its foundation, a sculptor shaping a future where despair has no hold.

Our Mission

Our mission is to orchestrate joint efforts akin to a soul-stirring melody. It seeks resonance in the corridors of generosity, where the government and donors play indispensable notes in a harmonious symphony of benevolence. The foundation is more than a conduit for charity; it aspires to be a sanctuary of emotions, a solemn commitment to stand united and extend heartfelt care to those in need.



Our Vision

Our vision is to create a reality
where every gesture of
benevolence contributes to a
shared narrative, bringing solace
to those facing challenges within
our community.





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