

# Awards and Honours

# **AWARDS AND HONOURS**

### Belarus

Children's Social Shelter in the village of Beryozka in the Gomel region presented a letter of appreciation to SSIO volunteers for selfless service at the shelter on 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

# Canada

On 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017, the Government of Canada, following the example of 90 cities and towns across the country, formally proclaimed 24<sup>th</sup> April as World Human Values Day. The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, also acknowledged Human Values Day in a congratulatory message to the SSIO of Canada.

## Dubai

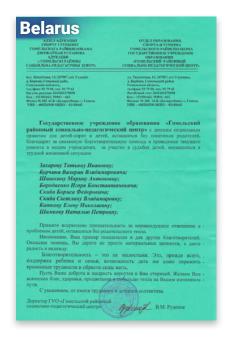
The Dubai Health Authority presented a certificate of appreciation to the SSIO in recognition of quarterly blood donation camps organised at Sheikha Latifa hospital in Dubai.

## Greece

On 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018, officials from the Ministry of Labour, Social Insurance, and Social Solidarity awarded a plaque to the SSIO of Greece. The honour recognises the selfless service of SSIO members at the Medical Centre for Chronic Diseases in Agia Varvara, Athens, and the Recovery & Rehabilitation Centre of Children with Disabilities in Voula, Attica.

# **Jamaica**

The St. James Parish Council of Jamaica gave an award to the SSIO for selfless services rendered by the Montego Bay Sathya Sai Centre in September 2017.







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# Malaysia

On 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017, the National Medical Association of Malaysia recognised the SSIO of Malaysia with an award of excellence for its continued nation-building and public outreach through medical services. The award was presented in the presence of the Deputy King of Malaysia, Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah.

On 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017, the National Blood Bank of Malaysia along with the Ministry of Health recognised the SSIO of Malaysia as one of the largest blood donors in the country. The SSIO of Malaysia has received this recognition continuously since 2010.

# Nepal

The SSIO of Nepal received a Running Shield Award for the fourth year in a row, from the Blood Donors Association of Nepal, for blood donations collected.

### **Oman**

A school in Oman presented SSIO volunteers with a certificate of appreciation for presenting information on human values to teachers and students.

#### Russia

SSIO volunteers from the Lotus Centre in the North-West region of Russia visited the local Veterans' House every month, serving the residents as part of the Days of Mercy service project. In recognition, the city administration presented a letter of appreciation to the SSIO volunteers.

SSIO volunteers also received a letter of appreciation from the head of the district at a ceremony celebrating City Day in Mikhailovsk, in the Sverdlovsk region.

#### Thailand

In 2017, Sathya Sai Secondary School in Thailand received the Royal School award, the highest and most prestigious award presented to schools in Thailand.

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# **Ukraine**

The Director of the Rehabilitation Centre for the Blind in the village of Motovilovka in the Kiev region presented letters of gratitude to the SSIO of Ukraine for organising a service camp for the villagers.

## **USA**

On 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017, the Mayor of the City of Huntington Park, California, presented a certificate of appreciation to the SSIO for its commitment and dedication in serving the community during an annual medical camp on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017.

On 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018, the SSIO received certificates of recognition from the California State Assembly and Senate for medical services rendered to the Corona and Norco communities at the 2018 Sri Sathya Sai Corona-Norco Free Health Screening camp, held on the same date.



