

Annual Report 2023

Eternal
Gandhi
MUSEUM
HOUSTON



Eternal Gandhi Museum Houston

Year in Review

2023



WE FINALLY DID IT!
We opened a museum! There have been many milestones this year, here are some EGMH highlights from 2023.

January 15, 2023

EGMH started the year with a dinner reception honoring Fort Bend County Judge KP George and the Commissioners Court for sponsoring a \$475,000 grant under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in 2022. The event took place at Indian Summer Modern Cuisine Restaurant.



February 11, 2023

EGMH, along with Arya Samaj Greater Houston, Unity Houston, Ismaili Jamatkhana Center, and other organizations, commemorated the 75th martyrdom anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi for truth and nonviolence as Shraddhanjali.



April 15, 2023

In midst of construction, EGMH held its first luncheon in the auditorium - Museum in the Making. Members of the EGMH Advisory Board were invited by Anne Chao, Advisory Board Chair, to see the building construction and tour the exhibit space. Volunteer docents led groups through the exhibit space filling in details of the exhibits and how visitors will see and experience the museum. The tours were followed by a presentation and lunch.



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May 13, 2023

Indian Muslim Association of Greater Houston (IMAGH) hosted its annual Eid-Milan gala at the Westchase Marriott Hotel and awarded Mr. Atul Kothari, Co-founder and Trustee of EGMH, the 2023 Latafath Hussain Award for Exemplary Community Service. Mr. Hussain said EGMH will be one of the crown jewels of Houston.



June 17, 2023

EGMH held its first fundraising event under the sponsorship of Dr. Nadir and Mrs. Sakina Ali. They generously offered to match all donations up to \$100,000 for the evening. The donations quickly surpassed the matching amount with major donors Ashok & Madhu Moza, Dr. Ravi & Sudha Mani, Tasnim Vadva, and Dr. Sangeeta Saikia. More than \$225,000 was raised in one evening.



July 29, 2023

EGMH hosted its first field trip consisting of 44 children and 11 chaperone's from the Arya Samaj Greater Houston. They enjoyed a fun-filled morning with a tour of the museum led by Atul Kothari, Allen Lea, and Ajit Paralkar.



August 15, 2023

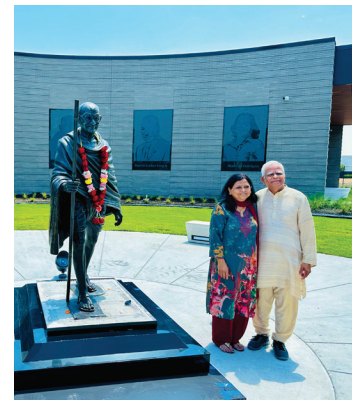
EGMH proudly announced the opening of the museum to the public with a garlanding ceremony held at the Gandhi statue in the courtyard. Coincidentally, this was also the 77th Anniversary of India's Independence Day. Mahatma Gandhi spearheaded the freedom struggle against the British Empire by courageously deploying Truth and Nonviolence – A Force More Powerful. EGMH is the only free-standing museum in the western hemisphere dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi and strives to preserve and promote his most significant legacy, Nonviolent Conflict Resolution.

September 17, 2023

The 6th Edition of JLF (Jaipur Literature Festival) held an evocative session at EGMH exploring the power of Kasturba and Mohandas Gandhi as they rallied millions to the cause of non-violence and brought an entire nation together. They showcased the movie "The Gandhis: The Story of Ba and Bapu," followed by a conversation with Salil Tripathi and Sita Kapadia.



Highlights from EGMH Opening Day



September 23, 2023

EGMH hosted the Annual Mahatma Gandhi Week Speech Contest for the first time at the museum. The topic for the children aged 10 and below was "Do video games lead to violence?" and Ishana Gautam was the winner. For children aged 11 and above, the topic was "Role of Social Media in promoting peace" and Naresh Sathya was the winner.

Directly after the Speech Contest, we held the Awards Ceremony for our Mahatma Gandhi Week Contests and EGMH would like to Congratulate the winners in each category.

Essay Winners - Middle School

1st Place - Kavin Elangovan
2nd Place - Aahana Duggal
3rd Place - Maahi Singh
3rd Place - Bhargav Para

Essay Winners - High School

1st Place - Nakshatra Kothapalli
2nd Place - Ramya Elangovan
2nd Place - Kushi Kawedia
3rd Place - Naresh Sathya

Tribute Winners - Middle School

1st Place - Ayushi Kawedia
2nd Place - Bhargav Para

Tribute Winners - High School

1st Place - Naresh Sathya
2nd Place - Kushi Kawedia

Poster Winners - Age 10 & below

1st Place - Divisha Agarwal

Poster Winners - Age 11 & above

1st Place - Ayushi Kawedia
2nd Place - Mansa Kumar
3rd Place - Arunima Para

Speech Winners - Age 10 & below

1st Place - Ishana Gautam
2nd Place - Ishaan Jha

Speech Contest Winners - Age 11 & above

1st Place - Naresh Sathya
2nd Place - Ramya Elangovan
3rd Place - Khushi Kawedia

September 23, 2023

Kamal Shah celebrated his 75th birthday with his family and friends with a sumptuous dinner and a melodious sangeet (music) program. In his honor, over \$50,000 was raised for EGMH.



October 1, 2023

The Annual 5k Walk for Peace took place under the coordination of volunteer Anil Gupta. It was a beautiful morning at Lost Creek Park where participants voted for peace using their feet.



October 1, 2023

EGMH hosted an Appreciation Dinner for volunteers, donors, and well wishers at the Asia Society of Texas. Over 200 people attended

this auspicious evening as part of the Grand Opening celebrations. A clip of "A Force More Powerful" on India's independence movement was shown followed by the Keynote Speaker for the evening, Congressman Al Green.

October 2, 2023

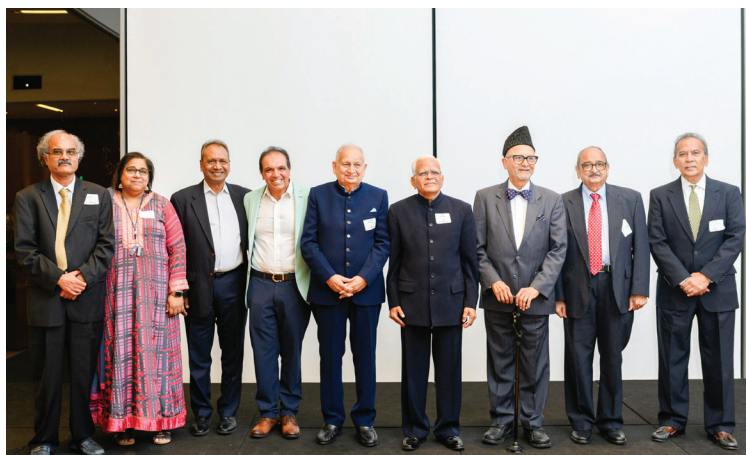
Mahatma Gandhi's grandson, Dr. Rajmohan Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr.'s nephew, Isaac Newton Farris, Jr., were among those who gathered to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Eternal Gandhi Museum Houston. Coinciding with Gandhi's 154th birthday, the ribbon-cutting marked the culmination of years of effort and fundraising by Co-Founder Atul Kothari and museum board members, who have been working on this project since 2016.

October 7, 2023

Gayatri Mantra group from Dallas/Ft. Worth visited EGMH. Coordinated by Dr. Kantibhai Wani from Arlington, the bus load of 52 people had lunch in the Auditorium followed by an in-depth tour of the museum led by Manish Wani, Atul Kothari, GV Krishnan, and Allen Lea.



Highlights from EGMH Grand Opening Celebrations



October 8, 2023

EGMH hosted its Inaugural Pedal For Peace, a bike ride to promote Peace, Harmony, and Health. Under perfect weather conditions, more than 100 riders participated in this ride, coordinated by Dr. Nadir Ali. The ride was officially inaugurated by Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis, who also completed the 40-mile route. The riders were wearing special jerseys with words of "Pedal for Peace" and "Truth Alone Prevails" as a symbol of a new generation of Houstonians committed to fostering peace and non-violence.



October 9, 2023

EGMH hosted its 2nd Annual Swing for Peace Charity Golf Tournament at Willow Fork Country Club. Over 70 players (19 teams) competed and raised nearly \$50,000.



November 29, 2023

After hearing about the museum during our Appreciation Dinner in October, the staff of Asia Society toured our museum ending with a group photo in front of our #changemakers wall.



December 1, 2023

A group from Vantage Bank toured the museum and presented Eternal Gandhi Museum Houston with a check for \$5000.

EGMH Board of Trustees

Co-Founders

Atul Kothari
Devinder Mahajan
Dr. Manish K. Wani

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Sanjay Jain
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2024 Incoming Members

Sakina Ali
Kamal Shah

2023 Retiring Member

Dr. Barkat Charania

EGMH Staff

Museum Director

Allen Lea

Program Manager

Rennes McCloud

Media Recognition

FOX Channel 26

Rashi Vats covered the museum during the Diwali Celebrations news report.

Houston Chronicle

Diane Cowen wrote an article about the museum and it being the first of its kind in the United States.

Houston Landing

EGMH was featured in the Brays Oaks District newspaper. The article written by staff writer Monique Welch, described EGMH as the "new kid on the block."

KHOU Channel 11

Emmy award-winning journalist Rekha Mudduraj visited the museum along with her team and featured the story as part of the South Asian Heritage Month celebration on the 6 pm news.

KTRK Channel 13

ABC13 Eyewitness News reporter Pooja Lodhia highlighted the opening of the museum on the 3 pm news. She mentioned how the "museum is brand new, but the focus is all about the future."

Grand Opening Media Recognition

Houston Chronicle - Juhi Varma

India Herald - Seshadri Kumar

Indo-American News & Radio - Jawahar Malhotra

Music of India & Ghungroo Radio - Meena Datt

Music Masala - Sandhya Thakkar

NPR (National Public Radio)

Open Forum - Dr. Subodh Bhuchar

Sanatan Hindu Radio - Thara Narasimhan

TV Asia - Manisha Gandhi

2023 Overview - August 15, 2023 - December 2023



1571 Visitors



63 Volunteers



15 Private Group Tours



2 Public Programs



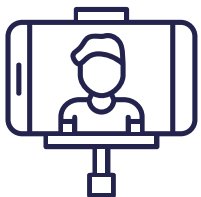
300 Students



7 Field Trips



28 Memberships



1175 "Be the Change"
Personal Commitments

Community Donations

\$1,614,653.00

Donors over \$50,000

Sampson C. & Faye Shen Fund	\$250,000
TDK Construction	\$101,000
Shuchi Smriti Fund	\$100,001
Dr. Nadir & Sakina Ali	\$100,000
Atul & Rita Kothari	\$100,000
Devinder & Sushma Mahajan	\$100,000
Dr. Manish K. Wani	\$100,000
EGMH Golf Tournament	\$54,000
Ashok & Madhu Moza	\$51,000
Ting Tsung & Wei Fong Chao Trust	\$50,000
GV & Dr. Bhuvanewari Krishnan	\$50,000
Ajit & Vimla Paralkar	\$50,000
Kamal Shah	\$50,000
Dr. Asha & Farid Virani	\$50,000

EGMH is looking forward to your support and a successful 2024. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram at @egmhouston to keep abreast of all our new programs.