

## Students of JSS Private School participate in collection of grains and pulses for refugee support.

JSS Private School was happy to participate in the largest collection of pulses and grains for relief and refugee support in the UAE. This initiative was spearheaded by Pencil man of UAE AND Tamil 89.4FM in association with Emirates Red Crescent. Their goal was to collect 10,000 Kilograms of pulses and grains. The collection was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October at the Etisalat Academy from 9am to 6pm.

Students took the initiative to contribute peanuts, lentils, soya beans, peas, beans and rice. They brought these items to school over the period of a week and collected an impressive amount of 393 Kgs by 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017.



Ready to sort and sift through our collection

The members of the Hope and Happiness Committee split themselves in groups of 2's to collect all the pulses brought by students of each and every grade. All the pulses were collected and kept safely in the storeroom attached to the happiness and events designer, Mrs. Gwen Dickson's office.

Since Mr. Venkatraman, the pencil man of the U.A.E is a well wisher of the school, he kindly agreed to visit our school on the 17<sup>th</sup> Of October and collect our donation in person.



Members of the senior and junior Hope and happiness committees hand over 393kgs of pulses to Mr. Venkatraman

Before his arrival, the Hope and Happiness committee members pushed themselves physically to bring the huge amount of packets of grains and pulses stored in cardboard boxes down to the front entrance of the school. The members quickly found a way to tackle the problem of lifting by grabbing big plastic bags to even out the weight.



Transporting our donations was fulfilled hardwork!

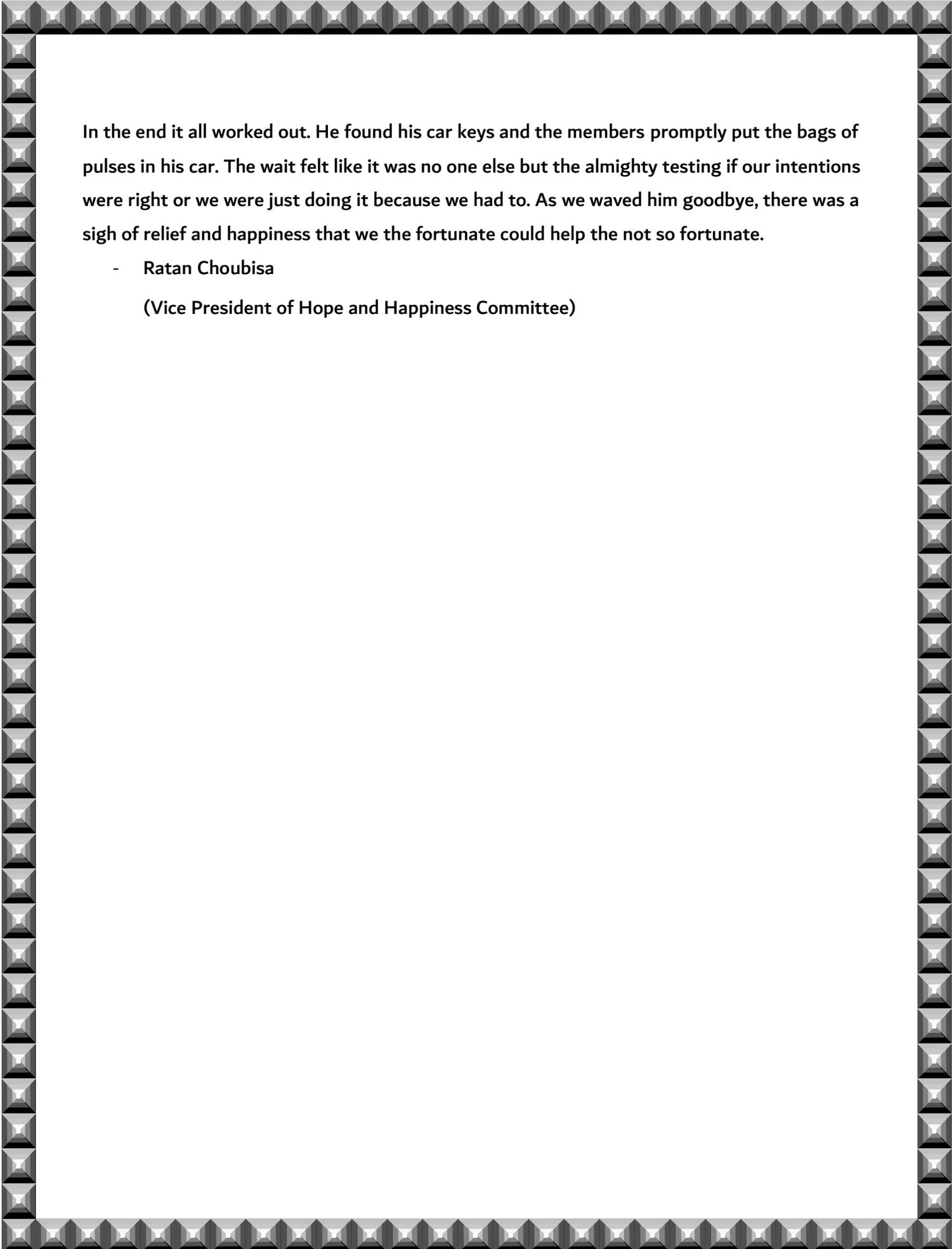


Ready to start packaging

But the work wasn't done yet... The members had no idea that they would have to wait an hour more to join their friends for the Diwali party. The pencil man while coming to the school had misplaced his car keys, which led to the hold up. But the members didn't lose patience and stood firm. Waiting... and helping to locate the errant keys!



A wonderful way to spend Diwali at school- participating in a collection that will fill many lives with hope and happiness!



In the end it all worked out. He found his car keys and the members promptly put the bags of pulses in his car. The wait felt like it was no one else but the almighty testing if our intentions were right or we were just doing it because we had to. As we waved him goodbye, there was a sigh of relief and happiness that we the fortunate could help the not so fortunate.

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