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On October 25, 2024, students of Jaspal Kaur Public School, accompanied by parents, visited Vridhashram, Khanjawala, as part of the school's ongoing Community Outreach Programme. This visit was a heartfelt endeavour aimed at fostering compassion and strengthening connections with the elderly, aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that promote social inclusion, well-being, and partnership and make a difference."



During this meaningful visit, the students engaged in sincere and warm conversations with the elderly residents, delving into their daily lives, family backgrounds, and the memories that shape them. The Ashram is home to 33 elderly men and 21 elderly women, all of whom welcomed our students with open arms. The students sang a melodious shabad to bring a sense of peace and joy, lifting the spirits of the elderly. In response, the residents reciprocated by singing beautiful songs for our students, building a bridge of mutual respect and emotional connection that highlighted the values of empathy and compassion.



The parents who accompanied the students took an active part in the visit, engaging with the elderly residents, inquiring about their lives, and exploring ways to offer meaningful support. Their involvement underscored the collective commitment to fostering a culture of care and community responsibility.



The school also contributed essential supplies to the Ashram, including refined oil, mustard oil, and pulses (dal), to support the daily needs of the residents. This act of giving reinforced the importance of sustainable community service, where the needs of the most vulnerable are met with empathy and responsibility.



This initiative aligns with several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including: **SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being**, **SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities** and **SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals**. This visit not only provided students with valuable insights into social responsibility but also strengthened their sense of community service, inspiring them to be advocates for a more compassionate world. Through this experience, the students, parents, and school staff were reminded that community service is not just about giving material resources but also about offering time, care, and understanding. As a school,

we remain committed to extending our support to various segments of society, ensuring that our community outreach initiatives continue to build meaningful connections and foster positive change.