

Video transcript

Continuing a family tradition of giving

00:08 With the Parsis and Zoroastrian faith, we do believe that when you have enough, you have to really look to the community.

00:17 Mrs. Purviz R. Shroff, MH | Permanent Managing Director, Ruttonjee Estates Continuation Limited
Mr. Noshir Shroff | Director, Ruttonjee Estates Continuation Limited

00:17 The family suffered a lot in the war.

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00:21 Mr. Jehangir Hormusjee Ruttonjee | Founder, Hong Kong Brewery & Distillery Ltd.

00:21 Jehangir provided food and medicines to prisoners of war in Stanley. He was in fact himself a prisoner of war with his son.

00:31 And after the war, his eldest daughter died of tuberculosis, and he decided to set up the Ruttonjee Sanatorium. And that was for Hong Kong's benefit, and it then became the Ruttonjee Hospital.

00:44 From there it's progressed to the Freni Care, and other charities. The charity that my aunt has dearest at heart is Mother's Choice. She was a volunteer there for 20, 30 years.

00:57 She used to go every morning. So, it's not only about giving money, it's also about...

01:03 Giving love, giving up your time, and loving and sharing with the little babies. They're so sweet. They're all my pumpkins.

01:13 I used to call my son 'pumpkin'.

01:17 How I first got involved with Mother's Choice, it was Father's Day. And the phone rang, so I thought it was my son. And then his wife came on the phone and she said, "We were involved in an accident, and your son passed away."

01:37 I couldn't. I wanted to give up living also. But then he came in my dream and he said, "Mommy you have always loved children. So go somewhere and look after little babies." So that's when I went to Mother's Choice.

- 01:56 I had a little pumpkin. And when he grew up, he was taken to the UK because he was a very good chef. They gave him a job in one of the restaurants, and that Queen Elizabeth gave him an award. And it makes you so proud to know that you have your little pumpkins who do so much for the community.
- 02:21 I have looked after more than 2,000+ pumpkins, and the best and most touching part is that they still keep in touch with me.
- 02:32 The best vitamin for everyone is vitamin T. Touch.
- 02:40 Mr. Rusy Motabhoy Shroff, BBS MBE | Permanent Managing Director, Ruttonjee Estates Continuation Limited
- 02:40 My uncle Rusy realised he had done philanthropy for many years, many decades. It wasn't targeted.
- 02:47 People would approach him and he would give. In 2017, thanks to HSBC Trustee, they helped with the setting up of the Rusy and Purviz Shroff Charitable Foundation, and the due diligence that they do with regard to what charities we should support. And then he had more targeting charities.
- 03:06 Through the charitable foundation, and future members of the family that are all in the grant committee, we can continue to give to charities in the future.
- 03:17 I pray that the future generations will continue the philanthropy past generations have. That is our sincerest hope and prayer.
- 03:25 To live is to give, that was Rusy's motto. And forgive and then forget.

In Memory of
Mr. Rusy Motabhoy Shroff, BBS MBE
Permanent Managing Director, Ruttonjee Estates Continuation Limited
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