

# Charity's Angel



## Rasheda Khatun Khan

*Founder of Celebration of Life*

Rasheda Khatun is the founder and driving force behind the foundation. Her passion for celebrating life roots from her own experience of facing death. She has experienced firsthand the gift of life.

*Who is Rasheda Khatun Khan--describe yourself for those who may not know you.*

A lover of life. A visionary full of passion, a Financial Life Planner by profession and a Facilitator of Change by nature. The constant theme running through all of my work is facilitating change, improving the quality of life so individuals have the freedom to celebrate it.

If I ask my friends what do I represent – they say “LOVE” I give it and I receive loads of it. I am always in love, with my friends, my family, my husband and just with life.

*Where does your charitable nature spring from? Do you plan to extend your charitable acts over the coming years?*

I guess my charitable nature came from my upbringing. Growing up my mother taught us that giving to charity was a must and a part of life. She said “God put money in your hand so you can filter it through to the people who need it. He trusts in YOU.” Every first pay check we had or salary increase she said it didn’t belong to us and we had to give it away to charity. To this day I still give in this way.

*How did you decide to move forward with the concept of ‘giving back to those in need’?*

After my journey with Cancer, I wanted to give back in bigger ways and involve more people, so they, too, could enjoy the feelings you get when you give to people in need. I then went on to build a charity initiative where we would help and support other charities to fundraise.

*How do you encourage people to give to those in need, what would be your message to our audience?*

Giving is a MUST. It is not just about giving money - it is about time and resources too. I really believe that God and the Universe has given YOU wealth so you can distribute it to those in need. YOU have been given good health and spare time so YOU can share it amongst others. Giving is just part of being human.

*5/ Do you plan to extend your charitable acts over the coming years?*

Doing charity work and being charitable is just part of who I am and how I live. I will always be active. My intention is to grow the foundation so others can create and host Celebration of Life Balls themselves all over the world. I want to inspire others so they, too, GIVE and it becomes part of their lives.

I want to involve more and more people especially children.