

ABOUT KRISHNAN SUTHANTHIRAN

Founder & President of TeamBest Global Companies | Best Cure Foundation & Kitsault Energy



KRISHNAN SUTHANTHIRAN, Founder and President of TeamBest Global Companies (TBG) celebrated the 51st year—more than half a century—of his career in Oncology/Medicine, in July of 2023.

Krishnan Suthanthiran was born in India, starting his education in elementary school in grade 1, when he was less than 5 years old, without having the opportunity to begin in preschool. At an early age, he became aware of the importance of following through on his word and fulfilling his tasks and assignments on time. Once realizing that he could not afford the standard school supplies and books for class while he was attending elementary, he quickly took the initiative and began buying candies in bulk, selling them to his classmates during recreational breaks, and would even sell these to other students at various schools in the town when his Catholic school had days off. This industriousness ensured that he would have the proper tools to continue his studies and excel the way he did.

Suthanthiran lost his father to cancer in 1968 and this tragic event helped to formulate his main career goal: to dedicate his life to Medicine—particularly Cancer Research and Treatment. In September 1969, Krishnan Suthanthiran traveled to Canada from India, after graduating from the University of Madras with a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical engineering. With only 400 Canadian Dollars, Suthanthiran stayed resilient. Graduating in 1971 with his Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario, Suthanthiran was financed completely through merit scholarships and research assistantships.

In the summer of 1972, he traveled to the United States as a Landed Immigrant, with a Permanent Resident Visa and arrived in Washington, DC in late June. He liked the beauty of Washington, DC and decided to seek employment with the hope of remaining there. He soon was fortunate enough to be recruited by the late Dr. Ulrich K. Henschke, of the then newly created Department of Radiation Therapy at Howard University (formerly known as Freedmen's) Hospital in mid-July 1972. With Dr. Henschke, Suthanthiran attended and presented a poster at the Radiological Society of North America Annual Conference at the Palmer House Hilton in 1972—the attendance then was 2000 and has now grown to more than 50,000 at annual meetings of RSNA. It was also his first visit to the Windy City of Chicago and his first airline flight in the U.S. on United Airlines.

SHARED EXPERIENCES

President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, and Krishnan Suthanthiran share many similarities. Each has experienced the loss of a family member due to cancer and all have dedicated their careers to public service. Both President Biden and Suthanthiran began their careers in the U.S. in 1972. President Biden has served in the government for over 50 years. Vice President Harris has had a career as a prosecutor, Attorney General, and Senator before becoming the U.S. Vice President. Suthanthiran has dedicated his career of over half a

century to healthcare, products and technology manufacturing, and services, with extensive international experience, traveling to more than 20 countries. His companies are leaders in many medical technologies and products, providing essential resources to hospitals and medical centers globally. Currently, Suthanthiran is working on transitioning cancer screening from high-tech, expensive technologies to modern, high-tech, low-cost high-resolution premium ultrasound technologies by manufacturing, establishing, and supporting diagnostic centers around the world.

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Shortly after that in 1973, he became involved in the part-time business of supplying medical supplies to hospitals. Suthanthiran has been associated with many renowned radiation oncologists throughout his career. The first annual ASTRO meeting he attended was in 1976 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia (known as the American Society of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology at that time) and this was also the first year that commercial/technical exhibits became part of the ASTRO Annual Meeting.

During the past 50 years, he has founded multiple companies and invested hundreds of millions of US dollars globally, in medical products manufacturing, healthcare delivery, real estate, entertainment and energy. His family of medical companies is known collectively as TeamBest Global (TBG). Mahatma Gandhi dreamt of a free India. Today, it is the world's largest democracy. With a similar spirit of idealism, Suthanthiran has said that **"I, too, have a dream—one shared by millions of our fellow citizens of the World—and a plan to realize this dream of quality healthcare and education that are affordable and accessible to all."** Suthanthiran strongly believes that **"Everyone deserves the best healthcare, and education is the most effective way to eliminate poverty, improve global health and promote peace."** He has contributed substantially to setting up endowed chairs and endowments for scholarships at various universities. He has provided significant funding to support medical research and treatment by partnering with academic institutions, national labs, and hospitals around the world.

Best Medical International (BMI) and Suthanthiran are founding members of the American Brachytherapy Society (ABS)—founding organizers, supporters, sponsors, and advertisers in the Brachytherapy Journal. The very first ABS—known then as the Endocurietherapy Society Meeting—was held in February 1977 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Francisco, California. In 1987, he founded the Brachytherapy Research and Educational Foundation (BREF), as a nonprofit private 501(c)(3) nongovernmental organization and continues to support it financially. BREF published *Brachytherapy: Conquering Cancer—The First One Hundred Years* in 2013 and distributed thousands of these books, free of charge, to medical professionals at various conferences.

In January 2005, Suthanthiran acquired the town of Kitsault, which was previously known as a mining town in British Columbia and had been closed by AMAX Canada in October 1983 due to a lack of a profitable operation. The mining town accommodated as many as 1200 plus staff and families from 1979–1983, but the town was vacated after the mine was decommissioned. That was until Suthanthiran's purchase in 2005. He is now making a dedicated Energy Corridor for Canada's energy products, to export from a dedicated Energy Port/Terminal at Kitsault for shipping energy products to Asia and Latin America—a multi-year project, with a possible investment of 30–40 Billion CAD plus (to be raised). In January of 2013, Kitsault Energy (KE), was established and presently oversees the town of Kitsault. KE has secured the approval of the National Energy Board of Canada to export 20 million tons of liquefied natural gas (LNG) a year. In addition, Enbridge/Spectra Energy and TC Energy have approved multiple pipelines to pass through or near Kitsault. The town of Kitsault was originally designed and built to provide for and meet the needs of more than 1000 residents. The town offers housing (dormant currently), banking, postal service, supermarket, restaurant, recreational, medical, and other services. KE is engaged in a project to offer Green Energy Products, including Kitsault Biofuel, to turn waste into energy. The process provides a clean, green energy and efficient method to deal with forestry waste. Currently, KE is working with multiple partners who have expressed a desire to invest in this project and to be part of a group of customers for the energy products. Albert Einstein once said that **"If at first, the idea is not absurd, then there is no hope for it."**

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Late former US Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy once said **“Each time a man stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope.”** This historic quote has influenced Suthanthiran’s strong compassion and hopes of improving quality of life by expanding quality healthcare and education around the world by making them affordable and accessible. These are some of the goals of several non-profit charitable organizations that Suthanthiran has founded and supports.

In 2007, Suthanthiran established the Best Cure Foundation (BCF). BCF aims to establish a hub-and-spoke model with express/mobile clinics, linked to general and multi-specialty medical centers to focus on Best Cure Total Health System of prevention, early detection, and effective treatment. BCF is also working towards providing purified drinking water and affordable sewer systems in every part of the world, by the end of the next decade.

Witnessing the public and private healthcare systems being corrupt, inefficient, expensive, and wasteful, Suthanthiran launched his six-part Best Cure Global Healthcare Delivery— Best Cure Proactive Healthcare of Full Transparency on Clinical Outcome, Benefits, and Cost; Best Cure U.S. Health Corps; Best Cure International Health Corps; Best Cure Global Institute; Best Cure Global Standard of Care; Best Cure Global Purchasing Organization; and Best Cure Global Insurance—with a combination of nonprofit and for-profit public entities, into the global healthcare delivery economy of 15 Trillion USD plus, which increases by 10% or more annually due to increases in cost and population.

On April 29th, 2015, in memory of his father and the millions of people affected by Cancer, Suthanthiran launched his “Global War on Cancer” (http://www.teambest.com/press/GlobalWarOnCancer_PressRelease_April2015.pdf) by promoting Proactive Healthcare Delivery Systems worldwide, which are focused on transparency of clinical benefits, outcome, and cost. There is an Indian Proverb that says, **“A healthy person has many wishes, but a sick person only has one. Health is wealth.”** As a result, Harvard University Medical School honored Suthanthiran, by inviting him to become an annual keynote speaker at their Global Cancer Care Summit for Mid to Low-Income Countries one year later.

He believes that every man and woman was given birth to, nursed, and nourished by women, and therefore, women share a greater responsibility in juggling career and family, raising children, and caring for the home. In some cases, men do take sole or partial responsibility for this task. In memory of his mother, Suthanthiran is proud to support women around the world in pursuing their goals through the 3E organization. Subsequently, in memory of his mother, Suthanthiran established a division under BCF—3E: Education, Empowerment, and Equality—to promote women and the underprivileged globally. He has said, **“I believe the power of our message can trump governments and resistance to positive change.”**

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Hats off, My dear Krish

Hats off, hats off to you, my dear Krish
Here is a salute we hope you will long cherish.

Of the multitudes that have made it to the USA
Since the sixties and the seventies
From India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh
Many have made it big in Science
Many have made it big in Business
But few have made it big in both
As you have.

Endowed with a brilliant mind
And a flair for leadership
Not only did you make BEST the very best
You showed hundreds how to give their very best
And set them all on a course to excel
No matter what field they chose.

You are a man of the heart too, Krish
You are supreme amongst those
That have made it big in the USA
For in generosity and charitable deeds
You are ahead of them all.

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– Dr. Gopala Rao, then Medical Physicist at Johns Hopkins University Hospital

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Recently, Suthanthiran created the Proud American Foundation to Promote Manufacturing, Job Creation, and High-Tech Industrial Growth in the USA—to bolster American manufacturing. As part of this plan, he intends to launch a project creating 1 million sq. feet of high-tech manufacturing facilities/corporate campuses (complete with residences), healthcare/daycare, and other services (similar to his town Kitsault), using thousands of acres of land he currently owns. These land parcels are designated for heavy industrial, commercial, and residential use.

Suthanthiran has fully supported all his commercial and nonprofit charitable foundation activities over the last half a century. Having spent fifty years in medicine, he has traveled to more than 20 countries and witnessed the good, the bad, and the ugly side of medicine, the corrupt conducts and the wasteful practices globally. View Suthanthiran’s presentation “Rethinking Medicine: Best Cure Global Healthcare Delivery” presented in Baltimore, MD, on May 24, 2022 at http://www.teambest.com/news/Best_Cure_Foundation_Presentation_5_20_2022.v4.pdf. In recognition of his 50 years of service and innovative contributions to medicine, Suthanthiran was honored with a trophy by Reverend Jesse Jackson and his son, congressman-elect Jonathan Jackson, on July 11, 2022, at the Madison Hotel in Washington, DC. In addition, Suthanthiran was invited to the Washington, DC offices of Congressman Danny Davis and Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi where he was honored with medals of recognition for his service, support, and contributions to the field of medicine. Suthanthiran received another honor in July of 2022 at the AAPM Exhibit Hall when the president of Rhema University, Dr. Roger Richardson, and its Board of Trustees presented him with an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Business Administration for his lifetime achievements in business.

Suthanthiran’s TBG Companies have been the pioneer/inventor of many technologies used in radiation therapy for cardiovascular restenosis and malignant/nonmalignant diseases.

He plans to launch a series of docudramas under the working title, “No Good Deed Goes Unpunished,” covering his life experiences, personal history, half a century in medicine, and businesses in various parts of the world.

Currently, TBG Companies employ 450 employees globally, with 200 each in Canada and USA. Suthanthiran and his TBG companies constantly travel to attend and or exhibit in tradeshow worldwide. In the past 51 years, they have participated in over 1500 trade shows globally. He has invested nearly 200 Million USD of his funds over the last 16 years in acquiring Real Estate, Medical/Entertainment Companies, New Product Developments, etc. There is an African Proverb that says **“If you want to walk fast, walk alone. If you want to walk far, walk together.”** Some of Suthanthiran’s companies have been in existence for many decades, some even 100-plus years. TBG companies have helped to save millions of lives annually and continues to do so. Thousands of medical centers worldwide rely on the use of TBG Companies products. He strongly believes that **“Life is a gift from our parents. Our career is the outcome of what we do with the gift. We can look at every obstacle as an opportunity or every opportunity as an obstacle. Who we are, what we are, and where we have a lot to do with the choices we have made and the ones we did not. We are born to live, live to enjoy, and cherish our gift.”**

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