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## VISION

We aspire to be the pre-eminent, Hindu faith-based, humanitarian organization that serves selflessly and with compassion to create a positive impact. We envision and strive for a world in which all people live in harmony, free from suffering.

## MISSION

Serve humanity in distress, aid local communities, run developmental projects for the underserved, and assist people in transformational change through the power of innovation by mobilizing partners, donors, and volunteers. We accomplish this mission by focusing our efforts toward Disaster recovery, Family and child welfare, and Promoting volunteerism

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- We believe in the Dharmic principles of "Serving Humanity is Serving Divinity" and "Unity in Diversity."
- We believe in service above self.
- We practice teamwork and self-reliance.
- We are proactive and responsive to the needs of society while promoting 'Self Reliance' among those who are served.
- We are pluralistic, trustworthy, and transparent.
- We create a positive impact through operational excellence and customer satisfaction.
- We respect and safeguard our environment.
- We value our volunteers, donors, and partners.
- We respect the dignity of every human being, and consider humanity as one family (*vasudhaiva kutumbakam*) while serving them regardless of race, color, religion, nationality, and sex.
- We accept and celebrate diversity in people and community, and we are sensitive to the cultural backgrounds of people we serve.

# President's Note

ARUN KANKANI

President, Sewa International USA



## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Pranam,

Sewa celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2024. With the support of partner organizations and the entire community, Sewa volunteers were able to solidify and expand existing work and create some new initiatives.

- **Sewa International** currently has over 75 active projects implemented globally. About 29 new projects were launched in 2024, including the introduction of the Sewa Academy. Over 10 new partners joined, expanding our network to 50+ partner organizations, and projects are spread across 8 countries.
- **9/11 Memorial in New Jersey by Sewa Team:** 9/11 Day of Service was expanded to dozens of cities performing service activities and commemorative events in many chapters across the country. The Capstone was the 9/11 memorial built by the South Jersey Chapter in Chesterfield, NJ, with the support of the community. The memorial manifests the Indian American community's commitment to promote the shared values and dreams of world's two great democracies, the US and India. For details, visit <https://sewausa.org/911Memorial>
- **'Bill of Responsibilities' Summit:** The Bay Area Chapter hosted the first 'Bill of Responsibilities' summit, introducing a new narrative focused on shared responsibilities in the nonprofit sector. Many philanthropists, academicians, community leaders, and representatives from over 40 organizations participated. For details, visit <https://sewausa.org/911Memorial>.
- **Launch of Sewa Academy:** We also launched 'Sewa Academy' to support and nurture volunteers. Sewa's leadership is working with subject matter experts to create online courses to facilitate the learning and development of the Sewa community.
- **Technological Advancement:** Recognizing technology as a key enabler, Sewa has embarked on a two-year journey to transform our systems and processes to support organizational growth. Our IT team, with help from all program and functional teams, is working to put us on a strong foundation for the coming decade of service.
- **SewaDiwali's Nationwide Impact:** It is heartening to see "SewaDiwali" expanding to 200 cities in 38 states involving over 250 food pantries and local organizations in 2024. Sharing joy with underserved communities through food distribution during Deepavali reflects the true spirit of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* – the "World is One Family."



- **Towards positive Health:** Chevron Marathon in Houston recognized Sewa International for volunteering. Over 140 Sewa members ran the half marathon, and 130 Sewa volunteers helped at the water station in January 2025. The local, ABC13 TV station covered Sewa's volunteering efforts at the marathon.
- **The Family Services** program has conducted over 75 health and wellbeing workshops across the nation and served more than 250 families through Family Case Management Services. Sewa's family services program also runs the Healthy SELF initiative in Atlanta, Houston, and San Francisco Bay Area.
- **Holi Celebration in Atlanta:** The Atlanta Chapter's Holi celebration in March attracted 18,000 attendees, promoting joy and unity. The Sewa Holi has become a major annual event in the city, attracting people from many places across the region.
- **Governor's Volunteering Award:** The Central Jersey Chapter received the New Jersey Governor's Volunteering Award for the second consecutive year, reflecting our consistent service and impact in the state.
- **LEAD Youth Program Expansion:** Our LEAD program reached nearly 30 cities with a record number of 1,700+ high school participants, fostering youth leadership and community service. Over 700 youth participated in the 4th National Youth Convention.
- **Disaster Response:** In 2024, the U.S. experienced the highest number of billion-dollar disasters. Sewa volunteers helped in three major disaster response efforts—Southern California Wildfires in July 2024, Hurricane Helene that hit southeastern US in August 2024, and Hurricane Beryl that hit the US Gulf Coast in September 2024—highlighting the need to enhance our disaster response team. As we entered the new year, California fires took dozens of lives and engulfed thousands of homes and buildings. Sewa worked on the ground in Los Angeles, providing food and other essentials coordinating with other organizations. <https://sewausa.org/SouthernCaliforniaFacesDevastatingWildfires>
- **International Programs:** Internationally, programs like our 'Sponsor a Child (SAC)' for education and 'Sanitation, Hygiene, and Empowerment (SHE)' for girls expanded to new areas. We also supported programs to help 'Divyang' (specially-abled people, or those with 'divine' bodies). Our donors enabled support to developmental programs in eight countries.
- **Netrakumbh – biggest eye camp on earth:** 2025 is the year of Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj, where 1/20th of humanity participated in this timeless tradition based on the unique celestial alignment witnessed once every 144 years. On this occasion, our partner organization SAKSHAM organized the largest eye check-up camp in the world, Netrakumbh, where over 500,000 people, got their eyes tested. SAKSHAM distributed more than 300,000 free eyeglasses, and performed free eye surgeries for 50,000 people. More information is available at: <https://sewausa.org/netrakumbh>

**Together We Serve Better:** Each of these achievements reflects the ethos of Sewa — selfless service, collaboration, and a commitment to fostering harmony in society. These efforts underscore our commitment to empowering communities and breaking cycles of poverty by providing education and health services. We continue this path of Sewa Dharma, upholding the values that define our work. Our gratitude to all of you for your dedication, trust, and unwavering support. Let us forge ahead with renewed energy to serve and transform lives.

Sincerely,

  
Arun Kankani

President, Sewa International

# Endorsements



**Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi**

Representative for Illinois's Eighth Congressional District, USA, Endorsement:

*"I applaud Sewa for its contributions to society and support its future endeavors. The recent census findings highlight the Indian American community as the fastest-growing, best-educated, and most prosperous segment of America, and organizations like Sewa exemplify the spirit of giving back that strengthens our nation."*



**Jay Shetty**

Author and Life Coach, London, UK  
Endorsement:

*"Sewa International embodies the essence of selfless service through its intensity in action and sensitivity in outreach. In a world filled with distractions, Sewa focuses on what truly matters — helping those in need. Their dedication to making service a central part of life is inspiring and transformative."*



**Matthew Litt**

Mayor of Chesterfield, NJ

*"As Mayor of Chesterfield, I am deeply grateful for the 9/11 memorial and its role as a space for reflection and unity in our community. It stands as a testament to our shared resilience and the enduring strength of our values."*



**Eric J. Tolska**

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army

*"I admire Sewa's commitment to compassion, unity, and community well-being. Their resilience and dedication to service reflect the importance of coming together to support one another, just as we did after 9/11."*

*"I'm honored to participate in Sewa's Education Summit. In language development and education access, disparities exist for immigrant families. Sewa International plays a crucial role in bridging these gaps, ensuring access to quality education regardless of district support. Their dedication addresses key challenges in our educational system."*



**Julie Sugarman, Associate Director for K-12 Education Research at MPI's (Migration Policy Institute) National Center**

# ASPIRE

Impacting One  
Child At A Time

Achieving Students Progress, Instilling  
Resilience, and Excellence



Aspire (Achieving Students Progress, Instilling Resilience and Excellence) is a tutoring program for 6 -11 age school students. ASPIRE is a strategic investment in the potential of young minds targeted to support core academic areas like English Language Arts (ELA) and STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).



**Education is the manifestation of  
perfection already existing in man.**

-Swami Vivekanand



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**ASPIRE Bay Area:** Academic support and enrichment experiences

**Highlights:**

- **STEM, art, robotics, and mindfulness** programs
- **GeoBee finale, robotics competition**
- **Spelling Bee training for K-5 students**
- Launched School Intervention Program at **Schilling and Lincoln schools.**

**2500+**

service hours at Lincoln  
Afterschool

**300+**

students engaged year-round

**45**

summer activities and  
events



**2,300**

Children over the past 7 years.

**80+ High School**

High school volunteers engaged.

**100% Students**

Improved academic performance  
by at least one grade level.

**ASPIRE Houston:** Academic support, enrichment experiences, and service opportunities

**Highlights:**

- Three centers for after-school education
- Summer field trip to the Houston Museum of Natural Science
- Clothing drives and gardening projects
- Recognition by The City of Houston for the Award-winning Butterfly Garden

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## ASPIRE Atlanta: DeKalb, Fulton, and Cobb counties

### Highlights:

- Expanded to **Crawford Long Middle School**
- Two summer camps
- Won "**Best Team of the Year 2023**"
- Received flawless AmeriCorps compliance report
- Boosted academics, life skills, and holistic development
- Strengthened community partnerships

**180**

Students served

**24**

AmeriCorps members engaged

**35**

LEAD volunteers



Over 7 months strengthened  
student learning and  
confidence

**22+**

Students received tutoring

**402**

Hours tutors complete

## ASPIRE Cleveland

### Highlights:

- The ASPIRE program ran from **November 2023 to May 22, 2024**
- **Nine tutors** were involved (1 volunteer and 8 paid)
- Strengthened student learning over 7 months



# SEWA ASPIRE IMPACT

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## 'New India Abroad' Features Sewa's ASPIRE Program



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FEATURES

## Sewa's ASPIRE program: Empowering children from underserved communities

An article published by New India Abroad highlighted the Sewa AmeriCorps ASPIRE program that has served over 2,500 students, predominantly hailing from underprivileged backgrounds. It highlights the significant impact ASPIRE has made in empowering children from underserved communities. The ASPIRE program began as an after-school homework center for refugee and immigrant children. It has since expanded to two major school districts in southwest Houston, addressing education gaps caused by cultural and language barriers. Read the full article here: <https://www.newindiaabroad.com/news/empowering-children-from-underserved-communities>.

## Sewa AmeriCorps Hosts Disaster Preparation Workshop



Sewa Houston's AmeriCorps Community Resilience team conducted workshops at the Fort Bend Literacy Council on May 15, attended by Judge Juli Mathew. The first workshop focused on disaster preparedness, teaching adults the safety rules, evacuation plans, and communication protocols during emergencies. Participants received waterproof bags for important documents and emergency packing lists. The second workshop promoted mental health, covering stress management, mindfulness, and emotional well-being.



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## From Summer Camper to Community Speaker

A 6th-grade boy who joined the Sewa AmeriCorps Atlanta summer camp in 2024 became a dedicated participant and later a featured speaker at the Sewa Gala.

When the boy, a rising 6th grader, first joined our Sewa AmeriCorps Atlanta Summer Camp in 2024, he was simply looking for a fun and engaging place to learn and make new friends. What he found was much more—a community that nurtured his talents, built his confidence, and empowered him to share his voice.

Throughout the summer, the boy became a regular, eagerly participating in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities, yoga, and games. With encouragement from AmeriCorps members, he stepped out of his comfort zone, shared his thoughts in discussions, and even led small group activities.



His journey took an inspiring turn when he was invited to speak at the Sewa Gala in December 2024, a prestigious event celebrating service and community impact. Standing before an audience of donors, community leaders, and families, he spoke about how the tutoring program and summer camp shaped his confidence, enhanced his academic skills, and gave him a sense of belonging.

From a curious summer camper to a poised public speaker, his transformation is a testament to the power of mentorship, encouragement, and a supportive learning environment. His story exemplifies how the Sewa AmeriCorps Afterschool Program goes beyond tutoring—it nurtures future leaders.

## Atlanta Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Sewa Atlanta's AmeriCorps Afterschool Tutoring Program marked Hispanic Heritage Month at Sienna Ridge Apartments on September 21 with 25 attendees enjoying Spanish cuisine, music, and activities honoring Latino figures. Program Director Varsha Chauhan highlighted the event's message of "Unity in Diversity," fostering connections and inclusivity. With 117 beneficiaries, the program supports education and celebrates diverse voices.



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## Houston: Holistic Support for Underserved Communities

Launched in 2013, Houston ASPIRE (Achieving Students' Progress, Instilling Resilience, and Excellence) began as an after-school homework program for refugee and immigrant communities, focusing on students with non-English-speaking parents. Now serving two school districts in southwest Houston, it provides "Out of School Time" K-5 homework help, adult ESL (English as a Second Language) classes, and the "Learn Math in a Fun Way" project.

This year, ASPIRE supported over 200 students and engaged more than 80 high school volunteers in tutoring. Beyond academics, it promotes community health, mental wellness, job readiness, and disaster preparedness. At its Los Arcos, TX, location, students find a safe space to complete homework and participate in activities like educational field trips, health clinics, gardening projects, and clothing drives. AmeriCorps Members, guided by Sewa staff and external partners, deliver these services, addressing family and community needs while fostering stability, resilience, and brighter futures for refugees and immigrants.



## Bay Area's Summer Program

The Sewa Bay Area's ASPIRE Summer Program at Schilling Elementary and Coyote Hills Elementary Schools in the Newark School District came to a close on May 17, after a four-week run. The program provided educational experiences for over 300 elementary-grade students, covering a range of subjects including English Language, Mathematics, and Hands-on Science.

In addition to core subjects, the program also offered topics such as Robotics, Programming, Performance Arts, Arts & Crafts, Dance, Origami, and Magic. Volunteers from various corporate and non-profit organizations gave lectures on Aviation, Solar Energy, California Native Communities, and South Asian Theatre. Over 30 high school student volunteers and over 10 adult tutors played a crucial role in engaging the younger students in classroom activities.



# SEWA ASPIRE IMPACT

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## Houston's ASPIRE and AmeriCorps Programs Empower Thousands

Three ASPIRE after-school centers supported the educational needs of over 200 students through tutoring, enrichment activities, and mentoring in Houston, TX. A summer field trip to the Houston Museum of Natural Science, clothing drives, and gardening projects enriched students' experiences. More than 80 high school volunteers actively participated, significantly contributing to community development.



In parallel, Sewa International's AmeriCorps program expanded its impact, with over 600 children receiving K-12 academic support. Around 2,000 individuals were trained in disaster preparedness, while 500 benefited from monthly wellness clinics and health education. Additionally, 850 individuals received personalized support through case management provided by trained community liaisons.

Together, these initiatives reflect Sewa's commitment to uplifting underserved communities by combining education, health, and service in a holistic model of care and support, executed across the US.

## ASPIRE 2024 Tutoring Program Supports 22 Students in Cleveland, OH

Nine tutors, including one volunteer and eight paid staff, provided academic support to 22 students through the ASPIRE 2024 program in Cleveland, OH. The initiative, organized by Sewa International's Cleveland chapter, began in November 2023 and concluded on May 22, 2024.

For the program, tutors delivered a total of 402 instructional hours, helping students strengthen their academic foundation and confidence. The consistent effort over several months highlights the chapter's commitment to youth education and community engagement in Cleveland.



# SEWA IMPACT

## Home-Cooked Food for Patients

When a man and his wife arrived in Houston from Kentucky for her cancer treatment at the MD Anderson Cancer Center, they were understandably overwhelmed. Far from home and facing a challenging medical journey, they found unexpected comfort through the kindness of Sewa volunteers.

While at the hospital, the man met an Indian woman whose husband was also receiving treatment. This serendipitous meeting connected him with a veteran Sewa volunteer and case manager at Sewa Family Services. Upon learning of the patient's situation, the veteran Sewa volunteer took action. Without the patient's husband even mentioning a need for Indian food, the senior volunteer mobilized Sewa volunteers to create a meal delivery schedule.



A Sewa volunteer developed a healthy meal plan tailored to the patient's needs. Each day, dedicated volunteers drove 25-40 minutes to deliver home-cooked meals to the couple. The impact of this gesture went far beyond providing nourishment. It offered a taste of home and a sense of community during a difficult time.



Even after returning to Kentucky, the couple maintained contact with Sewa supporters. "To this day, I can't describe the feeling when the veteran Sewa volunteer showed me the prepared Excel sheet. It was a wonderful experience, and an indication of the selfless service Sewa volunteers have provided," the patient's husband reflected.

The senior volunteer noted that this experience was new even for Sewa volunteers. He emphasized the importance of being innovative and thoughtful in identifying and meeting diverse needs within the community.

# LEAD

Leadership, Education And Development

The LEAD (Leadership, Education & Development) Program is a volunteer development initiative designed for high school students to cultivate leadership skills and promote community service. The program aims to empower students to become well-rounded individuals capable of leading and making meaningful contributions to their communities.





## Key Milestones of 2024



### 250+ Partner Organizations

*LEAD continued to grow its network of partner organizations in 2024, with over 250 collaborations established. These partnerships have provided invaluable resources, expanded the reach of the program, and offered LEAD volunteers opportunities to contribute to a wide range of causes and initiatives, further amplifying their impact.*





# LEAD

Leadership, Education And Development

## LEAD

### Activities:

- LEAD participants actively engaged in community service and leadership development across 30 chapters
- Projects implemented, covering clean-up drives, tutoring, food distribution, fundraising, disaster relief, community visits, and skill workshops
- Partner organizations collaborated with LEAD to support diverse causes

**2500+**

Active LEAD Participants

**200+**

Projects Implemented

**250+**

Partner Organizations

**70K+**

Volunteer Hours

**627+**

Earned PVS Award

**43+**

Youth Teams Guided

**100+**

Key Personnel Engaged

**14+**

States Represented

**120+**

Mentors Participated

**220+**

Youth Trained

## LEAD - Design to LEAD (DTL)

### Activities:

- Youth teams guided through leadership and innovation-based projects
- Experts, community stakeholders, and advisors engaged to mentor and support
- Structured sessions are conducted to build problem-solving and leadership skills

# LEAD

## Leadership, Education And Development



Vanya Mittal, Central Jersey

"Being part of the Sewa LEAD Program has been an incredibly enriching experience. From assisting at medical camps, creating bags and badges for fundraisers, supporting the Ozunum shelter to organizing a special Halloween event for children with special needs at the Rahway Recreation Center, every moment has taught me empathy, teamwork, and the power of giving back. One of the most fulfilling experiences was seeing the joy on children's faces during our Halloween event. Sewa has helped me grow as a leader and reinforced the importance of community service in making a meaningful impact."

"The Sewa LEAD program has been a transformative experience, shaping me into a more compassionate and driven leader. From organizing events to supporting refugees during global crises, every opportunity has deepened my understanding of service and leadership. Delivering essential supplies and meeting those in need firsthand was incredibly rewarding, reinforcing the impact of small acts of kindness. LEAD has not only deepened my understanding of global challenges but also reinforced the importance of empathy and service."



Rohan Sarikonda,  
CWM, Connecticut

## LEAD Tampa Hosts Educational Leadership Session

On November 16, Sewa's LEAD team in Tampa organized an Educational Leadership Connect Session at the local library, bringing together over 20 students. The event featured the launch of the Sewa Tampa Newsletter and talks by Dr. Kirpal Bisht, Associate Professor at the University of South Florida, and Dr. Yashwant Pathak from Sewa's Advisory Board. Dr. Bisht shared insights for aspiring medical professionals, emphasizing mentorship, research, and networking. Dr. Pathak praised the students' dedication, encouraging them to embrace new opportunities and give back to the community.

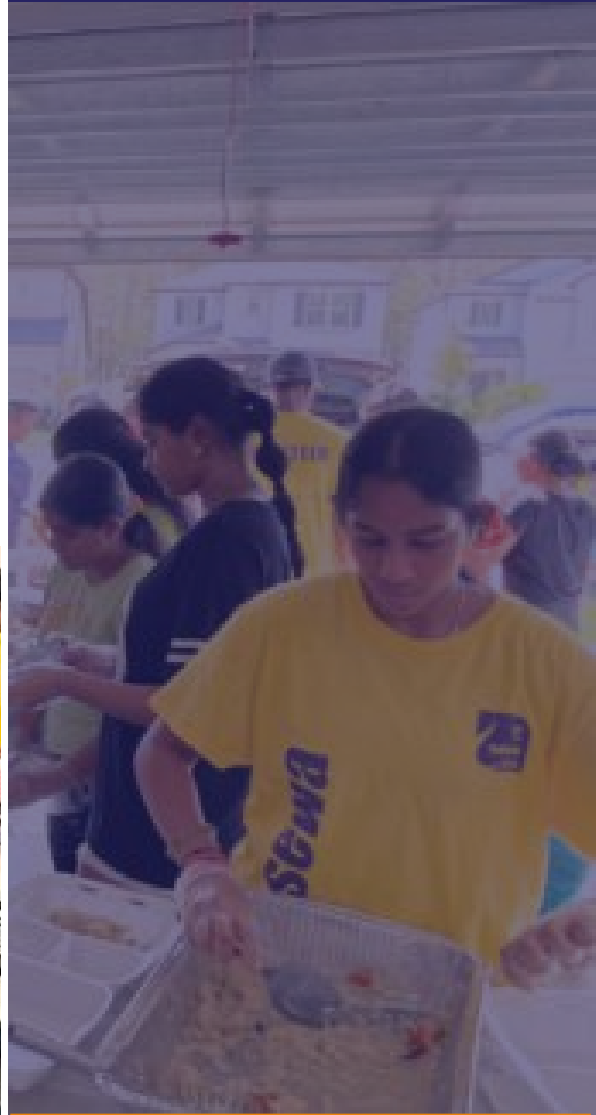


# SEWA LEAD IMPACT

Leadership, Education And Development

## Chicago LEAD Cohort Makes Significant Impact

The 2024 cohort of Chicago's LEAD program, comprising 132 participants, contributed over 3,000 service hours on June 28. Their efforts included mulching the land in a local park. The LEAD cohort's activities spanned a wide range of areas, including environmental protection, security, education, and support for family shelters. Besides their service work, the participants enjoyed holistic activities like yoga and meditation.



## SEWA IMPACT

### A Grandmother's Last Wish Fulfilled with Sewa Support

A shared flyer in the Central New Jersey Family Services Center's LEAD group helped fulfill a grandmother's wish. Diagnosed with terminal cancer while visiting the US, she wanted to return to India for treatment, but her family could not afford the costly medical transport. Sewa quickly stepped in, arranging transport at an 85% lower cost within 48 hours. On February 21, she was safely flown to India with her son and a nurse. Though she passed away on March 1, her final wish to return home was fulfilled.

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# NYC 2024

## Lead's fourth National Youth Convention

Over 750 LEAD volunteers from 29 US chapters participated in Sewa's Fourth National Youth Convention, held virtually on July 27. The four-hour conference featured discussions on climate change, academic pressure, social media, cultural heritage, AI, civic engagement, and balanced living.

Sandesh Shinde, SAP's design leader, highlighted sustainable lifestyles during a session on climate change. Chief guest Suhag Shukla, Executive Director of the Hindu American Foundation, shared the DPS framework (*dharma, punya, sukham*) for meaningful living, praising **1,500 volunteers who contributed 150,000 service hours**.

Keynote speaker Ami Ganatra discussed Indic wisdom and environmental interconnectedness, while guest of honor Anil Bansal, founder of American Bank, emphasized community service. Sewa showcased its 9/11 Sewa Day campaign, involving 3,100 volunteers in 7,600 hours across 75 cities. LEAD delegates passed a resolution, **"Environmental Protection – Everyone's Responsibility,"** underscoring the need for collective action.



**Suhag Shukla**



**Ami Ganatra**



**Sandesh Shinde**



**Anil Bansal**

### Sewa's Fourth National Youth Convention

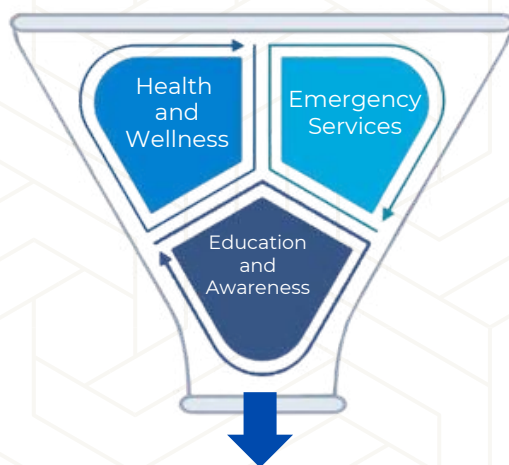
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# FAMILY SERVICES

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - the world is one family



## SEWA FAMILY SERVICES

Family Services - one of the premier projects of Sewa International USA, is aimed at assisting community members seeking help and guidance. It is a support structure for the community with the help of the community

We offer proactive and need-based programs through volunteers and partnering organizations and professionals.

- Health and Wellness Programs
- Educational and Awareness Workshops
- Case Management Services



# FAMILY SERVICES

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## Family Case Management Services (FCMS)

In 2024, Sewa provided critical support to over 188 recipients facing urgent/difficult situations. Sewa volunteers offered compassionate assistance in bereavement, funeral arrangements, and repatriation. This nationwide support addresses many urgent needs, including medical emergencies, accident recovery, domestic disputes, emergency travel, visa issues, attorney referrals, and other crises. Sewa remains dedicated to meaningfully impacting families and individuals facing crises.



**15+**  
Workshops and seminars

**1,250+**  
Know Your SELF participants



**225+**  
Cases handled

**25+**  
Events for senior citizens



# SEWA IMPACT

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## A Woman's Story of Resilience and Hope

Divorce is a challenging life event that can turn one's world upside down. For women, especially those with children or those who are on dependent visas, the process can be particularly daunting. Here are some inspiring stories of how Sewa has made a difference in women's lives.

### A Lifeline for a Visa-Dependent Woman

In a recent case, a young woman on a dependent visa found herself suddenly homeless after being kicked out by her abusive husband. Reaching out to Sewa in her time of need, she received comprehensive support, including connecting her to an organization offering financial assistance, helping her secure transitional housing, and directing her to legal aid for the divorce process. When she fell ill during this tumultuous time, Sewa volunteers provided nutritious meals, warm clothing, and transportation to medical appointments. This helped ensure that the woman could focus on her health and legal proceedings without worrying about necessities.

### Supporting a Mother Through a Custody Battle

Another case involved a single mother facing an extended divorce and child custody battle. Recognizing the unique challenges mothers often face in these situations, Sewa Family Services provided the woman with essential supplies to help her manage day-to-day life, and emotional support throughout the two-year process. With Sewa's backing, this resilient woman was able to return to school, earn a vocational degree, and secure employment. She credits Sewa volunteers' support as crucial to her ability to persevere and rebuild her life.

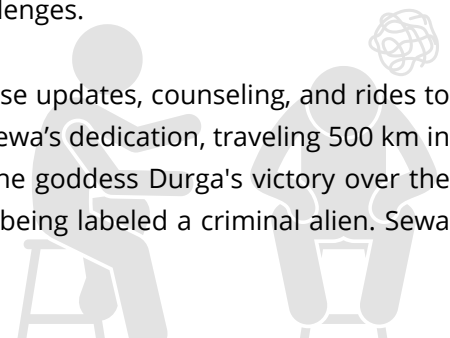
### Escaping Domestic Violence: A Story of Triumph

In a particularly harrowing case, Sewa volunteers aided a young woman fleeing domestic violence and fighting for custody of her child. After learning about Sewa while staying in a local shelter, she was able to receive organized food deliveries, transportation assistance, legal aid, and help finding new shelter accommodations when needed.

### Sewa Supports Young Mothers in Crisis

Sewa Family Services in Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) aided a young mother on an H4 visa, forcibly removed from her home with her children, including a 3-month-old, and facing criminal charges after a family dispute. With no family support, limited English, and police custody, she faced immense challenges.

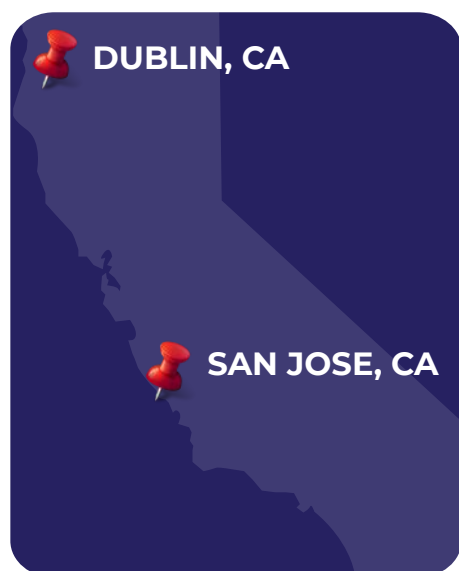
Sewa volunteers provided legal guidance, CPS (Child Protective Services) case updates, counseling, and rides to visit her children. Despite failed mediation efforts, her family appreciated Sewa's dedication, traveling 500 km in India to express gratitude. On Durgashtami (a Hindu festival celebrating the goddess Durga's victory over the demon Mahishasura), criminal charges were dropped, lifting the threat of being labeled a criminal alien. Sewa remains committed to supporting families in need.





# | CALM |

## Initiatives for Mindful Living



**CALM (Cultivating Acceptance, Love & Mindfulness)**, a mental health initiative by AmeriCorps and Sewa International, promotes wellness across the Bay Area. In 2024, it reached **1,300** beneficiaries through 40 workshops in 11 cities, addressing sleep, nutrition, emotion management, mindfulness, and breathing techniques.

The program organized 30 activities, including yoga, art sessions, and nature hikes, supported by over 25 wellness professionals and 10 partner organizations. Nine “Mental Health First Aid” workshops helped reduce stigma and educate the community. Events like “Nutrition for Seniors” in San Jose and “Meditation for Happier Living” in Dublin catered to seniors, fostering healthy living and emotional resilience. CALM aims to expand its reach to 1,600 beneficiaries.

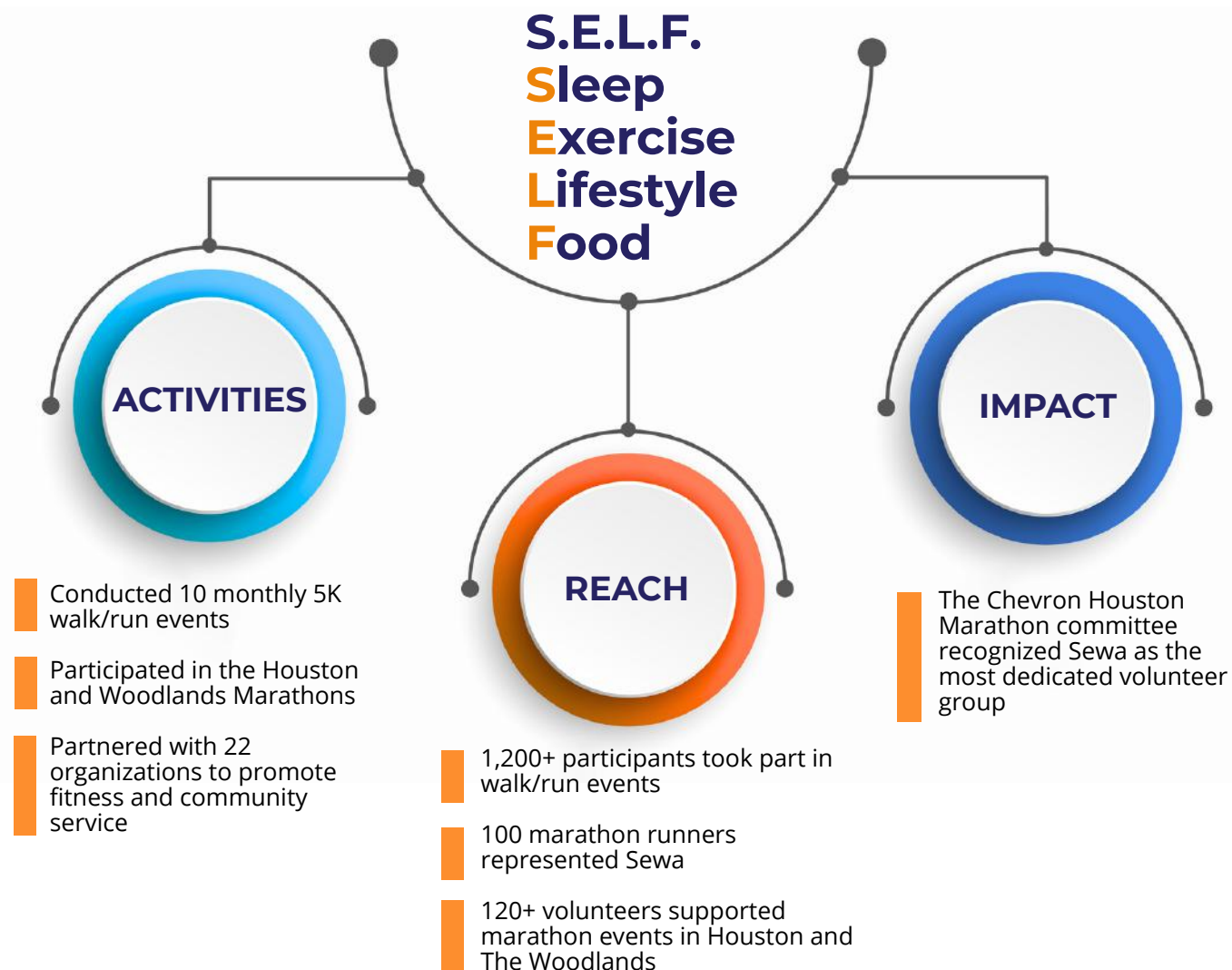




## Volunteering in the Local community

### Highlights

- 25+ community service events conducted
- Volunteers engaged in a variety of local service initiatives



## Engaging Seniors Through Community Events



Sewa International organized events to foster community connections and well-being among seniors. In Houston, activities included yoga instruction, games, and a picnic in Katy on May 15, attended by over 44 seniors. On June 15, an informative session in Sugar Land, TX, featured Commissioner Andy Meyers discussing Fort Bend County's senior services, drawing 75 attendees. On August 17, 45 seniors visited the Eternal Gandhi Museum in Houston, while Janmashtami celebrations on September 17 engaged 55 seniors in Sugar Land.

The Senior Sewa Club celebrated Christmas with decorations and activities on December 6 in Cumming, GA. Earlier, on October 26, fourteen seniors participated in a Vijay Dashami Utsav (festival) with HSS Atlanta, including Shashtra Pooja and Ram Leela. On November 17, the seniors of Marietta, Smyrna, and Alpharetta enjoyed a Diwali lunch featuring bhajans, garba, and games.





# SEWA IMPACT

## Support for Cancer Patients: A Tale of Two Journeys



Sewa International provides crucial support to those fighting the difficult "battle" with cancer. Here are two stories of how Sewa assisted cancer patients in their final days.

### A Last Wish Fulfilled: Alternative Care in India

One cancer patient, after a year-long struggle in the US, found himself in palliative care. He expressed a desire to try alternative therapy in India, and the Sewa Family Services and Sewa Bharat teams collaborated to make this wish a reality.

In India, alternative cancer treatments often include tribal, folk, herbal, and Ayurvedic medicines. Ayurvedic preparations like valipani, navjeevan, and kamdudha have shown promise in treating certain leukemia cases. Ayurveda is the most preferred Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) among cancer patients in India. Although he lost his battle with cancer, Sewa's support allowed him to spend his final moments in India, his home.

### Supporting a Young Family Through Crisis

Sewa came to the aid of a young immigrant family where the father was stricken with cancer. When local treatment options were exhausted, he had to be transferred to a city hospital, leaving his wife overwhelmed with two small children.

Sewa volunteers stepped in to provide comprehensive support by arranging temporary accommodation for the relatives of the family, offering guidance on medical care, and making regular visits for moral support. After the man passed away volunteers continued to help the family with the repatriation process, ensuring dignity and support. Sewa International's work reminds us of the importance of community support in the face of life-threatening illnesses, bridging gaps in care and providing comfort when it's needed most.



# DOCTORS FOR SEWA



The Doctors for Sewa program by Sewa International promotes the belief that good health is a fundamental right and essential for thriving communities. The program engages doctors in advancing physical, mental, and preventive health through service and outreach. By supporting activities such as yoga, mindfulness, health screenings, vaccination drives, and awareness campaigns, participating doctors play a vital role in strengthening community well-being. Their contributions go beyond treatment—helping prevent illness, educate the public, and foster healthier, more resilient communities.





# DOCTORS FOR SEWA

## Doctors for Sewa Expands Global Footprint

- 250+ medical professionals engaged globally post-COVID
- Free clinics in 5 U.S. cities, supported by temples and community groups
- Malpractice coverage included for volunteer doctors. Health fairs follow DFS protocols and are locally led

## Wellness Centers / Clinics

(Upcoming: Dallas, DC, Seattle, LA, Chicago)

Atlanta	350 Patients / Year	Hispanic + Under Served	GAAPI Partnership	5k Event: 25K raised for Lab support
Maryland	450 Patients / Year	Seniors Coffee Club + Under Served	ADG + Astha Partnership	LEADs help every Sat
Bay Area	200 Patients / Year	Hispanic + White + Asian	BACH + Independent Service Providers	Planning to expand beyond Dentistry
Charlotte	200 Patients / Year	Indian parents + Under served	Temple Association	4 Primary care + 25 Specialists Dr
Houston (Wellness Center)	Community Focused, Weekly	Hispanic + Afghani + African American	Americorps + IDA Association	Recommendations, No prescription

- Free Clinic Initiative Targets Healthcare Gaps
- Serving uninsured and low-income communities
- Focus on preventive & primary care. Promotes early intervention and health education
- Services: checkups, vaccinations, therapy, seminars

## EVOLVE Mentorship Program: Bridging Borders

- Connects Indian graduates with US-based physician mentors
- Support for USMLE prep, interviews, and clinical exposure
- Helps young doctors navigate the US medical pathway

Total Mentees	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	35	19	22
Success	9 Doctors got into Residency Program in US 3 Mentees volunteered for mentorship in 24-25		

### International Medical Outreach: Suriname & India

- Over 26,000 patients served annually in Suriname hospitals
- US-licensed doctors volunteer at Academic Hospital Paramaribo & Mungra Medical Center
- Internship pilot launched with Dr. Hedgewar Rughalay, India
- Pre-med students from the US gain clinical exposure abroad



# SERVE

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The Sewa Serve Program is a nationwide volunteer initiative that inspires selfless action to address local needs, build community connections, and create lasting social impact through meaningful service.



Tree Plantation



Road, Trails, Cleanup



Burrito & Sandwich Sewa



Invasive Species Removal



Temple Food Drives



Recycling Drives



Annapurna & Annalakshmi



Toys & Clothes Drives



## Sewa Serve Program NATIONAL IMPACT 2024-25







## Boston Youth Volunteers Conduct Spring Food Drive

Sewa Boston's youth volunteers collected and delivered 650 pounds of food to "Project Just Because" in Hopkinton and the Worcester County Food Bank as part of their Spring Food Drive. The @AidWorks Foundation, Sewa young volunteers from Legacy Farm in Hopkinton, and Beacon Pointe worked on the food drive. The volunteers gathered, sorted, and delivered the donations, which provided much-needed relief to many families and ensured they had access to essential food supplies.

## Sewa and AmeriCorps Distribute over 10,000 Lbs. of Food in Fort Bend, Texas

On May 19, Sewa volunteers distributed 10,000 lbs. of food to 500 families in Fort Bend ISD, addressing food insecurity. With support from the Howard E. Butt Foundation and an ARPA grant, volunteers worked with FBISD staff to ensure success. Mayor Robin Elackatt, Judge J. Christian Becerra, and Sewa AmeriCorps members participated in the effort.



## Atlanta Food Drive Sponsored by IT Serve

In partnership with Angeles Unidos, Sewa Atlanta hosted a food drive at the Global Mall on April 6, sponsored by IT Serve Atlanta. The drive supported families that needed assistance by distributing essential items, including food and household items, to about 290 families.





## Sewa Serves Hot Meals to Veterans in Missouri City, Texas

On July 13, Sewa provided hot meal boxes to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Missouri City, Texas, as part of Hurricane Beryl's relief efforts. The VFW, the largest and oldest war veterans' service organization, has a long history of providing vital assistance and support to America's service members, veterans, and their families. Chapter President Gitesh Desai emphasized Sewa's commitment to supporting affected communities and honoring veterans' service.

## Houston Volunteers Provide Meals

Sewa Houston volunteers came together on June 15, 2024, to support the Houston Food Bank's drive by packaging fruits for the city's disadvantaged population. With a turnout of 75 attendees, the volunteers successfully packaged twelve pallets of fruits. Each pallet contained two hundred 5 lb. bags of oranges, resulting in enough food to provide 10,000 meals for those in need. The event impacted all participants, highlighting the significance of community service and aiding those in need.





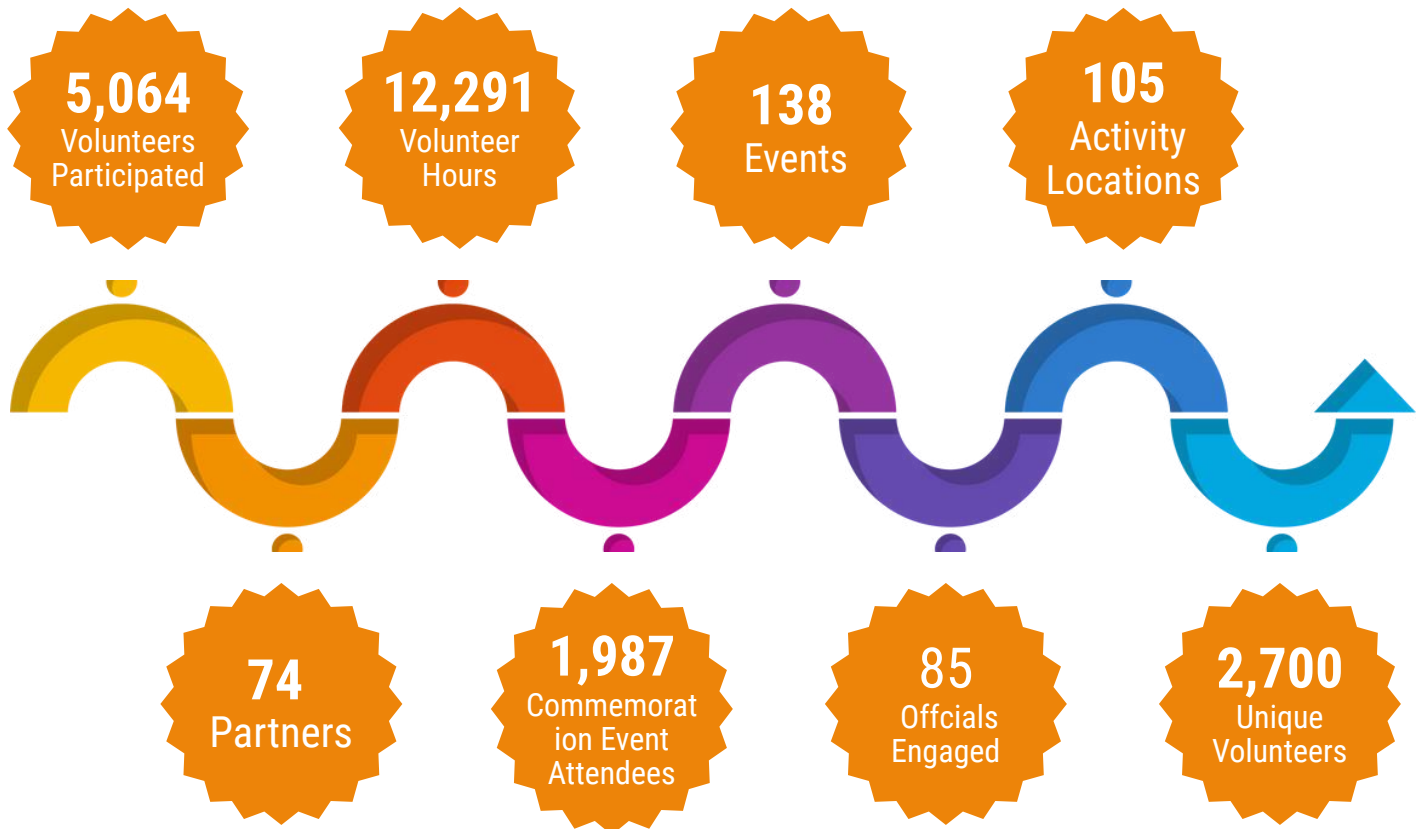
# SEPTEMBER 11 INITIATIVES



Sewa International's 9/11 Day of Service initiative aims to honor the victims and heroes of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, through impactful community service that fosters resilience, unity, and environmental stewardship. The project engages 2,400 trained volunteers—200 from each of 16 locations across the U.S.—through Sewa's extensive network of over 500 Dharmic organizations and partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies. Between October 2024 and June 2025, each location hosts two community events focused on environmental sustainability, health, support for veterans and military families, and capacity building. These efforts culminate in a commemorative event on September 11, 2025, to honor 9/11 victims and first responders. Sewa also aims to inspire ongoing volunteerism by securing pledges from over 400 volunteers to continue serving their communities.

# SEPTEMBER 11 INITIATIVES

## 2024 Sewa Day of Service Impact





# SEPTEMBER 11 INITIATIVES



## Chesterfield, NJ, Unveils 9/11 Memorial

On September 11, 2024, Chesterfield, NJ, inaugurated a 9/11 memorial honoring the victims and heroes of the 2001 attacks. Over 350 attendees, including state and local officials, first responders, and community members, participated. Lt. Col. Eric J. Tolska reflected on the courage of that day, while State Senator Latham Tiver and Assemblywoman Andrea Katz emphasized unity and kindness. Mayor Matthew Litt appreciated the memorial's role as a place for reflection.

Built in 23 days with community support, the memorial features monuments representing the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and Flight 93, along with a dedicatory plaque. Initiated by Sewa's South Jersey Chapter and Chesterfield Township, it symbolizes unity between American and Indian communities. A plaque at the memorial's entrance highlighted its significance in honoring and remembering the lives lost. Sewa President Arun Kankani called it a milestone for Indian Americans, and speakers emphasized unity, courage, and kindness.



This year, Sewa International held 88 environmental events nationwide, **engaging 2,636 volunteers** in preserving green spaces. Activities included tree plantings, park clean-ups, and community gardening in the Bay Area, Los Angeles, and Dallas, with Phoenix and Houston focusing on children's gardens and mulching. Northeast chapters hosted eco-tours, recycled art contests, and Arbor Day clean-ups, showcasing a shared commitment to sustainability and biodiversity.



# SEPTEMBER 11 INITIATIVES



## Commemorating 9/11 Day of Service in Milpitas, CA

Sewa and AmeriCorps marked the 9/11 National Day of Service in Milpitas, CA, with Mayor Carmen Montano, Vice Mayor Evelyn Chua, Assembly Member Alex Lee, Dr. Sailesh Rao, and veterans. Dr. Rao shared his 9/11 experience and environmental advocacy journey, while officials emphasized unity and service. Sewa Bay Area President Dr. Anurag Mairal highlighted the event's mission to inspire selfless service. The day concluded with planting wildflower seeds, symbolizing growth and hope.



## Sewa Atlanta Marks National Day of Service



On September 15, Sewa Atlanta, in collaboration with AmeriCorps, observed the National Day of Service at Mary Alice Park in Cumming, GA. The ceremony was attended by Georgia's Insurance and Fire Safety Commissioner John F. King, Forsyth County Fire Chief Barry Head, State Senator Shawn Still, and Forsyth County Commissioner Alfred John, who honored the memories and sacrifices of people on 9/11. Sewa organized 49 events across 17 chapters nationwide, including a park cleanup and activities such as tree planting and educational sessions.





# SEPTEMBER 11 INITIATIVES

## Sewa Honors Veterans and First Responders on 9/11 Day of Service

On September 14, 2024, Sewa Dallas Fort Worth (DFW) hosted an event at Coppell Senior Center, Texas, honoring veterans, first responders, and young environmental advocates. Over 30 service members and 150 community members attended. Councilmember Ramesh Premkumar presented tokens of appreciation, joined by Coppell Councilmember Biju Mathew, and Police Chiefs Danny Barton and Brook Rollins. Sewa DFW President Gitesh Desai highlighted Sewa's humanitarian efforts.





# DISASTER RELIEF & RESPONSE

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Sewa International, in collaboration with partners, supports global disaster recovery from rescue to rehabilitation. We provide grants to partner organizations in regions without our volunteer presence to ensure effective disaster management.

## We Cover “3R”s

Sewa International and our partners are involved in all three stages of disaster recovery around the world: Rescue (72 hours), Relief (3 months), and Rehabilitation (3-5 years).

**46,000+**

People Served

**3,300**

Relief Kits Distributed

**11,336**

People Received Medical Help

**7**

Disasters  
Covered

**2**

Countries  
Covered

**8**

States in India  
Covered

**200+**

Volunteers Engaged



# DISASTER RELIEF & RESPONSE

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## Global Snapshot: The Impact of Disasters in 2024

**WAYANAD  
LANDSLIDE**

**500  
Volunteers**

**1,000  
Ration kits**

**SIKKIM  
FLOODS**

**160  
School Kits**

**100 Units  
House Hold Items**

**800  
Ration Kits**

**TAMILNADU  
FLOODS**

**2,000  
Food Packers**

**50 Units  
Sewing  
machines**

**800  
Ration Kits**

**TONGAAT (SA)  
TORNADO**

**350  
Disaster relief  
hamper**

**600 kg of  
grain, rice and  
beans**

**600 units of  
5-liter water  
bottles  
Ration Kits**



# DISASTER RELIEF & RESPONSE

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## Hurricane Beryl Houston

### Activities:

- Distributed hot meals, bottled water, and groceries
- Provided meals and shelter for students
- Offered financial assistance to families in need.



**3,000+** families served



**10,000+** pounds of food delivered



**1,000** families received **2,200** crates of water bottles



## Relief Efforts - Hurricane Beryl

After Hurricane Beryl impacted the Houston area, Sewa International and seven partner organizations provided over 1,000 hot meals to those in need at the Praise Christian Church in Channelview, Texas, on July 14. The community faced power outages and lacked clean drinking water. High school LEADs led the initiative, showcasing outstanding leadership.

Partners included Praise Christian Church, Houston Responds, ASIE, Lubrizol Volunteers, and Houston Police Department officers. Sewa volunteers packed meals from "Just the Crumbs Disaster Relief Ministries," managed car lines, and delivered food to neighborhoods. Hurricane Beryl, which struck on July 8, caused 36 fatalities, affected two million people, and resulted in \$3.3 billion in damages. Volunteers continue to support impacted communities.



# RELIEF EFFORTS - HURRICANE MILTON

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## HURRICANE MILTON

### Activities:

- Provided support to University of South Florida students
- Organized a clean-up drive at Pride Elementary School
- Immediate relief provided to first responders and vulnerable populations

Distributed 400  
hot meals

15 fire stations  
and 1 homeless  
center served

Cleanup at Pride  
Elementary  
School

Dozens of students  
and families  
supported

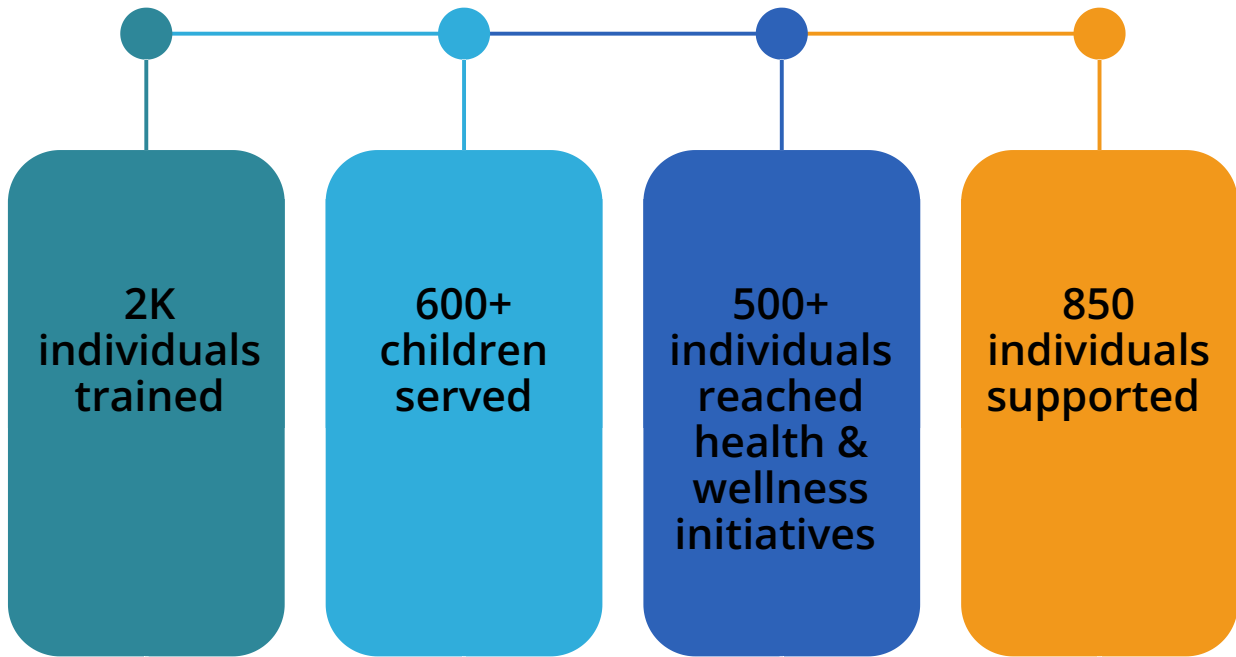
## Hurricane Milton Strikes Tampa Bay

Hurricane Milton, a Category 4 storm, caused catastrophic destruction in Tampa Bay with surges up to 12 feet, over 15 inches of rain, and massive flooding. Thousands evacuated as the storm left people without power, water, and essential supplies.

Sewa Tampa volunteers supported University of South Florida students affected by outages. They distributed 400 hot meals to 15 fire stations and a homeless center, expressing gratitude to first responders for their dedication. Additionally, Sewa Tampa Youth led clean-up efforts at Pride Elementary School, helping the community rebuild and recover.



## AmeriCorps Houston Disaster Preparedness Program



### ACTIVITIES

- Disaster preparedness training sessions
- Community health outreach, education programs, and monthly wellness clinics
- Case management and support services provided by Community Liaisons



# SEWA IMPACT

## Volunteers Thanked by Medical Students

On July 15, Sewa responded to a call for assistance from students living near the Medical Center, who had been without power for over a week due to Hurricane Beryl. Sewa arranged for approximately sixty meals to be distributed to the affected students. Sewa and Hindu Yuva volunteers hand-delivered each meal to the students. The volunteers were met with words of gratitude and appreciation from the students. The Consul General of India, Houston, recognized Sewa's efforts, highlighting the importance of providing meals to the affected.

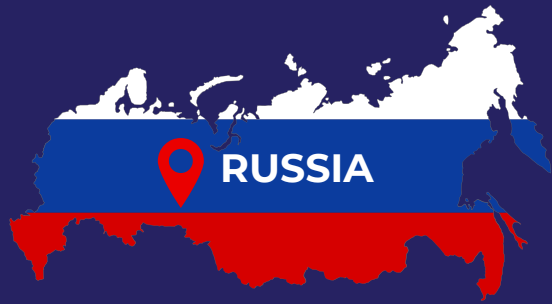


## Houston Chronicle Recognizes Sewa for Outstanding Efforts

In its July 21st edition, the Houston Chronicle newspaper acknowledged Sewa International's contributions to Hurricane Beryl relief, particularly in the Cambodian refugee community in Rosharon, Texas. Volunteers Ranjesh Patwari, Abhishek Bhat, and Santosh Jha received special recognition for their tireless work distributing essential water supplies. Sewa volunteers supplied water to Rosharon in Brazoria County, Texas.



# SEWA IMPACT



When the Russia-Ukraine conflict erupted, what began as a mission to provide moral support to Ukrainian students quickly evolved into a full-scale evacuation effort. As a resident of Stockholm, Sweden, I found myself at the heart of an international crisis, working tirelessly to help students escape the war-torn country.

Initially, my goal was to instill confidence in Ukrainian students caught in the crossfire. However, as I listened to their pleas for help, I realized that moral support alone wasn't enough. These students needed more than just words; they needed action. Alongside the Sewa International Team, we began planning a large-scale evacuation from Ukraine.

Never having visited Ukraine, I pored over Google Maps and used translation tools to chart escape routes. We divided responsibilities by region, with each team member becoming an expert in specific areas.

Our WhatsApp groups bore names like "Mission Pesochin," "Operation Zaph," and "Evacuate Kharkiv," reflecting the urgency and scale of our task. We quickly became well-versed in border crossings, from Budomierz in Poland to Zahony in Hungary and Nemecke in Slovakia. To ensure the safety of evacuees, we developed a two-pronged communication approach: designate a group leader among the students and add an independent informant to corroborate information.

This strategy allowed us to cross-reference details and make informed decisions. We monitored news outlets and social media for real-time updates on shelling and bombing, relaying crucial information to students and their families.

The evacuation process was emotionally taxing for everyone involved. Students faced physical abuse and overwhelming anxiety. To help them cope, we employed visualization techniques, encouraging them to focus on positive thoughts of home and loved ones.

Sleepless nights became the norm as we constantly checked on students' progress, ensuring they had food and monitoring their border crossings and flight statuses. Throughout this harrowing experience, the support within our volunteer team was invaluable. We celebrated every small victory and lifted each other's spirits during low moments. My closest collaborators became a lifeline, sharing late-night voice notes about our frustrations and fears.

## Transformation Through Service

This experience with Sewa International has profoundly changed us. It awakened dormant abilities and revealed strengths we never knew we possessed. Our journey, which began during the COVID-19 crisis, has now expanded to include wartime rescue efforts – something we never imagined we'd be part of.

In the face of adversity, we discovered the true power of human compassion and resilience. Our experience serves as a testament to what can be achieved when people come together with a common purpose – to help those in need, no matter the cost.



# SHE STEM LAB

Sanitation, Hygiene & Empowerment  
Project for the Girl Child



Sewa, in collaboration with Yusen Logistics, distributed 220 school kits and set up a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) lab at the Government Primary School in Mitternari, Karnataka, making learning more interactive for students. Sewa's job fair connected 75 beneficiaries with HCL Technologies and Nokia while offering workshops and an entrepreneurship camp. Exhibitions showcased products crafted by beneficiaries, expanding their market reach and income.

## PROJECT IMPACT



**174**  
TOILETS  
FOR GIRLS



**8,300**  
SCHOOL  
CHILDREN IN  
WASH  
PROJECT



**11,800 +**  
SCHOOL  
CHILDREN



**3,780+**  
ADOLESCENT  
GIRLS



**1,156**  
RURAL, TRIBAL,  
AND  
TRANSGENDER  
COMMUNITIES

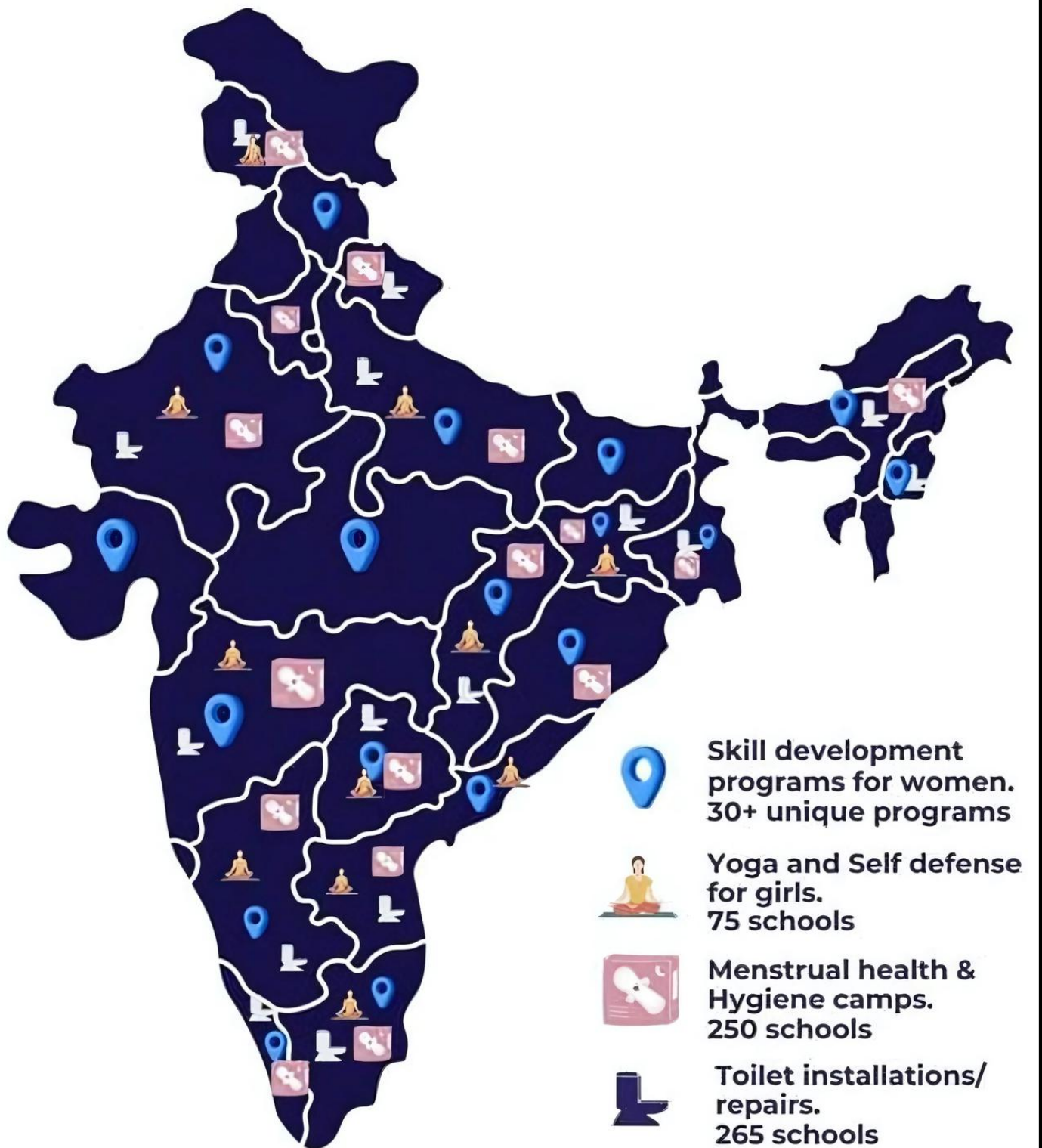


**16**  
INDIAN  
STATES



# SHE

Sanitation, Hygiene & Empowerment  
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# SHE

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Project for the Girl Child



## Activities

- Constructed **1,082 toilets** across **265 schools**
- Held hygiene awareness and menstrual health camps in **250 schools**
- Conducted **30+ unique skill development programs** for women
- Provided yoga and self-defense training in **75 schools**
- Offered real-time program updates through the SHE Live Dashboard
- Developed model villages with cluster-level interventions
- Strengthened engagement through SHE and SHE-CAF platforms

Constructed  
**1,082** toilets

Self-defense training  
in **75** schools.

**54,500** adolescent girls  
hygiene programs

**49,000+** women  
received skill  
development training.

**265** schools with  
toilet installations

# SHE

Sanitation, Hygiene & Empowerment  
Project for the Girl Child



## SHE Supports Transgender Communities

On October 6, India's Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the "Ardhanari Food Truck" in Nagpur, Maharashtra. Supported by Sewa's SHE and CAF programs, the initiative empowers five transgender individuals through a mobile food truck business, fostering economic independence and social inclusion.

In August 2024, Sewa's Vice President, Prem Pusuloori, met the beneficiaries to explore additional support for transgender communities, reinforcing Sewa's commitment to their financial empowerment.

## SHE Sanitation, Hygiene & Empowerment Project for the Girl Child

In 2024, the SHE (Sanitation, Hygiene, and Empowerment for the Girl Child) team's India sanitation project addressed inadequate facilities in rural schools, benefiting more than 11,800 people. With support from Sewa teams in Boston, Colorado, Central New Jersey, and Phoenix, as well as numerous individual donors, the SHE program constructed 174 toilets across seven states. The funds raised by the students from the North Jersey Leadership, Education, and Development (LEAD) team, in collaboration with Oracle India, enabled the SHE team to renovate toilets in 25 schools in Karnataka. This effort emphasizes Sewa's commitment to enhancing sanitation for vulnerable communities.



SHE-CAF Phase 2 Helps Over 4,300 People The SHE and CAF Phase 2 programs helped 4,328 people across seventeen states in India in 2024. Among them, 146 beneficiaries are undergoing training.



# SHE

Sanitation, Hygiene & Empowerment  
Project for the Girl Child



## Menstrual Awareness, Support for Women

This year, Sewa's Menstrual Awareness Program addressed school sanitation issues, tackling problems like girls dropping out due to inadequate facilities and missing classes during menstruation. It benefited 3,500 adolescent girls through awareness sessions and the distribution of reusable sanitary napkins, positively impacting their well-being and educational continuity. The SHE team reached 15 village clusters in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh, building 40 school toilets for 3,877 children. The SHE team also offered menstrual camps for 1,500 girls. Over 100 women received skills training and information about product marketing to help them earn and live sustainable livelihoods. Additionally, nearly 2,000 students across multiple states benefited from a 14-day yoga and self-defense program.

### Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Program in Tripura, India

In an initiative in Tripura, India, the SHE team conducted twelve menstrual hygiene awareness camps in January 2024. The camps offered education to young adolescent girls and informed teachers in government schools about health and hygiene during menstruation. The team distributed sustainable sanitary pads, handcrafted by Sewa's women entrepreneurs in Kutch, Gujarat.

## SHE Sanitation & Hygiene Project for the Girl Child WASH Project

Sewa's SHE team and Oracle India joined for a Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) project in Karnataka, which benefitted over 8,300 students and teachers in 25 schools. The project involved restoring toilets, installing hand wash units and water filters, and conducting a painting competition to enhance awareness.



# SHE

## Sanitation, Hygiene & Empowerment Project for the Girl Child



### Youth Festival

In February 2024, Sewa's Yuva Mahotsav (Youth Festival) in Magadi, Karnataka, engaged over 1,200 students and teachers from 20 schools. The program expanded to the Indian states of Odisha, Maharashtra, and Chhattisgarh, offering training in tailoring, computer skills, and entrepreneurship. These initiatives have empowered 152 transgender individuals, with 79 beneficiaries in 2024 alone.

### Toilet Construction Support



Dr. Kamal Gupta contributed to building 20 toilets in rural Jharkhand schools, supported menstrual awareness camps, and funded yoga and self-defense workshops for over 500 girls. Sophie and Sid Mookerjee's funding enabled the construction of over 40 new toilets in underprivileged schools in Mysore District, Karnataka.

Riya Dadheech of Purple Paint supported the repair of eight non-functional toilets in rural schools in Udhampur, Jammu. Sewa's SHE team celebrated Women's Day by inaugurating school toilets and conducting health check-ups across states. On Mother's Day, festivities like cooking competitions and card-making brought joy to women and children.







# SEWA IMPACT

## Vaccinated Twice, Doubly Safe: Sewa Volunteers Spread the Word, Coax the Fearful

In the battle against COVID-19, vaccination was a crucial weapon. However, a large percentage of India's population was not fully vaccinated as of March 2022, a year and a half after vaccine availability. One significant hurdle was the fear of vaccination side effects. This fear was compounded by the vast and scattered population, making education and outreach challenging.



Take the story of a 70-year-old daily wage worker from Saliyana village in Uttarakhand. Like many others, he lost his job during the lockdown and relied on government and non-profit aid for essentials. When vaccines became available, he initially hesitated but eventually got his first dose to return to work. However, the side effects hit him hard. Experiencing sudden high fever and weakness, the old man vowed never to take the second dose.

Sewa volunteers played a crucial role in convincing him to complete his vaccination regimen. After multiple phone calls, they visited his home personally. It took half an hour of patient explanation to persuade the old man to get his second dose. Fighting pandemics like COVID-19, it is clear that vaccination efforts must go hand-in-hand with education and outreach. Organizations like Sewa International can make a difference by addressing individual concerns and fears.



### Highlights

- Processed **4048 sponsorship** applications; 3491 students selected after a rigorous review
- Conducted Anubhuthi STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) camps in **7 locations (Kuppam, Vijayawada, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Bhopal, Sangola, Jambusar)**
- Organized a 6-day camp in Kuppam and 2-day camps in other locations
- Focused on STEM-based experiential learning for **411 students**

## SPONSOR A CHILD to provide EDUCATION & Empower Families

3491+ students supported

355 higher secondary students supported.

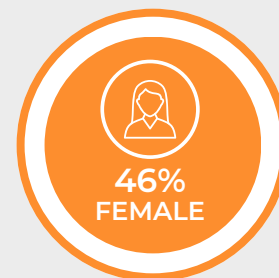
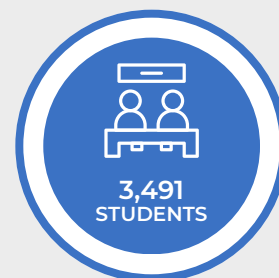
1635 sponsored girls children.

1239 primary, 1897 high school students supported.

411 students engaged through STEAM activities.

1897 students are in grades 6-10

Sponsor a Child(SAC)





## SAC Timeline

**2009**

### *A humble beginning*

SAC was born with a goal to bring positive change

**2011**

### *Expanding horizons*

Encouraged by early success SAC expands to multiple states

**2015**

### *Embracing Technology*

Program launches a low-cost website to service donors

**2022**

### *National reach*

Program expands to 28 states, 4 union territories and 9620 students

**2020**

### *Covid challenges*

SAC started a new segment for children from Covid effected families

**2016**

### *Investing in impact*

Full time employees hired to ensure dedicated focus on donor relations



## Anubhuti Camp

Sewa International's Sponsor A Child (SAC) program organized a 2-day residential Anubhuthi STEM Camp at six locations between July and December 2024, offering students hands-on experiences in robotics, coding, and engineering challenges. Guided by experienced mentors and inspired by STEM professionals, participants engaged in creative, critical thinking activities while also developing teamwork and leadership skills through collaborative projects and team-building exercises.

### Physical and Mental Well-being



Yoga and engaging games promoted relaxation, focus, and physical fitness among participants.

### Scientific Exploration



Hands-on experiments on a topic in Physics, Chemistry, and/or Biology to foster curiosity



### Building Strong Values



A dedicated session emphasized integrity, empathy, and social responsibility

### Innovation and Design Thinking



Students tackled challenges in low-cost model making and engineering, developing critical thinking and





## Anubhuti Camp

### Camp 1: Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

Date	July 13-14, 2024
Location	Sri Vijnana Vihar English Medium School, Sathyanarayanapuram, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
Attendees	28 students, comprising 17 girls and 11 boys, from grades 8-11

### Camp 2: Hyderabad, Telangana

Date	August 10-11, 2024
Location	Sri Saraswathi Avasa Vidyalaya, Bandalguda, Hyderabad
Attendees	80 students, comprising 26 girls and 54 boys, from grades 8-9

### Camp 3: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Date	August 17, 2024
Location	People's Education Society Maharashtra High School, Dadar, Mumbai
Attendees	37 students, comprising 12 girls and 25 boys, from grades 8-11

### Camp 4: Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Date	November 23-24, 2024
Location	Pran Baldev Bhandari Sewa Vidhya Mandir, Govindpura, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
Attendees	70 students, comprising 37 girls and 33 boys, from grades 8-11

### Camp 5: Jambusar, Gujarat

Date	December 7-8, 2024
Location	Shree Sarawati Prathmik & Madhyamik Vidhya Mandir, Jambusar. Bharuch (Dist), Gujarat
Attendees	84 students, comprising 39 girls and 45 boys, from grades 8-10

### Camp 6: Sangola, Maharashtra

Date	December 28-29, 2024
Location	Utkarsh Vidyalay, Sangola (TQ), Solapur (Dist), Maharashtra.
Attendees	61 students, comprising 32 girls and 29 boys, from grades 8-11



## Student Scores Perfect CGPA in 10th Grade

Harshavardhan from Sheriguda, Telangana, achieved a perfect CGPA of 10 (600/600) in his Class 10 board exams. Five years ago, Harshavardhan's family faced immense tragedy and hardship following the death of his father. Despite significant challenges, Harshavardhan remains steadfast in his studies and aspires to become a software engineer to support underprivileged families, reflecting his commitment to giving back to the community. The SAC team was proud and happy to recognize Harshavardhan for his academic achievement. ewa's Vice President, Prem Pusuloori, along with the SAC team, felicitated him on May 23 in Gachibowli, Hyderabad, India.



## Denver and Chicago Raise Funds



On September 8, Sewa Denver, in partnership with Niche Entertainment of Pune, hosted a Pancham concert at Broomfield Auditorium, raising \$39,000 to support the Sponsor A Child program. The event featured a tribute to RD Burman by Milind Oak and his troupe. Sewa leaders Sridhar Talanki and Dr. Janak Joshi emphasized the SAC program's impact. With the funds raised, the chapter has sponsored 65 children and seeks additional donors to reach its goal of 100.

On August 23, 2024, Sewa Chicago hosted "Music for a Mission" for SAC, raising over \$37,000 to support underprivileged children in India. The initiative empowers children from rural and tribal areas through education, helping them break the cycle of poverty.

Over 50 students from underprivileged backgrounds scored over 90% in their Class 10/12 exams.



# PROJECTS IN INDIA'S NORTHEAST



## Empowering Education in Manipur

Purva Seema Vikas Pratishthan (PSVP), a Sewa partner, runs three schools in Manipur, including Oja Shankar Vidyalaya, educating 350 tribal students since 1971. In 2024, Sewa volunteers introduced teacher training and Jnana Prabodhini's Nisargamitra initiative. Despite challenges, PSVP fosters unity through quality education but needs funds for recurring costs, materials, and infrastructure.

## Supporting Pineapple Farmers in Tripura

This year, in partnership with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Dhalai, Tripura, Sewa International organized a training program for marginal pineapple farmers. The workshop, led by Dr. Abhijit Debnath, Senior Scientist at KVK, focused on scientific planting techniques to boost yields. Over 70 farmers from four producer groups attended, learning the best practices for sustainable farming. This initiative highlights the power of partnerships in driving rural development.

## Strengthening Ties with SBP

This year, the Sewa SHE (Sanitation, Hygiene, and Empowerment Project for the Girl Child) team partnered with SBP (Seva Bharati Purbanchal), enhancing Sewa's regional presence, to support schools and empower women in the region. This collaboration benefited over 50 women in Meghalaya and Manipur through tailoring programs and supported women in Assam with initiatives like livestock rearing and weaving.

# PROJECTS IN INDIA'S NORTHEAST



## Sewa Supports Cyclone Remal Victims

In 2024, Cyclone Remal, with 135 kph winds, devastated West Bengal's coast and parts of Northeast India, displacing thousands and claiming 36 lives. It uprooted power poles, destroyed homes, and left many without shelter or electricity. Sewa volunteers responded by distributing over 400 grocery kits with essentials like rice, potatoes, oil, and dal.



## Development in North India Nurturing Dehradun's Green Pulse

Dehradun residents, Yusen Logistics, and Sewa International united for a cleanliness and afforestation drive. Over 80 volunteers cleared litter and planted saplings, advancing a greener city. Environmentalist Sachidanand Bharati inspired everyone, celebrating Dehradun's green heartbeat.



## Healthcare for Uttarakhand's Villages

Sewa's Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) serves over 300 villages monthly, offering blood tests, X-rays, ECGs, and emergency care. Specialized services include eye, dental, women's health, and Ayurveda, ensuring affordable healthcare reaches even the remotest areas in parts of Uttarakhand state.



# 18TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE



## 18th National Conference in Schaumburg, IL

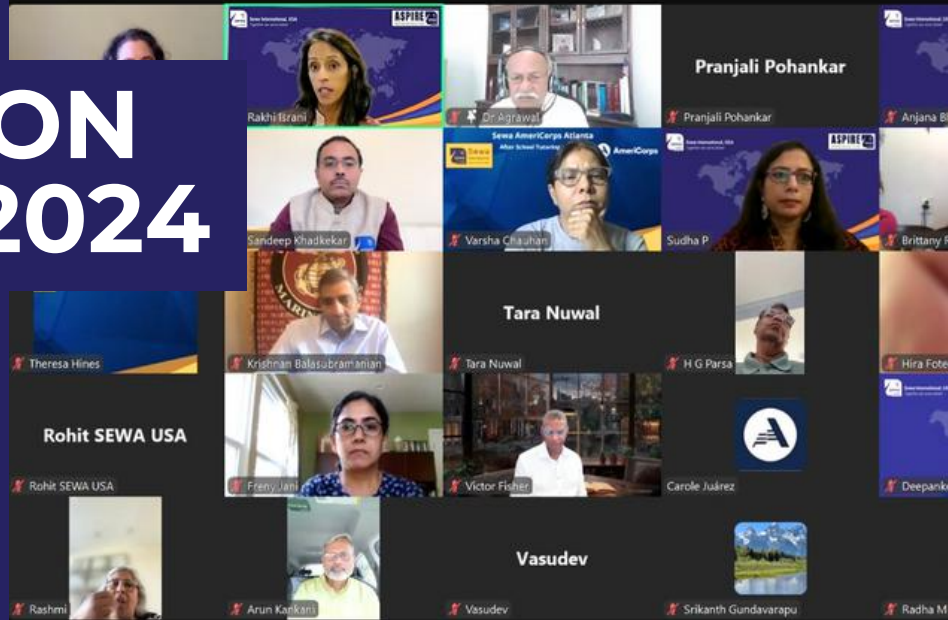
At the 18th National Conference in Schaumburg, IL, on May 4 and 5, 2024 over 140 people, including national executives, volunteers, and supporters from various US chapters, gathered to celebrate Sewa's commitment to community service and philanthropy. Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi praised Sewa for its contributions to society. He supported its future endeavors, highlighting census findings that recognize Indian Americans as the fastest-growing, best-educated, and most prosperous community in the U.S.



Gauranga Das commended Sewa's selfless service and likened it to a tree that thrives by giving shelter and joy to others, drawing inspiration from the Bhagavad Gita as a guide to mental well-being. Jay Shetty, celebrated life coach, emphasized the value of spiritual practice for a fulfilling life, applauding Sewa for prioritizing service amid life's distractions. Sridhar Talanki, Sewa Board Member, highlighted Sewa's vision of a harmonious world rooted in oneness and its benchmark for excellence through continuous service. Sewa International President Arun Kankani released the annual report and a booklet celebrating Sewa's milestones over its 20-year journey since 2004.



# EDUCATION SUMMIT 2024



**Julie Sugarman**



**Brittany**



**Krishnan Balasubramaniam**



**Victor Fisher**



**Dr. Piyush Agarwal**

On October 5, 2024, Sewa International's virtual "Education Summit 2024" drew over 160 participants to address the challenges immigrant and refugee students face in U.S. schools. A panel led by Rakhi Israni, Sewa's Vice President of Government Relations, featured experts Julie Sugarman, of the Migration Policy Institute, Dr. Piyush Agarwal, an educationist, and Carole Juarez from AmeriCorps, who discussed barriers like language and resource gaps. Juarez highlighted AmeriCorps' support in Sewa's Aspire program, while Agarwal stressed educator training.

A second panel included Brittany, an 8th-grader who credited ASPIRE with improved grades, donor Krishnan Balasubramaniam, who emphasized transparency, and teacher Victor Fisher, who highlighted personalized support. Launched in 2013, ASPIRE provides academic help to K-6 students, growing with AmeriCorps' support. Prof. Anurag Mairal closed the summit, underscoring education's role in fostering equity through access and belonging.

## MOS Workshop in Nagpur, India

The Mission-Oriented Staff (MOS) workshop, held on February 10 and 11, 2024, at Smruti Bhawan in Nagpur, brought together Sewa International's India staff for two days of learning and collaboration. The event commenced on February 10, engaging over forty participants in insightful discussions, activities, and knowledge-sharing sessions to enhance team collaboration and personal development.

President Arun Kankani emphasized the significance of one's actions and their influence on outcomes, the importance of taking positive steps toward achieving one's goals, and the importance of recognizing one's actions' impact on the world around us.





# SEWA DIWALI



## SewaDiwali: A Local Start, a National Movement

The SewaDiwali food drive, led by Vijay Mallampati, Nimesh Dixit, and Ganesh Ramakrishnan, marked the beginning of Sewa's South Jersey journey in 2018 in Chesterfield. Seventeen youth volunteers collected 2,200 pounds of food for St. Mary's Food Bank, marking the chapter's foundation and launching the LEAD program. Today, Sewa Diwali has expanded nationwide, with over 500 organizations across 34 states donating over 600,000 pounds of food to 245 food banks last year.



## Sewa Families Light Up Diwali with Food Donations

As part of the SewaDiwali Campaign, families came together to make a difference in Houston. Volunteers, including LEAD (Leadership, Education, and Development) youth, collected over 750 pounds of food and \$600 in gift cards. These contributions were donated to the Family Hope Pantry to support meals for underprivileged families. Sewa invited families to join the food drive. The campaign encouraged participants to contribute and spread joy during Diwali by giving back to those in need.





# SEWA DIWALI



## Sewa AmeriCorps Afterschool Tutoring Program Celebrates Diwali

The Sewa AmeriCorps Afterschool Tutoring Program in Atlanta celebrated Diwali on October 27, highlighting its message of light overcoming darkness. Students engaged in activities like decorating diyas, making lanterns, creating rangoli designs, dancing to Indian folk music, and enjoying traditional Indian food, fostering joy, togetherness, and cultural appreciation.



## Tampa's Food Drive Provides over 1,300 Meals

Sewa Tampa's SewaDiwali Food Drive delivered 1,631 pounds of food to Feeding Tampa Bay on November 16, providing 1,359 meals to needy people. Tampa Chapter Coordinator Ramanathan Rama Subbu credited the success to the collective generosity of the community and collaboration among individuals and organizations, including HSS Abhimanyu Shakha, Ayyappa Temple, Shree Ram Mandir, Vishnu Mandir, Art of Living, Sewa USA, Gujarati Samaj of Tampa Bay (GSTB), Indian Cultural Center (ICC), Marathi Mandal Tampa Bay (MMTB), Telangana Association of Florida (TGFL), TTA Telangana, Sangeetalaya, Nandalala Mission, and Global Volunteer Hub.





# SEWA DIWALI



## Colorado SewaDiwali Program Collects Food for Local Community

As part of Sewa International's annual Deepavali program, volunteers in Colorado collected about 480 pounds of food for the OUR (Outreach United Resource) Center. Ramesh Babu, Serve Lead, coordinated the efforts, while Ramesh Kanekal provided guidance. The Shivaji Shakha team played a crucial role in collecting and donating the food. Sewa Denver's goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of food next year, expanding its impact further.



# NATIVE AMERICAN OUTREACH IN 2024

## **Texas Youth Engage with Native American Culture**

Five participants, led by Vijay Mallapati, visited Lake Livingston in Livingston, TX to explore the local reservation and state park, gaining insights into nature and cultural heritage. A highlight of the visit was a special interaction with William Harjo of the Creek Nation, renowned for his traditional Native American flute-making. The experience offered the youth a rare opportunity to connect with indigenous craftsmanship and deepen their appreciation for Native American traditions.

## **LEAD Members Attend Alabama-Coushatta Pow Wow**

On June 1, Sewa Houston LEAD members attended the Pow Wow festival of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, which celebrated Native American culture with representatives from 30 tribes. The event featured traditional dances and interactions with the tribes' Senior Native Chief and Junior Princess. Participants explored indigenous traditions while supporting cultural exchange and community wellness initiatives.

## **SewaDiwali Delivers Food to Native Americans in Houston**

In collaboration with the Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh and Swasth Yoga of Katy, TX, Sewa donated over 500 pounds of food collected during the SewaDiwali Food Drive to the Tunica-Biloxi Native American tribe. The food was delivered to the American Indian Center of Houston, which supports nearly 70,000 Native Americans from various nations residing in the city. During their visit, the Sewa team also engaged with Dr. Zahn, Executive Director of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribal Council.



## **Holiday Toy Drive Brings Cheer to Native American Children**

In December 2024, \$650 worth of toys were donated to the Tunica-Biloxi Native American Center in Katy, TX. The initiative was coordinated with Sewa International and Swasth Yoga to spread holiday joy among underprivileged children. The drive aimed to support the community during the festive season, reflecting a spirit of service and compassion.

## **Phoenix Chapter Donates 7,500 Lbs of Aid to Navajo Nation**

Over 7,500 pounds of food and winter clothing were collected by the Phoenix Chapter in

partnership with HSS and more than 40 local organizations and volunteers in Phoenix, AZ in December 2024. The donations were directed to support Native American communities. Representatives Lynn Charley and Jerry Hunter from JoJo Cakes Reservation in the Navajo Nation, NM, traveled to Phoenix to receive the aid, marking a strong show of solidarity and support for underserved populations.



# NATIVE AMERICAN OUTREACH IN 2024



## **Native American Leaders Address Phoenix Gala**

Lynn Charley and Jerry Hunter attended the Phoenix Chapter's fundraising gala in Phoenix on December 14, 2024. The event highlighted the partnership between Sewa International and Native American communities. Charley and Hunter shared heartfelt stories about the struggles faced by their communities and expressed sincere gratitude for their continued support. The event underscored the importance of collaboration and compassion, reinforcing the commitment to uplift underserved populations through collective efforts and sustained community engagement.

## **School Supply Drive Supports Native American and Title I Schools**

School supplies were collected and donated to four Title I schools and one school serving urban Native Americans between July and August 2024 in Phoenix, AZ. Additional supplies and over \$300 in materials were sent to the Navajo Nation in Steamboat, AZ, where they were received by local tribal volunteer Glenda Torsie. The drive aimed to support underserved students and promote educational equity through community-led efforts and cross-cultural collaboration.

## **Sewa LEAD Kids Connect with Karuk Tribe**

Sewa LEAD students visited the Karuk Tribe in 2024 in Portland, forming meaningful bonds while immersing themselves in tribal traditions. The highlight of the visit was a traditional basket-weaving gathering. A local museum tour deepened their understanding of Karuk history. It revealed remarkable parallels between Native American and Hindu values, underscoring a shared human spirit rooted in respect, tradition, and community.

## **Yoga Sessions Foster Cultural Connection in Happy Camp**

Restorative yoga sessions were offered to the Karuk Tribe in 2024 in Happy Camp, CA, promoting holistic healing through physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. Organized by the California Chapter, the initiative created a cultural bridge between Indian (Hindu) and Native American traditions. The sessions emphasized shared values such as harmony with nature, mindfulness, and spiritual depth, strengthening cross-cultural understanding, and fostering mutual respect through the practice of ancient wellness traditions.



## Milind Makwana: A Dedicated Sewa Volunteer and Advocate

The passing of Milind Makwana, 44, an advocate for justice, left a void in the lives of many. On July 18, 2023, Milind suffered a massive heart attack shortly after attending a Cupertino, CA, meeting on the controversial SB403 Caste Bill. His untimely demise shook the community, but his legacy as a selfless volunteer, advocate, and leader will continue to inspire.

Milind's journey began in Mumbai, where he overcame significant challenges to pursue his dreams. After earning an engineering degree—the first in his community—he moved to the United States to build a better future for his family. Professionally, he excelled as a Technical Program Manager at a Fortune 500 company in Silicon Valley. However, his true passion lay in serving others and promoting Hindu values through his work with Sewa International.



For over a decade, Milind dedicated himself to Sewa International's mission of selfless service. He participated in numerous humanitarian efforts beyond disaster relief. He played a key role in developing innovative solutions like mobile apps for volunteer coordination through the PayPal Opportunity Hackathon.

Milind's final days were marked by his passionate fight against California's SB403 Caste Bill—a piece of legislation he believed

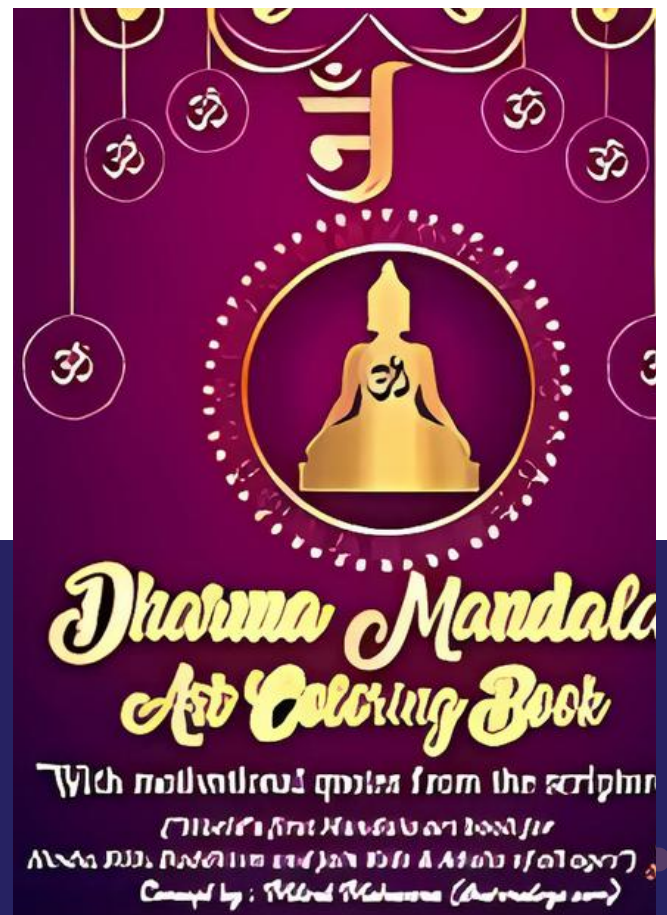
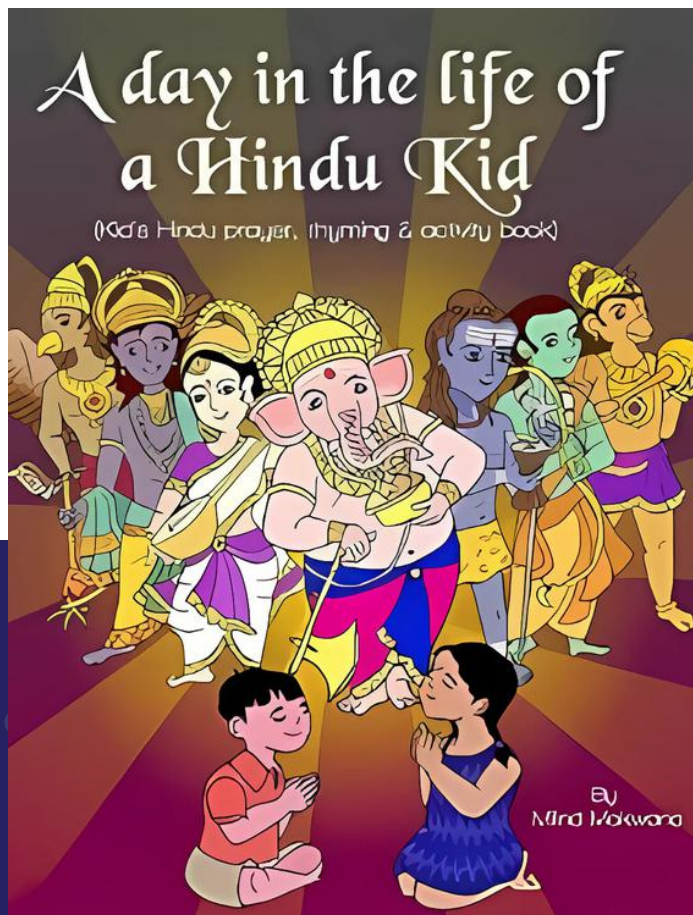
misrepresented Hinduism and risked dividing communities along caste lines. As a Dalit himself, Milind spoke from personal experience about the nuanced realities of caste in both India and America.

In his writings and speeches, Milind emphasized harmony among communities and rejected the narrative that Hinduism perpetuates oppression. During his testimony at the Cupertino City Council on July 18, he eloquently argued against SB403, calling it a "Trojan Horse" that would harm Indian Americans and fuel Hinduphobia. Tragically, just moments after this hearing, Milind collapsed.



Beyond activism and volunteering, Milind was also an author who sought to educate future generations about Hindu culture. His children's book introduced mantras through relatable stories, while his biography of Olympian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu celebrated grit and perseverance. All proceeds from these books were donated to Sewa International to support local projects.

Milind Makwana's life serves as an enduring reminder of what it means to live selflessly for others. Together, we can honor his memory by making positive contributions to our communities—just as he did every day of his extraordinary life.



# SEWA AT THE BRICS CIVIL FORUM



Shyam Parande, (second from left in the above photo) Global Coordinator of Sewa International, participated in a panel discussion at the Ninth BRICS Civil Forum in Moscow on July 3-4, 2024, alongside experts including Dr. Sabyasachi Saha of the Research and Information System (RIS), Atul Jain Deendayal Research Institute (DRI), Prof. Vandana Saxena (Delhi University), and Prof. Sonu Saini of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). The conference highlighted grassroots leadership, social impact, and cooperation. Parande emphasized the power of collective action in driving positive change, stating, "Let this unity inspire us to strive for a better tomorrow, where collaboration and cooperation pave the way for a brighter future for all."

## Sewa Stands with Bangladesh's Minority Communities

A student protest in August escalated into widespread attacks on minority communities in Bangladesh, impacting over nine million Hindus across 58 districts. Sewa International allocated \$10,000 for immediate relief, launched a fundraising campaign, and provided food, medical kits, and water.



Hindu temples were vandalized, homes looted, and many suffered severe violence, including rape and murder, leaving women and girls in constant fear. The Human Rights Congress for Bangladesh Minorities (HRCBM) organization, active since 2003, addressed these crimes with aid, legal support, and advocacy. Sewa urged the Bangladesh government to ensure minority safety.

## Supporting Andhra Pradesh and Telangana Flood Victims

Torrential rains in September devastated Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, claiming 48 lives, displacing thousands, and impacting over 600,000 people. Homes, businesses, and infrastructure were destroyed, with Andhra Pradesh relocating 43,417 people to 163 relief camps and Telangana losing 150,000 acres of farmland worth ₹5,000 crore (\$60 million).

Sewa volunteers supported affected families by distributing food kits, providing shelters, clean water, and medical care, and helping farmers and small business owners rebuild. The floods caused severe power outages, and service disruptions.





# AWARDS & RECOGNITION



## Alief ISD Board Honors Sewa for Support during Hurricane Beryl

The Alief Alief Independent School District (ISD) Board recognized Sewa International and other community partners on July 17 for their swift support during Hurricane Beryl. ISD also thanked the Southwest Management District for donating \$2,500 for student uniforms, making a significant impact during challenging times, and greatly supporting the community.



## Edward & Lily Prabhakar Centenary Award Presented to Chicago Chapter

Sewa's Chicago Chapter received the prestigious Edward & Lily Prabhakar Centenary Award for the best youth organization. The award was presented by Congressman Danny K Davis and Mayor Nathaniel Booker of Maywood, IL, at a ceremony held on Saturday, February 18, at the Center for Englewood in Chicago.

## Fort Bend County, TX, Recognizes Sewa for Dedication to Community Service

Fort Bend County, TX, recognized Sewa International on May 24 for its community service during an event celebrating Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month. Judge KP George awarded Sewa a proclamation alongside 29 other non-profits. Sewa's contributions include American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant work, AmeriCorps projects, SELF 5k walks, Senior Sewa in Sugarland and Katy, workshops, and volunteering events, showcasing its volunteers' dedication.





## Paramount Software Solutions Honors Sewa International

Paramount Software Solutions celebrated its 25th anniversary in April 2024 in New Delhi by honoring three non-profits, including Sewa International, for their impactful social initiatives and humanitarian efforts. Actor Sonu Sood presented the award during a music and dance gala night. Board Advisor Shyam Parande accepted the award, stating, "We are delighted and inspired by this recognition to continue serving with dedication and compassion."



## RTP, NC Chapter Receives Award from Durham Rescue Mission

The Research Triangle Park, NC, Chapter received an award from the Durham Rescue Mission for its impactful 2024 efforts, presented at the Sewa Lead Appreciation Ceremony in October. The chapter volunteers actively supported the Durham Rescue Mission through various initiatives, including toy packing for Easter, sorting and packing school supplies for the Back-to-School Drive in August, serving meals during Thanksgiving, and assisting with clothing sorting and Christmas meal setup in winter. During Sewa Diwali, the RTP team donated 2,500 pounds of food to the Durham Rescue Mission, part of Sewa International's 20,000-pound contribution to Hurricane Helene Relief and local food pantries.



# SEWA INTERNATIONAL NATIONAL TEAM 2024



## TOGETHER WE SERVE BETTER

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- Guru Prasad, Director, West Region
- Jyothsna Prasad, Joint Director, Lead Program

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## 2024 (unaudited)

### BALANCE SHEET

Opening Fund balance(Net of liabilities) : \$23,384,289

Closing Fund balance (Net of liabilities) : \$29,374,997

### INCOME STATEMENT

Total Income : \$7,124,957

#### Expenses

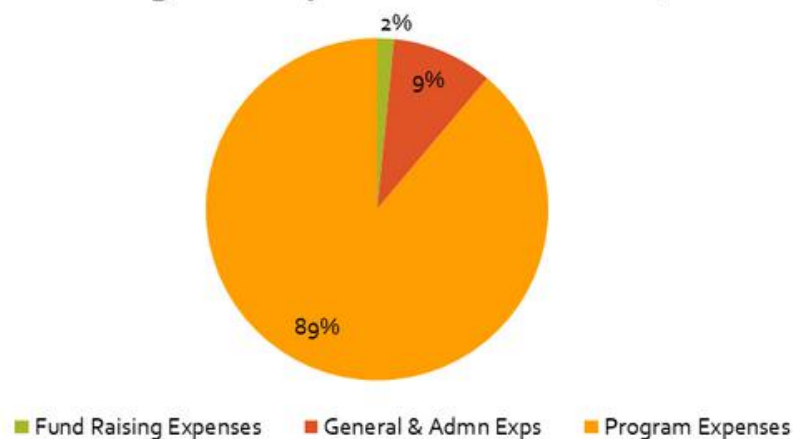
Fund Raising Expenses : \$110,792

General & Admn Exps : \$666,195

Program Expenses : \$6,195,646

**Total Expenses** : **\$6,972,634**

#### Program Expense Details FY 24





# FINANCIAL REPORT

## 2024 (unaudited)

### PROGRAM EXPENSES BY COUNTRY

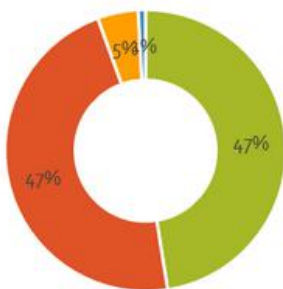
USA	:	\$2,942,298
India	:	\$2,911,413
South Asia	:	\$289,742
South America	:	\$52,083
TOTAL	:	\$6,195,536

### PROGRAM EXPENSES BY THEME

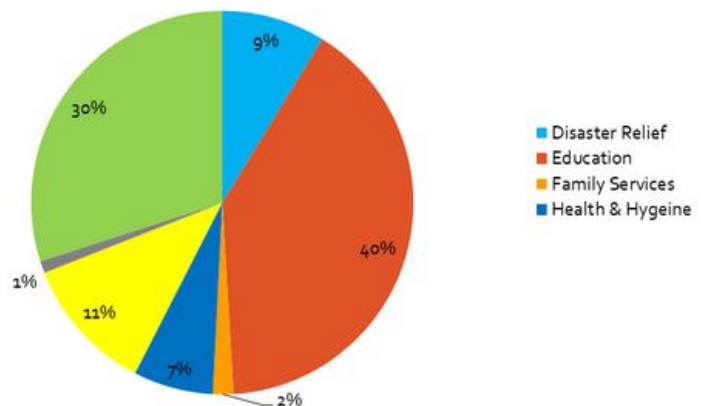
Disaster Relief	:	\$543,186
Education	:	\$2,496,822
Family Services	:	\$107,013
Health & Hygiene	:	\$418,048
Other Projects	:	\$712,203
Rural Development	:	\$ 62,581
Volunteer Development	:	\$1,855,683
TOTAL	:	\$6,195,536

Program by Country

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Program Expenses by Projects





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