

# EKAM Indianapolis Highlights 2023

## Initiatives in India

In 2023 our major focus has been in the areas of early childhood development, adolescent education, basic healthcare needs, and enabling livelihood in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Jharkhand. To this end we have completed several projects, either chapter specific or as part of National service projects. These include Anganwadi support, basic infrastructure for PHCs, vision care for school kids, cataract surgeries, custom made-prosthetics, bicycles for girl students, blankets, personal hygiene kits for cerebral palsy patients, livelihood support for widows, and more!

### Anganwadis

Funded basic needs like weighing scales, educational and play materials for 132 anganwadis in Madurai, Salem and Chennai, helping over 3000 kids



### Vision Care Camps & Cataract Surgeries

Recognizing that early intervention is the most cost-effective way to address vision issues in children, we partnered with Ekam Foundation to fund screening camps for 700 school children in Madurai & follow-up care for 29 kids needing prescription glasses. Supported 20 cataract surgeries in AP & Punjab.



### Bicycles & Toilets for Girl Students

To facilitate transportation from remote rural areas, we funded bicycle banks with 43 bicycles in Sanikavaram and Bommalapuram schools in Andhra Pradesh. Funded functional toilet block for girls in LKB Nagar School, Madurai.



### Basic Infrastructure for PHCs

Supported 3 PHCs in Madurai with life saving equipment like a fetal doppler and an infant warmer & basic needs such as BP apparatuses, x-ray supplies, and an RO unit.



### Prosthetic Limbs

We funded over 100 custom prosthetic limbs for beneficiaries in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.



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## Additional Initiatives in India Celebrating our EYAs

**\$27,685\***

\* Includes VC

### Our Dollars at Work



### Ducklings for Widows

For livelihood support, donated ducklings, feed and medicine to 10 widows who lost their husbands to COVID, in Jharkhand.



### Blankets to fight winter cold

Supported 200 of the 1500 blankets that were distributed in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana to tribal, nomadic & other poor people and children in orphanages.



- Bikes & Toilets
- Anganwadis
- Prosthetics
- PHCs
- Med. Kits
- Eye Care
- All other projects

### A helping hand for bed-ridden and differently-abled adolescents

Sponsored monthly medical kits for a year for 10 patients suffering from spinal cord injury or cerebral palsy who need help to dignify their situation. Provided a water purification unit to Chellamuthu Trust in Madurai that provides rehabilitation programs for adolescents with mental illness.



### Celebrating Our EYAs ..

We are proud of our EYAs who continue to serve as the motivation to carry forward with our Ekam mission. We are inspired to see how they rise to serve the local community and help raise funds for needs in India, with the active support and engagement of their parents. They also welcome and mentor new/younger EYAs.



**PVSA Award Winners**  
**Silver:** Anjali Patel  
**Bronze:** Aadhya Vankayala, Adhik Suresh, Maya Patel, Nithik Sajja, Shresta Vankayala



EYAs and their parents set up a lemonade stand during India Day 2023 and raised funds for Anganwadi centers in Madurai.



Maya touched us all with her generosity and care when she donated the prize money for her creative artwork, to build toilets. Nithik wowed us with a fast-paced magical video for PHC fundraiser.



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## Local volunteering

### Horizon House

Ekam Indy families have donated supplies and made 375 snack bags, and 667 sandwiches for unhoused neighbors who use the facility as a day shelter. We also donated \$500, leveraging Value Circle matching funds.



### Gleaners and Midwest Food Banks of Indiana

We helped with a range of tasks, e.g., sorting produce & bread, assembling food boxes, loading cars with food boxes, helping over 6000 families and 10 agencies.



### Second Helpings

EYAs and parents helped sort and weigh pasta & assembled over 15000 grab'n go meals. They also made 100 pretty cards to accompany the meals delivered to A Caring Place, Damien Center & Julian Center.



### What some members are saying ..

*As an EYA, I love Ekam Indy because when I volunteer at Second Helpings, Gleaners, and other agencies, it is always good friends working together to make a change in the community. –Nithik*

*Ekam Indy is well-organized, and the small group setting at local volunteering events is good for fostering and nurturing friendships and providing opportunities for learning for kids as well as adults. Seeing the impact motivates us to do our part in giving back to the society. – Parent Neeraja.*

### A note of gratitude to our members ..

*We are thankful to all those who have donated to these causes in India and locally. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our Value Circle members: Anita & Arun, Aravind & Surekha, Babini, Bharat & Madhavi, Chandana & Ravi, Chetan & Mona, Jahnvi & Mounish, Kavita & Sanjay, James, Neeraja & Rama, Nirmala & Suresh, Pratibha & Ravi, Sabitha & Sudhakar, Shobha & Vijay, Shanthi, Soumya & Yashas, Sukumar & Uma.*