

EKAM Indianapolis Highlights 2024

Initiatives in India

In 2024 our major focus has continued to be in the areas of early childhood development, adolescent education, enabling mobility, and disaster relief in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Telangana. We have supported several projects, either chapter specific or as part of National service projects. These include Anganwadi support, after-school study centers, custom made-prosthetics, blankets, personal hygiene kits for cerebral palsy patients, a permanent shelter for mentally challenged elderly, rations for flood relief, and more!

Support for Anganwadis

Funded basic needs like weighing scales, educational and play materials, basic cooking equipment for 376 anganwadis in Madurai and Salem and helped around 10000 kids. Ekam Indy donors visited the Yercaud, Salem centers and schools we had previously supported in Madurai.



After-school study centers

Recognizing that early intervention and mentoring is the most cost-effective way to encourage kids to perform well academically and develop good habits, we supported 2.5 of the 10 centers started by SIRDS in partnership with Ekam USA in Tirupati, AP. The kids come from economically lower strata and in addition to help with studies, also receive healthy snacks, books, inner-wear, kits for team games, etc.



Increasing Education access and employment of Girl Students

Bike banks for girls in rural areas: To facilitate transportation from remote rural areas, we funded 34 bicycles across three schools in AP. Ekam Indy members visited Sanikavaram school that Indy had previously supported, to meet the beneficiaries and better understand the impact.



We also sponsored the **Vocational training** of 8 computer students in TN.

Relief for Vijayawada flood victims & Winter Blankets for underprivileged in AP, Odisha, Karnataka, Telangana



Ekam Indianapolis supported 114 rations kits to Vijayawada flood victims and 666 blankets to tribal, migrant and other underprivileged communities.

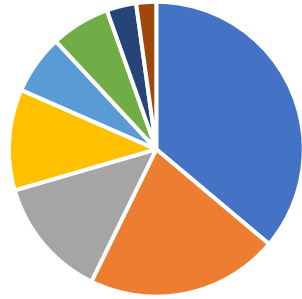
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Additional Initiatives in India
Celebrating our EYAs, ...

\$29,523*

Our \$s at Work in India

**Ashraya Home for the elderly
in Anantapur, AP**



**90 Prosthetic limbs; medical kits
for 5 SCI/cerebral palsy patients**



- Anganwadis
- Edu. Support
- Prosthetics
- Flood Relief
- Elder Home
- Blankets
- Innerwear
- SCI Kits

**Dollars raised – includes VC match*

Celebrating Our EYAs ..

PVSA Award Winners



Gold: Anjali Patel **Silver:** Maya Patel
Bronze: Aadhya Vankayala, Adhik Suresh, Akshay Badugu,
Camille Powell, Lauren Powell, Nithik Sajja, Shresta Vankayala

What our members are saying

EYA Camille: "I enjoy being a part of EKAM Indy because I am able to help people in my community. Not only that, through fundraising, I was able to shine light to various people on ways they could help with food insecurities in our community through Second Helpings."

Parent Tasha: "EKAM Indy is a great chapter that is fostering lifelong personal and professional skills. I enjoy seeing all the EYAs bonding with one another, their dedication and commitment to serving, and their strong leadership skills. Its also nice to see the older EYAs mentoring the younger EYAs."

A note of gratitude ..

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



EYAs and their parents set up a lemonade stand during India Day 2024 and raised \$425 for Anganwadi centers in Yercaud, Salem

EYAs Akshay & Camille led a fundraiser for Second Helpings Pasta Push campaign, raising \$4000

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Local Volunteering

Horizon House

Ekam Indy families donated supplies worth \$1800, made 524 snack bags & 1530 PBJ sandwiches for unhoused neighbors who use the facility as a day shelter. We are touched and honored to receive their "Partner of the Year" award.



Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana

Along with other volunteers, helped sort pantry items and load cars in the drive-thru with essential items, which helped families assemble over 130000 meals.



"...at Gleaners, we are too busy volunteering to take pictures" .. Nithik. EYAs – If you are reading this, send Uma a message.

Second Helpings

EYAs and parents volunteered 11 shifts, assembling over 8000 grab'n gos and chopping over 1000 lbs of veggies, besides helping with other tasks like sorting, tubbing and deep cleaning.



Midwest Food Bank of Indiana

Ekam Indy members sorted & packed various items, e.g., bread, apples, pasta and frozen broccoli, for distribution to food pantries across IN.



Exodus Refugee Immigration, Inc.



EYA Theo & Mom Allison collected 51 gently used kids' Halloween costumes and 4 large bags of costume paraphernalia to help migrant children more easily assimilate into their adopted community.