

# EKAM Indianapolis Highlights 2025

## Initiatives in India

In 2025 our major focus has continued to be in the areas of early childhood development, adolescent education, livelihood enablement, basic needs, and enabling mobility (prosthetics), in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Telangana. In addition to chapter-specific focus on Anganwadi support, we have supported several Ekam USA service projects. These include after-school study centers, custom made-prosthetics, personal hygiene kits for cerebral palsy patients, livelihood enabling projects like tailoring training, sewing machine investment, goat rearing, and more!

### Supporting our 'adopted' Anganwadis

We provided basic needs e.g., educational materials, hot water flasks, carpets and footwear for 130 anganwadis in the cold climates of Yercaud, and Kalvarayan Hills, Salem, helping around 3000 kids. 1700 of the kids in Yercaud received footwear; 500 also got activity books & arts kits to help their successful transition to primary school. In the process we provided livelihood help for mothers of special needs kids who make the footwear at an Ekam USA-funded facility, in Puducherry.



### Supporting education of underprivileged kids in rural areas: After-school study centers, remedial classes, notebooks and bikes

Recognizing that early intervention and mentoring is the most cost-effective way to encourage and help kids perform well academically and develop good work-ethic, we are participating in service projects to fund some of the programs run by SIRDS in Tirupati, Om Foundation in Kakinada and Spoorthi in Guntur. The kids come from economically lower strata, and receive help with studies and competitive exam preparation, digital literacy, healthy snacks, books, inner-wear, kits for team games, etc. Ekam Indy funded 8 of the 20 bikes in a bike bank at Guntur school. We also partnered to distribute over 1000 notebooks to 90 kids in several schools.



Tirupati



Kakinada



Guntur



### Improving education facilities in rural areas: Clean drinking water, desks and solar lights for safe return home at night



RO units in Kollur (Khammam) & Poongulam (Tirupathur) schools



Desks in Govt Junior College, Mahboobnagar



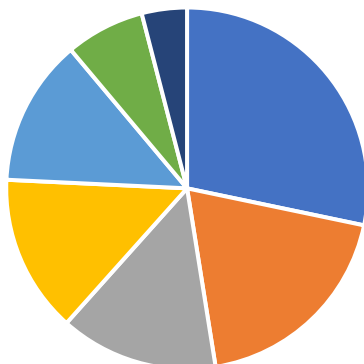
Solar Lights, Tribal village Bheemanayakkanur (Tirupathur)

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## Additional Initiatives in India

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### Our \$s at Work in India



- Anganwadis
- Basic Needs
- Edu. Support
- Prosthetics
- Livelihood
- Nutrition
- SCI Kits

*\*Dollars raised – Includes VC match*

### Nutrition support

- for struggling weavers in Pochampally, pregnant migrant workers in Bangalore and kids in Kallakurichi, Salem, & Villupuram schools



### 100 Prosthetics and 20 kits for bedridden patients



### Livelihood support - Training and Donations

We helped fund vocational training of over 15 women in AP and TN. Co-funded donations of sewing machines/grinders/cows/goats to child Mathammas in AP, and supported goat rearing program for rehabilitation of ex-Devadasis in Karnataka, helping 12 families.



Tirupati



Kakinada



Belgaum



← Sukumar & Uma had a chance to meet several Mathamma community beneficiaries in Tirupati and better understand the impact of our support first-hand. The ROI to date has been impressive and is helping with their kids' education.

### Providing Basic Needs



Footwear for 350 tribal kids, Odisha



Innerwear and menstrual hygiene products (225 girls), AP & Telangana



300 Blankets - AP, Odisha & Telangana



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## Initiatives in Indianapolis & Celebrating our EYAs, Donors, Partners ...



### Hunger Relief

Ekam Indy team logged about 1000 hours, helped load, prepare or pack over 282000 meals, volunteering at Gleaners and Midwest Food Banks of Indiana, and Second Helpings. **We were honored to receive the "Youth Volunteer Group of the Year" award from Second Helpings.**



### Helping the Unhoused

Ekam Indy families donated supplies worth over \$1000, and made over 60 snack bags and 1700 PBJ sandwiches for neighbors who use Horizon House as a day shelter



A card and a cheery message to go with each meal

### EYAs spreading joy amongst Immigrant children and other peers:

**Games Drive** - 130 games collected and distributed to Exodus Refugee International, Ronald McDonald House, MLK Center, and other agencies, giving these games a new life!



### Shining Light on Our wonderful EYAs ..

#### EVSA Award Winners



EYAs led a fundraiser for Second Helpings Pasta Push campaign, raising over \$2800



EYAs and their parents set up a lemonade stand during India Day 2025 and raised \$429 for Anganwadi centers in Yercaud, Salem

- Gold:** Nithik Sajja
- Silver:** Akshay Badugu, Anjali Patel
- Bronze:** Aadhya & Shresta Vankayala, Camille & Lauren Powell, Theo Carpenter

### What our newer EYAs are saying ..

**EYA Riya K:** I volunteer for Ekam Indy because I love being part of an organization that creates real impact. What I enjoy most is seeing how small efforts can make a difference and being surrounded by people who genuinely care.

**EYA Aadya S:** I volunteer for Ekam Indy because I love that I get to help people and get to do it alongside others I consider friends. I really love packing and preparing meals at the various agencies.

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

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, Chetan & Mona, James, Kavita & Sanjay, Khusboo & Nirav, Neeraja & Rama, Nirmala & Suresh, Prasanthi & Preetham, Pratibha & Ravi, Praveen & Sujata, Shanthi, Soumya & Yashas, Sukumar & Uma.

### And, to our partners ..

Protech Impact Foundation and executing partners in India - Aramporul, Extra Mile for Smile, Hope 4 Spandana, Khammam Rotary Club, Margadarshi, MASS, Om Foundation, Pavithram, SIRDS, Sampark, Spoorthi, Turning Point.