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# EKAM 2024 Annual Report



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# Vision and Mission Statements



Our choice of this year's cover photo for this Annual Report represents everything Ekam USA stands for:

- medical care for children and differently-abled patients
- supporting education for the girl child,
- livelihood support to underprivileged women and youth
- Community service to the homeless, elderly, and children in orphanages
- Urgent disaster relief to communities in need

## Our Vision

Ekam USA's vision is to improve the community's overall health through a multi-pronged approach to quality healthcare, education, and livelihood support, as well as provide relief in times of natural disasters. Through these 4 core initiatives, we hope to install sustainable solutions to communities in need across the world.

## Our Mission Statement

Ekam USA's mission is to improve the quality of life for the marginal and underprivileged communities through a multi-pronged approach:

1. We work to improve medical care, education, and financial independence, with a focus on women and children.
2. We develop sustainable, long-term solutions through impactful projects to uplift and empower vulnerable communities. We strive to create a holistic approach towards the Whole Family with a focus on children and mothers.
3. We believe every individual has the right to quality medical care, education, and self-reliance, regardless of their socio-economic status, race, or gender.
4. We build collaborative partnerships with various non-profit organizations of similar missions to create a consortium that can provide multi-faceted assistance to needy families to rehabilitate and strengthen their overall well-being.

## Director's Note

As we reflect on the remarkable journeys we have embarked on together this past year at Ekam USA, we are filled with profound gratitude for the unwavering support of our donors and the tireless dedication of our volunteers. Your contributions have not only fueled our mission but have also sown the seeds of hope, health, and dignity within the communities we serve. Through your generosity, we have empowered countless women and children, providing vital health resources, vocational training, and sustainable livelihood opportunities that have transformed lives and uplifted families. This year alone, our food donation initiatives have reached thousands of individuals facing food insecurity, reminding us all of our shared responsibility to care for one another.



Yet, our work is not finished. As we stand together on the precipice of a new year, we invite everyone—individuals, corporations, and community members—to join us in this vital cause. Your involvement, whether through donations, volunteering, or spreading the word, plays an essential role in magnifying our impact. Together, we can build a brighter, more equitable future where every woman and child thrives, where families are lifted from the cycle of poverty, and where our communities are empowered and resilient. At Ekam USA, we believe that every act of kindness counts, and with your help, we can continue to weave a tapestry of hope that embraces every corner of our shared community. Thank you for standing with us—let us move forward together in strength and solidarity.

We thank our recurring donors. [Sign up as a monthly donor for sustained support for our projects.](#)

**Neelima Reddy, MD, MSPH, FACP.**

Director, Ekam USA, Inc.

Governor of Louisiana and Regional Counselor, American College of Gastroenterology

Health

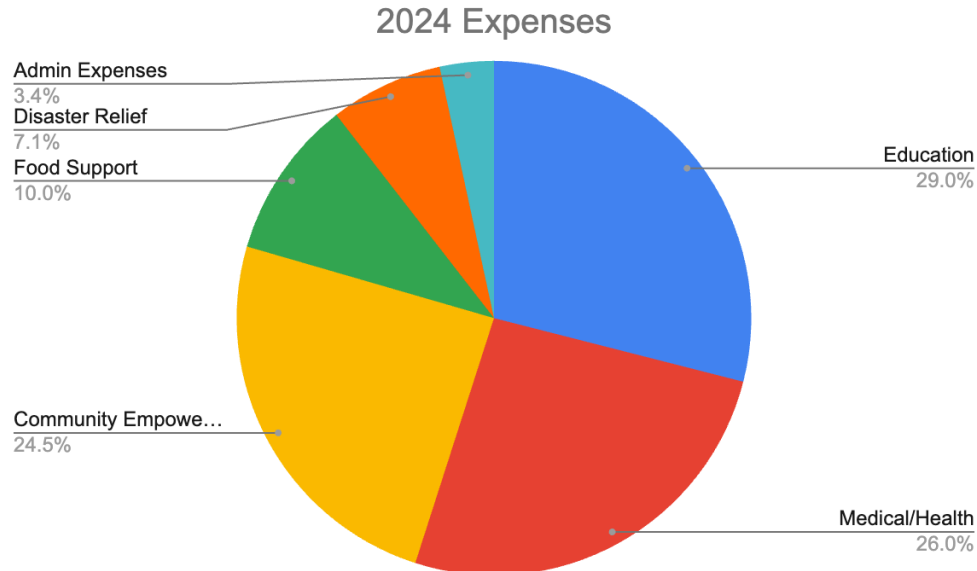
Education

Community  
Empowerment

Disaster Relief

# Financials

Project Cost	Category	Details
\$74,897	Education	Education support in schools and to medical students, toilets in schools, school supplies, and benches
\$67,126	Medical/Health	Medical support to babies, thalassemia patients, spinal cord injury patients, prosthetic limbs, cataract surgeries, clean water to villages, and sanitary supplies
\$63,433	Community Empowerment	Livelihood support to underprivileged youth and women with vocational training- nursing assistant, lab tech, AC tech, electrician training
\$25,868	Food Support	
\$18,358	Disaster Relief	
<b>Total: \$258,464.83</b>		



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# Value Circle Membership

Value circle membership is the commitment shown by our donors who believe in Ekam USA's cause and provide sustainable support at \$250/year, based on the concept of "Save A Child at the cost of a pizza, \$20/ month". They obtain internal matching and have a say in how the funds are spent- locally or internationally, on a cause they connect with.

**Join Ekam's  
Value Circle**

# 2024 Project Highlights

## EKAM Projects

### Education - \$74,897 project budget, 1700+ beneficiaries impacted

EKAM USA supported education and student welfare through grants, college fee assistance, and tutoring programs, while also providing school resources such as bicycles, notebooks, solar panels, and sanitary facilities to improve access, learning, and hygiene for underprivileged children and youth in India.



### Community Empowerment = \$63,433 raised and ~4000 beneficiaries impacted

EKAM USA supported livelihood development through vocational training, small businesses, and equipment, while also strengthening communities with nutrition projects, clean water, healthcare, shelter, and support for vulnerable groups, along with environmental initiatives like tree planting.





# 2024 Project Highlights

## Health = \$67,126 raised and 5700+ beneficiaries impacted

EKAM USA supported a wide range of health and humanitarian initiatives, including providing prosthetic limbs, hemophilia medical bracelets, medical kits and equipment for patients, support for hospitals and spinal cord injury care, clean water through RO plants, aid to orphanages and hospices, and assistance to vulnerable children and families across different regions of India.



## Disaster Relief= \$18,358 raised and 2300+ beneficiaries impacted

EKAM USA supported disaster relief efforts, including providing aid and resources for flood-affected communities in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.





# EKAM USA: Bay Area, CA

## Clothing Drive

Organized a successful clothing drive in partnership with Savers in May of 2024 to support local families in need. Volunteers (Anushka, Arshea, Trisha, Aditya, Janvhi, Saathvika, Lasya, and Sowmya) collected and sorted gently used clothing, household goods, and books. They ended up collecting over 3100 lbs of soft goods and 259 lbs of hard goods.



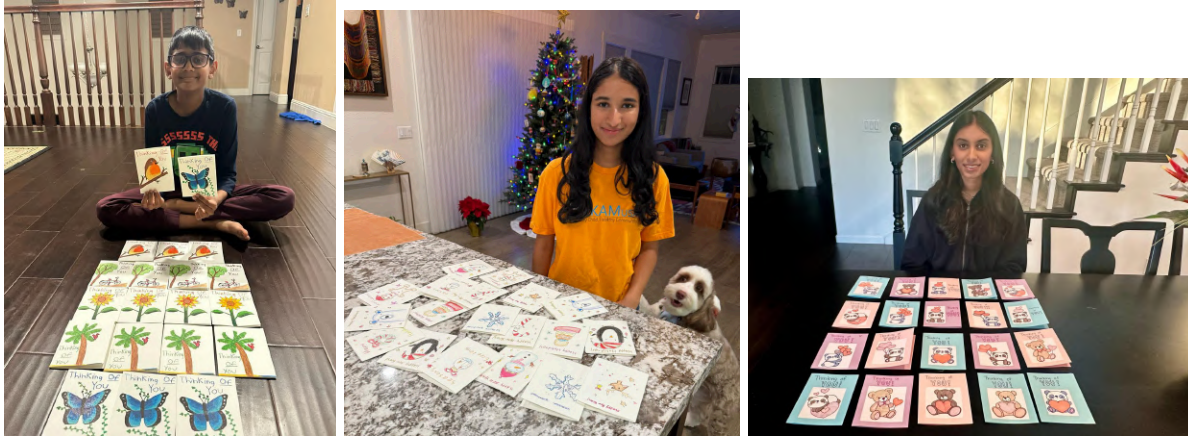
## Blanket and Beanie Donations



In both January and December of 2024, volunteers organized a Winter Blanket and Beanie Drive to help those in need stay warm during the colder months. Led by EKAM Youth Ambassadors—Anushka, Aditya, Varshaa, Anika, Arshea, Saathvika, and Trisha—the team handmade and donated 80 beanies and 60 blankets to shelters and community centers, including First Presbyterian Church and Tri-Valley Haven.

# EKAM USA: Bay Area, CA

## Meals on Wheels Cards Initiatives



Throughout 2024, the Bay Area chapter of EKAM USA Savers carried out a year-long Card Drive to bring smiles and encouragement to homebound seniors. With donations made in February, March, August, and December, the team created and delivered over 400 handmade cards to Meals on Wheels, spreading warmth and kindness throughout the year. This initiative was made possible by the creativity and dedication of youth volunteers: Anushka, Aditya, Trisha, Saathvika, Sowmya, Anagha, Arshea, Varshaa, and Anika. Their heartfelt efforts brought comfort and connection to hundreds of seniors.

## Kendra Scott Events

In 2024, volunteers hosted multiple Kendra Scott fundraisers to support the Thalassemia Project, aimed at improving access to safer blood transfusions. The first fundraiser was held on February 11 at Broadway Plaza in Walnut Creek and raised **\$140**. The event brought together volunteers Trisha, Arshea, Saathvika, Lasya, and Anika, who engaged the community and shared EKAM's mission. The second fundraiser took place on June 8. Volunteers for this event included Trisha, Saathvika, Arshea, Lasya, and Anika, who worked together to raise awareness and funds for the cause.





# EKAM USA: Bay Area, CA

## Other Community Engagement Events

- Earth Day 2024 Festival Highlights:
  - Sold handmade pouches, bracelets etc.,
  - Participants: Anagha, Soumya
- Livermore Comic-Con Participation
  - Sold handmade pouches, bracelets etc.,
  - Participants: Aditya, Anushka, Anagha, and Sowmya.

## Food Donations

Contributed to different local places: LifeMoves, First Presbyterian Church, Lasagna Love, to donate a total of **500+** meals (pasta and sandwiches)

- Participants: Anika, Anushka, Aditya, Varshaa, Saathvika, Trisha, Arshea, and Sowmya



## Local Volunteer Events

San Ramon City Lights Volunteer Program – Fun on the Farm, Trick or Treat on the Farms, Art and Wind festival

Participants: Trisha, Anika, Anushka, Aditya, Varshaa, and Arshea participated in various city events in San Ramon.



# EKAM USA: Bay Area, CA

## PVSA 2024

- 8 award winners, 3 gold, 2 silver, 3 bronze

Aditya Kabra	Gold
Arshea Iankalapalli	Silver
Anushka Kabra	Gold
Trisha Manipatruni	Silver
Saathvika Tumma	Gold
Sowmya Sundar	Bronze
Anagha Dogiparthi	Bronze
Lasya Puppala	Bronze

# EKAM USA: Charlotte, NC

5 Projects

## Flood Donation = \$2040

Srinaivasan Kalyan donated funds for flood relief.

## Waxhaw Fair = \$400

Volunteers sold handmade jewelry and handcrafted items during a local fair.



## Blanket and Bedsheet Donation = \$150



## Cookie Sales = \$160

Volunteers sold cookies and muffins to raise money for medical kits for patients in India with spinal cord disorders and paralysis in April 2024.

## Summer Tuition = \$170

Volunteers raised funds by providing summer tuition in June 2024.



# EKAM USA: Charlotte, NC

## Dilworth Soup Kitchen

Volunteers made sandwiches and mac and cheese to donate to a local soup kitchen: March 2024 and 12th July 2024.



## PVSA Recipients

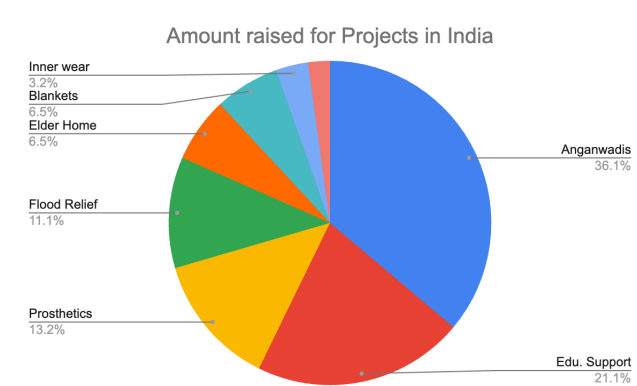
In 2024, the EKAM Charlotte Chapter had 1 PVSA Award Recipient

**Silver: Anika Garg, 80 Hours**



# EKAM USA: Indianapolis, IN

\$25,273 total funds raised for projects in India during (Jan 2024 – Dec 2024)  
\$5,800 total funds for local causes during the same period  
10 total EYAs  
14 total # adult volunteers  
521 hours total PVSA hours  
11 total projects in India



Amount raised for Projects in India		
Project	Amount Spent	Beneficiaries
Anganwadis	\$11,129.00	10000
Edu. Support	\$6,510.00	2.5 study centers, 34 bikes, 8 IT students
Prosthetics	\$4,080.00	90
Flood Relief	\$3,413.00	114 ration kits
Elder Home	\$2,000.00	
Blankets	\$2,000.00	666
Inner wear	\$1,000.00	250
SCI Kits	\$675.00	5

## Supporting Anganwadis

Educational kits and weighing scales to Yercaud, Salem and Melur, Madurai Anganwadi centers



Visit by Ekam Indianapolis donors to Yercaud Anganwadis

# EKAM USA: Indianapolis, IN

## PVSA Award Winners



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

## Local Fundraising and Volunteering Efforts

Total hours volunteered: 1160

Groups supported: Gleaners, Horizon House

Midwest Food Bank, Second Helpings

Raised \$4000 for Second Helpings; provided supplies (\$1800) and made 1530 PBJ sandwiches & 524 snack bags for neighbors at Horizon House.

# EKAM USA: New Jersey

## Birthday Party For Homeless Shelter

Ekam Volunteers organized a birthday celebration for children at the Homeless Solutions shelter. The event was filled with games, music, decorations, and delicious treats, creating a festive atmosphere. Volunteers spent quality time with the children, making each one feel special and valued. The birthday party was not just about fun; it was a reminder that every child deserves love, joy, and a sense of belonging, no matter their circumstances.



## Night In the Cold = \$500+

Ekam Volunteers Participated in A Night in the Cold to raise crucial funds and awareness for the homeless families and individuals in our community. Volunteers braved the elements by sleeping outside and, as a result, raised over \$500.





# EKAM USA: New Jersey

## Holiday Meal Donation

In December 2024, Ekam Volunteers volunteered at Abundant Life Church in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. We served meals to individuals in our community who were facing difficult times. It was heartwarming to be surrounded by their kind energy and to witness their gratitude and warmth despite their circumstances. This experience allowed us to connect with different communities. It was a reminder of the importance of compassion.



## Christmas Party at the Senior residence

In December 2024, Ekam Volunteers volunteered at Inman Grove Senior Residence in Edison, New Jersey. We planned fun activities, including games, music, and decorations, to create a festive atmosphere. The goal was to brighten their day and show them they are valued members of the community. It was rewarding to see their spirits lifted and to make meaningful connections.



## Sewing Machines in India

Empowering Mathammas Towards Self-Sufficiency! On March 22, 2025, Margadarshi, with the support of Ekam USA, distributed **12 sewing machines and 2 grinding machines to 14 Mathammas** in Tirupati district!

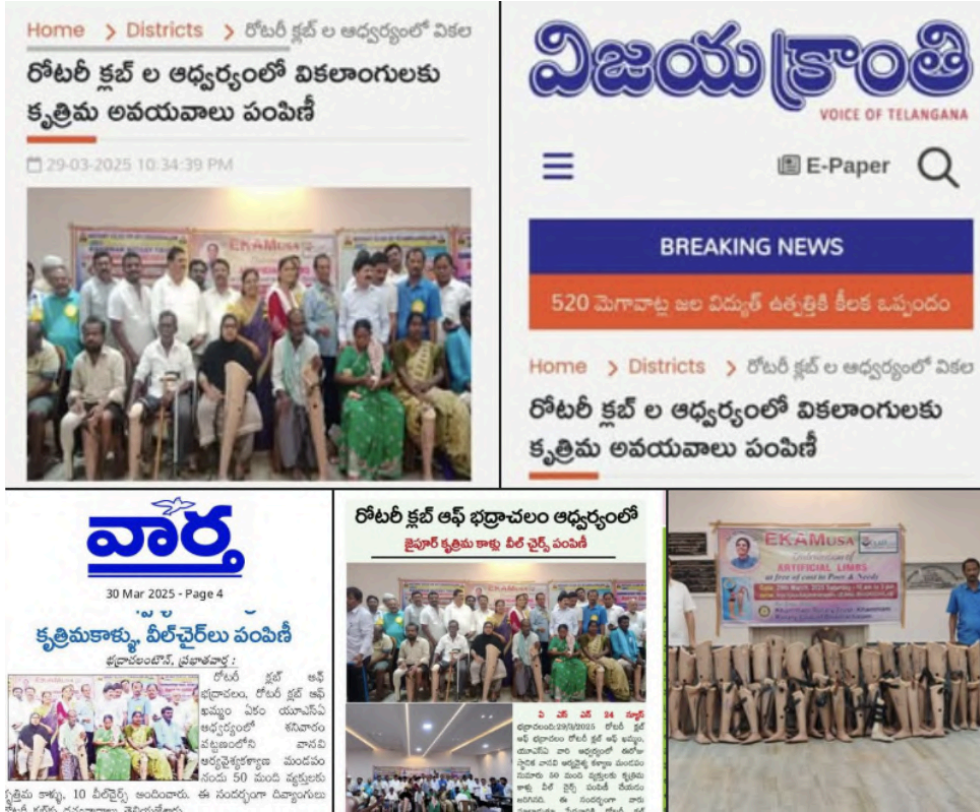
This initiative aims to equip Mathammas with tools for self-employment and sustainable livelihoods, enhancing their financial independence and social dignity!



# EKAM USA: New Jersey

## Prosthetic Legs in India

Our donors sponsored 58 prosthetic limbs for the destitute in Badrachalam on the occasion of Ugadi. Thank you to the Rotary Club of Badrachalam for conducting the service activity.



## PVSA

The PVSA refers to the President's Volunteer Service Award. It is a prestigious honor bestowed upon individuals or groups in the United States who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic engagement. To receive a PVSA award, 50% of your volunteering hours must be completed through Ekamusa. The guidelines are to the right.



AGE GROUP	HOURS		
	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Kids (ages 5-10)	26-49	50-74	75+
Teens (ages 11-15)	50-74	75-99	100+
Young Adults (ages 16-25)	100-174	175-249	250+
Adults (ages 26+)	100-249	250-499	500+
Families, Groups*	200-499	500-999	1000+
Lifetime Achievement Award: (Individual) 4000+ hours in their lifetime			

\* Two or more people, with each contributing a minimum of 25 hours toward the total

# Our Partners

who make it possible for us to do projects at the ground level

## Partners in the USA



Chetana Foundation



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Global Pragathi



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People Saving People



Prakasam Global NRI  
Forum



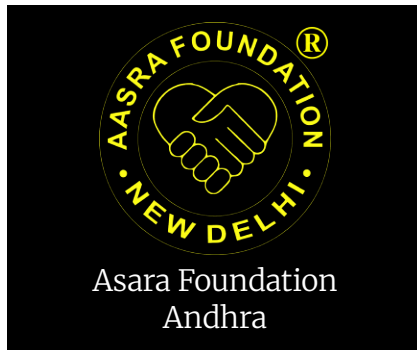
Protech Impact Foundation



Uplift A Child



## Implementing Partners in India



Aashraya Foundation

Disabled Development  
Organization- Anantapur

Hrudayalayam

Maa Illu



# President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)

## Snapshot by Chapters



Chapter	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total awards	Total Hours
Little Rock	3	0	2	5	690
Los Angeles	5	1	1	7	1969
Charlotte	0	1	0	1	81
Delaware	1	0	0	1	139
Columbus	2	2	1	5	683
Atlanta	12	2	7	21	2881
Bay Area	3	2	3	8	916
New Jersey	5	2	2	9	1087
Indy	1	1	7	9	526
Boston	6	3	10	19	1907
Houston	1	0	0	1	100
Total	39	14	33	86	10063

**Ekam USA Chapters**

# Past Workshops

## Mediclown Workshop for Youth Values – Workshop by Fif/Auroville Foundation



**EKAM USA's MediClown Funshop**

A fun and interactive funshop with magic, theatre games, laughter, storytelling, and puppetry!

**The fun begins!**  
Dates: 7/31, 8/2, 8/4, 8/7, 8/9, 8/11  
5:30 PM PST/7:30 PM CDT  
75 minutes/session

**More Details**

- Ages 12+
- 6 sessions/2 weeks
- Cost: \$30
- Certificate of completion

**Registration**  
<https://ekamusa.org/event-5350756>

**Proceeds**  
All proceeds go to support MediClown programs in villages in India

**Visit MediClown**  
[www.mediclownacademy.org](http://www.mediclownacademy.org)

**Testimonials from attendees**  
"I learned to love myself"  
"I was a kid, and I was a superhero"

A registered activity of the Auroville Foundation

## Yoga and Mindfulness – Workshop by Dr. Hemant Bhargav on multiple topics such as diet and sleep, useful for the EYAs



**Yoga for Positive Growth Mindset**  
Sessions by Dr. Hemant Bhargav

**Meditation**

Every Saturday @ 3 PM- 4:15 PM PST  
Session Dates: September 16th, 23rd, 30th  
October 7th, 14th, 21st  
To Register Contact: [ekamla@ekamusa.org](mailto:ekamla@ekamusa.org)

## Goal Setting and Affirmations – Workshop by Carolee Laffoon

Goal-Setting and Achievement  
with Power Statements  
Zoom Webinar\* for EYAs  
Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, 2:00-4:00pm CT

\*Pre-work and link to join Zoom webinar emailed one-week prior

Facilitated by Life Coaches  
Sandra Filer and Carolee Laffoon

Learn how to use positive, power statements to set goals that will fuel your achievement. In this workshop, you will learn how to identify and prioritize goals in different aspects of life (volunteering, school/work, health/wellness, spiritual, creativity/inspiration, family/friends) and turn them into achievable positive power statements. You will take away an easy-to-use practice to stay focused on your goals and keep them updated over time.

Join Sandra and Carolee to learn how these simple techniques can help you achieve your goals.

\$30 tuition, deadline to register is Sept.16  
Register and pay through the event listing on Ekam website  
Contact [Neelima@ekamusa.org](mailto:Neelima@ekamusa.org) with questions



# Support EKAM USA

## Thank you

to our endless stream of volunteers and tireless team of chapter directors and administrative support team, who make it possible to serve those in need. We are grateful to our donors who support our mission to holistically empower communities in need.

### Donation Options

- **Check:** Ekam USA, Inc. P.O. Box # 83931, Baton Rouge, LA 70884.  
Please provide your email so we may send receipts.
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Your donation is 100% tax-deductible as Ekam USA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We strive to use 100% of your donation towards the project, and our admin cost is <4% because Ekam USA is completely run by volunteers.

