# HOH ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21





"The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively."

- Bob Marley

Ladies and gentlemen, I am Neelam Bhavnani, and I volunteer as President for Home of Hope. Today I would like your support in our mission to save and uplift lives. Believe me, it doesn't get better than knowing that with your generosity you made a difference by putting a smile on a scared child's face, replacing tears of sorrows with rays of hope for survival.

For the last two years, the Covid 19 pandemic has taken our lives by storm. Along with Covid Warriors of all kinds, HOH partners, volunteers, and you, our donors, have responded generously, so that our beneficiaries are safe, fed and able to pursue their education. It gives me immense pride to report that our 10th and 12th graders, through unimaginable adversities, have all cleared their board exams and many with distinction.

Our very own Millennials with heartfelt compassion, initiated the HOH Warrior movement. They campaigned and appealed to their peers to join them. It was a proud moment for HOH when the generous donations came pouring in from young adults from all walks of life. The synergy to donate, evoking the giving spirit, was indeed palpable and inspiring. HOH sincerely thanks them for their contribution in providing one breath at a time to alleviate the immense suffering.

The young GenZ's, HOH youth chapter members are passionately creating virtual knowledge sharing programs, like public speaking, book clubs, basic classical music, Math & Science lessons, computer coding for the advanced learners and the most heartwarming, cooking classes for blind girls as well as companionship and assistance for seniors in their communities.

The future looks bright with HOH embarking in its third decade with a zeal to Protect Persevere and Preserve.

Protect the abandoned children, Persevere to give dignity of life to the handicapped & underprivileged, Preserve our planet for the future generations of all living beings.

In 2021, HOH entered an era of expansion, broadening our outreach to include, extended care and higher education for youth and adults, care for the elderly, enviornmental preservation, clean air and water, human trafficking prevention, covid orphans, and fullfiling the need of the hour.

What we witnessed and captured in the process is an expansive picture of tenacity, humility, compassion, and empathy. In a time of social isolation for so many, the pandemic has had a counterbalancing effect of bringing the global community closer into alignment for a purpose that transcends borders and cultures.

Please continue to be a part of the HOH family and support us with your heartfelt generosity as you always have.

#### Dulam Bhainani

Neelam Bhavnani President 

# **OUR GREATEST GLORY IS NOT IN** NEVER FALLING, **BUT IN RISING** EVERY TIME WE FALL

CONFUCIOUS

## PARTNERSHIPS

To alleviate the unexpected COVID induced pain and suffereing

Indian subcontinent was again ravaged with the Delta strain, an extremely contagious mutation of the COVID-19 virus. The nation was caught by surprise and stunned, leading to many theories and opinions dominating the news media.

HOH immediately pivoted into action. Our timely assistance effectively worked to build partnerships with our chapters in India and created COVID-19 WARRIOR TEAMS, alleviating the suffering of the infected.

HOH USA initiated a partnership with our sister organization, Home of Hope Foundation (HOHF), and Bollywood actress and activist Bhumi Pednekar, to assist the COVID WARRIOR CAMPAIGN -

To individually connect critical patients to hospital beds, home ICUs, plasma donors, ventilators, oxygen and BiPAP machines, providing essential resources for life saving emergencies. Their timely efforts helped save numerous lives and the funding received was dedicated and used with complete transparency.

HOH is very proud to share with you the excellent work done by our COVID-19 WARRIOR TEAMS.

WE THANK THE MILLENNIAL COVID WARRIORS.

SHIVAANI SHARMA AND TANYA BHAVNANI have been leading a very successful fundraising campaign on social media, drawing in like minded millennials to help India breathe again.

WE SALUTE THESE COVID WARRIORS: PK Sharma, Tarjani, Isabel, Suniti Dhindsa, and Covid-19 Warrior Team Leader Bhumi Pednekar

https://www.hohwarrior.org/



### MIJWAN VACCINATION DRIVE

### HOH LEGACY PARTNERSHIP TO PROMOTE VACCINATION IN VILLAGES OF UP WITH:

DR. Narayan Verma (MEMORY OF HIS PARENTS)

DR. Shail Lal (MEMORY OF HIS PARENTS)

#### and

### Professor Meenakshi Narain

The Mijwan Welfare Society is undertaking mass vaccination efforts in the interior of Uttar Pradesh, India's most densely populated state.

MWS is working in 400+ villages of 11 districts in Uttar Pradesh and one district in Bihar and is now one of the major groups of NGOs working on a COVID-19 response in India.

PROJECT HOH COVID-WARRIOR feels very privileged to be partnering with our HOH Village MIJWAN project to create a major life-saving IMPACT. • USD 10000 at each district will be used as:

 USD 5000 for community mobilisation, registration and system set-up for COVID vaccination

- USD 2000 for transport facilitation for community members to reach COVID vaccination center
- USD 1500 for developing IEC materials
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DONOR: Dr Meenakshi Narain USD 10,000 District - Azamgarh Block - Phulpur

LIST OF VILLAGES:

Sangrampur Bela Fattepur Palthi Harwa Bihta Chakiya Gaddopur Budhapur Charauwa Tighara

Tikariya Pushapnager

Manra

Harunpur

Baisadeeh

Bhaderiya

Anjaansaheed

Puradular

Darideeh

### DONOR:

DR.Shail and Dr.Rajesh Lal USD 5,000 VILLAGES AROUND ALLAHABAD

PRAYAGRAJ Ahmadpur Pawan Begumpur Bamraulli Asraulli Bhagwatpur Mandari Mandar deh mafi Shekhpur Hussainpur

Tewara

LIST OF VILLAGES-

DONOR: Dr. Narayan Verma USD 10,000 District - Ayodhya Block - Masaudha

LIST OF VILLAGES: Dasauli Kail Chhatirwa Kalayan Bhadarsa Rajapurmafi Antpur Raithauwa Keshavpur Para Kali Rajapur Mafi Dasauli Amauna Kalyan Bhadaraha Raithua Chhitrwa Antpur

. Mahawa

Nandigram

Madhupur

Usru Amauna

#### HOH partnered with KANPUR PARIVARTAN FORUM (KPF).

Under the guidance and leadership of IIT Alum/Founder Anil Gupta, Founder of Kanpur Parivartan Forum:

"KPF is working on effective deployment of oxygen concentrators now. In addition to 100 OCs that we bought for Kanpur, I am very happy and proud to advise that other National level organizations (such as GiveIndia, Breathe India, SRISTI, etc) chose and trusted KPF to deploy another 250 OCs. Accordingly, from our initial thought of strengthening Kanpur District, we now are doing this for 8 districts of UP - Kanpur Nagar, Kanpur Dehat, Farrukhabad, Kannauj, Auraiya, Etawah, Hamirpur and Prayagraj. Parivartan Oxygen Centers, each fitted with a minimum of 10 oxygen concentrators, are being created in approx 30 hospitals and CHCs in these districts. Additionally, we have started a 'Borrow an OC' project for patients in need of oxygen at home.

I would like to mention few names from our India Team - Rita Singh, Sandeep Jain, Rohit Toshniwal, Aarti Gupta, Rajeev Mansharamani, Gagan Gupta, Sanjeev Malhotra, Sudhanshu Shukla and Amit Nagrath, who are working tirelessly to ensure effective deployment of these machines. Also, we are pursuing potential areas where we can assist in effective and speedy vaccination. That, we believe is the real need of the hour for all of us to come out of this Pandemic. We are in constant touch with the district authorities and have given them assurance to play any meaningful role in making it happen. Once again, thanks a lot to all of you for your generous contributions. Fundraising was the first step and you guys did it so well. Then, all the help in deciding which machines to buy and from where. Logistics of bringing these machines to Kanpur from different corners of the world -US, Israel, China.

Thanks HOH for providing us a platform for fund raising. That really helped. Special Thanks to Hemant Goel, Prakash Agarwal, Sumat Mehra, Neeraj Sangal, Shashank Mishra, Rohit Mediratta, Neelam Bhavnani, Jitesh Jain, Deepak Bhagat, Dinesh Chandra, Annie Dandavati. Every donor is very special and every dollar is precious. There are even some students who donated. I am truly overwhelmed. Thank you." - Anil Gupta, Founder - Kanpur Parivartan Forum

### HOH PARTNERSHIP WITH SHARAN PROJECT PEHL (PRIME EDUCATION HEALTH LEARNING SERVICES, an NGO in India)

PEHL Services is an NGO working in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh. We implement Educational, Vocational and Counselling Programs for children in special circumstances and/or with special needs, and Medical Relief and Rural Health projects.

PEHL focuses on implementing projects for the underprivileged and differently-abled children. We provide services in the field of Health and Education, thus providing them with an opportunity to be educated, treated and counselled. We provide Supplementary Education, Counselling Services and Medical Care to seven destitute homes in two cities. We also conduct Awareness Programs for Child Abuse and Childhood Disabilities in community and schools. Medical Relief Camps conducted in times of calamities, such as Covid Aid, Uttarakhand floods, Nepal quake and Chennai floods by our medical team have benefited over 9000 patients in the worst affected areas. We also support individual patients for their medical needs.

www.pehlindia.org

Thank you again to all our brave HOH Warriors and Partners for your TIMELY HELP that saved thousands of lives during this horrific COVID Storm. HOH is honored that Mr.J.P. Sethi has established A Legacy in memory of his dear parents Mohan Lal and Sushila Sethi

"MOHAN LAL SETHI AND SUSHILA SETHI were married for 64 years until the passing of our grandfather in 2011 and our grandmother, more recently in 2019. They both were born and raised in Pakistan and became refugees during the India-Pakistan partition, only one month after being married in 1947. They immigrated to Punjab, India for safety, where they lived in a refugee camp for several months in Ludhiana, Punjab. They remained in Ludhiana for a few years while starting a family before moving to New Delhi in 1953. While living in Delhi, they had several more children, stopping at a total of ten. In 1977, they immigrated once again but this time to the United States. Our grandparents were extremely involved in community affairs and always had an open heart when it came to contributing to social causes. Their deep spirituality motivated them to contribute money and time to various religious institutions. In their lifetime, they donated over two million dollars to various causes. After passing, their trust donated another three million dollars to local charities in the Central Valley of California. They both were outstanding citizens and took their responsibility to their community seriously, whether it meant never missing an opportunity to vote in an election (in India and the US) or helping an individual in need or helping build the first Hindu Temple in Fresno. They have left this world but leave behind 25 grandchildren to carry on their legacy."

New Delhi based project Udayan Care is now the beneficiary of this donation, benefitting The Udayan Shalini Fellowship program (USF). To date, the USF Program has extended support to more than 7,200 girls in 19 cities, 20 chapters, across 13 states. Today, many Shalinis are highly

successful in the fields of engineering, medicine, chartered accountant, and higher technology.

The Udayan Shalini Fellowship program (USF) supports higher education for young girls from weak socioeconomic backgrounds. Shalini Fellows are selected through an indigenously developed system called NAT (Needs, Ambition, and Talent,) which assesses the girls and upon selection, supports them for 5 years until they finish their graduation.

## SHUCHITA

Inclusive Skills Development Programme for Women with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (Divyangjan) (WIDD).

Skilling for Happiness, Unique Choice, Hope, Inclusion, Training & Abilities (SHUCHITA) is a philanthropic initiative by Mr. Ravi Oswal and Mrs. Ruchi Oswal with support from Home of Hope Inc. USA and implemented by Manovikas Charitable Society from year 2021. SHUCHITA is a Pilot Project for 10 stakeholders for one year Stipends for Employable Skill Development

### WHY SHUCHITA

Up to 3% of India's 1.3 billion population lives with some form of IDD. Over 12% of Indian children aged 2 to 9 years have neurodevelopmental disorders. Girls with disabilities are more vulnerable and parents choose the easiest option to ensure their safety – they do not enroll them in school.

## HOH partners with VAMSF to fund UC scholarships

Most of us are very fortunate to have RECEIVED the best gift from this country, the gift of a University education. We also feel very fortunate that HOH has provided us with a platform to GIVE BACK this gift of a University education through it's new partnership with VAMSF (VIPIN AGRAWAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND).

## VAMSF (VIPIN AGRAWAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPFUND)

The Vipin Agrawal Memorial Scholarship Fund is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit that provides scholarships each year to students from low-income and immigrant backgrounds.

Vipin Agrawal passed away at his home in Palo Alto, CA at 8:00 a.m. on Friday March 2, 2018. He had a sudden cardiac arrest. He is dearly missed by Bharti, his wife of 29 years, his daughter, Nadya, his son, Nirav, his parents Ram and Bimla Agrawal, his sisters Vini Gupta, Vina Swenson and his brother Binu.

Vipin graduated from the University of Houston with a degree in Computer Science and worked as a software engineer.

His career as a software engineer led him across the US from Houston to Atlanta to Colorado Springs and finally to the Silicon Valley where he spent the last 21 years of his life. He worked at many well known companies including Siebel, Sun, Tibco, Netscape, Yahoo, Google, and Apple.

In memory of Vipin, his family set up this scholarship fund with the aim to fund school students with a background similar to Vipin's to attend a four year University.

#### Vipin believed in the power of education and the boundless creativity of Engineering

We believe in order to create diversity in the industry and spark new innovations, it is important to platform diverse undergraduate students.

YÊN JADA NGÔ, UC IRVINE CLASS OF 2025 *HOME OF HOPE SCHOLAR* 

REBEKAH SONG, UC BERKELEY CLASS OF 2025 *HOME OF HOPE SCHOLAR* 





Today, HOH has a strong local presence that supports racial and ethnic diversity. Students Rebekah Song and Yen Jada (recipient's of the scholarship) exemplify our commitment towards providing the gift of a University education regardless of race or ethnicity. HOH partners were creative and agile to put teams together to conduct online classes and ran COVID awareness campaigns along with vaccination drives to encourage the rural population to register for vaccinations.

**1154** Differently abled children had access to virtual training sessions

276,000 Manbhavan initiative enabled IDD students all over india to tune in and learn online

**1500** Plus students continued their higher education courses online

650 K-12 Students continued learning through classes of-

fered online

42 Hearing impaired students and parents continued to benefit from outreach efforts

45000 plus individuals registered for vaccination through awareness campaigns conducted in Mijwan and 6650 were vaccinated, an ongoing effort

1200 Children and adults received hygiene kits and food supply while COVID was

ravaging the small towns and cities

## HOH PARTNERED WITH SIRUTHULI TO PLANT 30,000 TREES

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."

- Chinese proverb

For HOH, the "now" began MAY 20, 2020. Siruthuli is an NGO based in Coimbatore, India, working to rejuvenate the water sources in the City of Coimbatore.

In Tamil, Siruthuli means "a small drop". As such, one can say that for HOH, Siruthuli represents a multitude of small drops of "effort". For the past 20 years, the main focus of the HOH "effort " has been to EMPOWER the disadvantaged child. Today, HOH feels very blessed to expand our collaborative "efforts" to partner with Siruthuli and become a CLIMATE CHANGE WARRIOR. The 30,000 trees strong lush green forest has become the "lungs" for Coimbatore. This mega project is sponsored by a long time supporter and believer in HOH, choosing to remain ANONYMOUS, via SIRUTHULI, The 'Rotary Club' of Coimbatore, Smart City' jointly with 'Coimbatore Spark Round Table 323'.

The project location, identification and the execution were allotted to Siruthuli of Coimbatore, with land being provided by the Southern Railways at Ondipudur in Coimbatore City. Thus started this ambitious task BY VANITHA MOHAN to create a "lung" space in the City of Coimbatore with a sustained focused effort on environment conservation and preservation activities of the CLIMATE WARRIOR team in India.

The launch saw the start of the first step of work, cleaning the land area of the waste material dumped over the years, consisting of construction debris and other materials covered with the wild invasive weed, the thorny Juliflora plants. Upon completion of the cleanup and other preparatory works, the planting commenced on 20th May, 2020. With the onset of South West Monsoon, the weather conditions being more favorable, the saplings were planted. The program witnessed participation by Rotarians, Round Table, members of Siruthuli and the Railway authorities.

With intentional aim to protect the native variants and help in restoring the biodiversity of the region, while avoiding any foreign or alien species, around 15 native varieties of plants very endemic to the Western Ghats like Punnai, Marutham, Maghizham, Pungan etc, have been planted. A year down the line, it is absolutely heartening to see the project speaking for itself, displaying the vast lush green plant coverage. Pictures speak louder than words and so here is the reality.



### HOPE VANAM - FOREST OF HOPE

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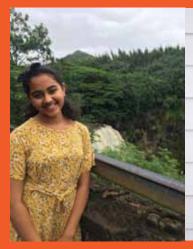


ADITYA MATHUR



ANDREW CHIANG





ASHA DURGA



SEHAJ SINGH



**DIVYA MATHUR** 



**RUHI BARMAN** 

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## MEET AND SMILE TEAM

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The MEET(Mentor, Educate, Empower, Together) program is a new innovative program of HOH's Youth Chapter set up in partnership with HOHF (the sister subsidiary of HOH in India). It was conceived by Dr. Nilima Sabharwal and launched on November 2020.

THE LAUNCHING PAD - ABHUDAYA ASHRAM (located in Morena District) a NGO, Residential School established in 1992 that is working for rehabilitation, nutrition and education of de-notified tribes [DNT] of the Bedia Community of Madhya Pradesh.

Film actress and activist, Bhumi Padnekar has sponsored the Abhudaya ASHRAM and is one of the key Co-founding partners of MEET. The first classes of MEET program was started by Sahej Singh and Keshav Khanna, the young CO-FOUNDERS OF THE-MEET PROGRAM.

#### HOW DO WE DO IT?

This is a distance knowledge sharing learning program where we connect underprivileged Indian children with privileged U.S. children through ZOOM! One HOHF/HOH adult is assigned to each group to supervise and monitor the sessions. The OBJECTIVE for each group is to build trust and confidence in the Indian child through interactive and fun Zoom sessions.

PUBLIC SPEAKING - By 16 yr. old Keshav ENGLISH SPEAKING CLASS FOR TINY TOTS - By 16 yr old Sahej Singh from North Carolina BOOK CLUB PROGRAM - By many young members of HOH Youth Chapter. MATH FOR THE TINY TOTS - Conducted by HOH's newest member Lekha Mehta SOCIAL STUDIES CLASS - by HOH committee member Sanjeev Singh and Mrs. Rajeshwari Singh SPOKEN ENGLISH CLASS FOR 12-16 yr olds - conducted by Lyn a professional English teacher in Paris

COMPUTER CODING CLASS -by Tam and Andrew in their final year of school in CA.USA ONLINE COMPUTER CLASSES FROM UDAYAN CARE - 16 A Ashram students are enrolled in ONLINE COMPUTER CLASSES FROM UDAYAN CARE - ITVT center in Delhi. NATIONAL INSTITUTION OF THE BLIND (NAB)

#### National Institution of The Blind.(NAB)

The MEET PROGRAM has also expanded to Delhi where trainers from US (Home of Hope Inc.) and Home of Hope Foundation in India are teaching blind students at the National Institution of The Blind. Recently young students from JAIPUR have created an EDUCATION group with the students of Abhudaya Ashram

This is how the world comes together when children and young people from different cultures MEET.

### SMILE

SMILE (Special Minds In Loving Environment) PROJECT is one of the latest innovative programs of HOH YC (HOH YOUTH CHAPTER) launched on January 27, 2019.

The founder of this program is 10 yr old Amora Singh, who would conduct Skype lessons with the special children of MV (Manovikas) and the smiles generated were documented in a case file with personal information of all students.

#### THE START OF SMILING CITIES.

In February 2020, Skype's PROJECT SMILE closed due to the closure of Manovikas School due to COVID-19. 7th Grader Asha Durga became the driving force behind the founding of SMILE CITY. The aim was to create SMILE CITIES across the SF Bay region and beyond by creating, 2 min smile videos to generate smiles on the faces of the special children.

The SMILE CITIES include Palo Alto, North Carolina, Saratoga, Fremont and Los Altos in California and Raleigh in North Carolina.

OUR current SMILE LEADERS are:

RAHUL AWASTHY (Fremont) ADI MATHUR (Palo Alto) DIVYA MATHUR (Palo Alto) ASHA DURGA (Saratoga) and TARA SUBRAMANIUM (Los Altos )



TARA SUBRAMANIUM

SHAMSHEER SINGH

AND NIKITA VARMA



**UMA JAIN** 

NEELAM MANDAL

**RASHMI BHARGAVA** 

NINA GUPTA

AND LEKHA MEHTA

## MEET AND SMILE TEAM

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#### MEET TEAM

#### Abhudya Ashram

Lynn Hoggatt (Paris, France) - English to the age group 11-16

Jivisha Aggarwal (Delhi, India) - German to all students

Nina Gupta – Life Skills

11th standard students from the Jayshree Periwal International School in Jaipur - Teach English to older and younger children

Teachers in National Association for the Blind (NAB)

Arti Devaki Mansi Devaki

And many deligent Teachers from NAB

HOHF Members who have helped set up the facilities at Abhudhya Ashram for conducting the MEET sessions

P.K.Sharma – Technical Assistance Suniti Dhindsa Pamela Bhandari Isabel Sahni

## **INTERNATIONAL TEAM**

## **FINANCIALS**

#### January - December 2020

### **REVENUE**

General Funds Restricted Funds	5	\$336,071.81 \$161,440.41
TOTAL REVENUE		\$497,512.22
COST & EX	PENSE	
Fundraising Operations Projects		\$3252.63 \$6535.79 \$463,524.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$473,312.51
Net Income		\$24,199.80
	Projects Funded	
Apristar Delhi Hyderabad Mumbai Bang Combatore	Anbu Charities Center for Cross Cultural Communication Children's Home of Hope Manovikas Charitable Society Mijwan Welfare Society Pingalwara Welfare Society Prajwala Round Table India Trust Shirdi Sai Baba Sunder Sewak Sabha - SSS Udayan Care Vanasthali Rural Development We Educate	\$ 9,500.00 \$13,750.00 \$31,917.00 \$60,620.00 \$12,800.00 \$17,400.00 \$14,500.00 \$52,850.00 \$67,500.00 \$65,112.00 \$72,720.00 \$21,100.00 \$23,755.00

Tanya Bhavnani and Shivaani Sharma have been leading a very successful fundraising campaign on social media, drawing in like minded millennials to help India breathe again.

## THANK YOU

Their tireless efforts have been effectively supported by:

Heartseva by Noorani Dance

Kathak For A Cause by Shivam Arts Dance Company

Satien Mehta's Producing Masterclass

Desi - Hiphop with Saffatt Al-Mansoor

BX Firecracker Special by Bolly X Fitness

Stand with India by Wray Crafted

Mindful Meditative watercolor by Painthouse SF

May patron proceeds by WAFF Podcast

#### Dine & Donate events

Jalsa Catering & Events

Spice Affair, Beverly Hills

Red Hot Chili Pepper, San Carlos

Red Hot Chili Pepper, Fremont

The Mynt, San Jose

Broadway Masala, Redwood City

Aurum, Los Altos

### **OUR TEAM**

Nilima Sabharwal Rita Sharma Annie Dandavati Neeti Sandhu Neelam Bhavnani Sangeeta Relan Rajesh Relan Simmi Bhargava Renuka Pandit Poongodi Subramanyam Pat Kumar

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY