


## Sewa Summer Tutoring Fundraiser

On Aug 20th, the LEAD volunteers from Central Jersey Sewa chapter wrapped up their 6 weeklong summer online tutoring sessions. As part of this program, our LEADs tutored 86 students from grade 1 - 10 in ELA & Math. These one-on-one sessions provided customized & focused attention to each student. Each tutor maintained an organized approach by utilizing student logs, planning, being on time, and staying committed throughout the program. The parent volunteers acted as a bridge between parents of students and tutors. They stayed in touch with parents, addressed their questions, and constantly guided the tutors. The Sewa Central Jersey chapter feels very proud of this initiative and will continue this program in the future.

A big thanks to all LEAD tutors, parent volunteers, coordinators, and student parents for joining hands to sponsor the education of deserving children in India by educating their own child. All the proceeds from this program will be donated to Sewa's Sponsor-A-Child (<https://sac.sewausea.org/>) & Sanitation, Hygiene & Empowerment (SHE) program

### Statistics:

- # LEAD Tutors: 84
- # Students: 86
- # Parent volunteers: 21
- Duration: 6 weeks
- # Sessions: 12 (2 classes per week)



**GET READY TO LEARN!**  
**ONLINE TUTORING & HOMEWORK HELP FUNDRAISER** 1st - 10th Graders

**JULY 12- AUG 20 (6 WEEKS)**

Sewa LEAD High school volunteers are giving back to the community this summer by helping students get ready for next year's curriculum

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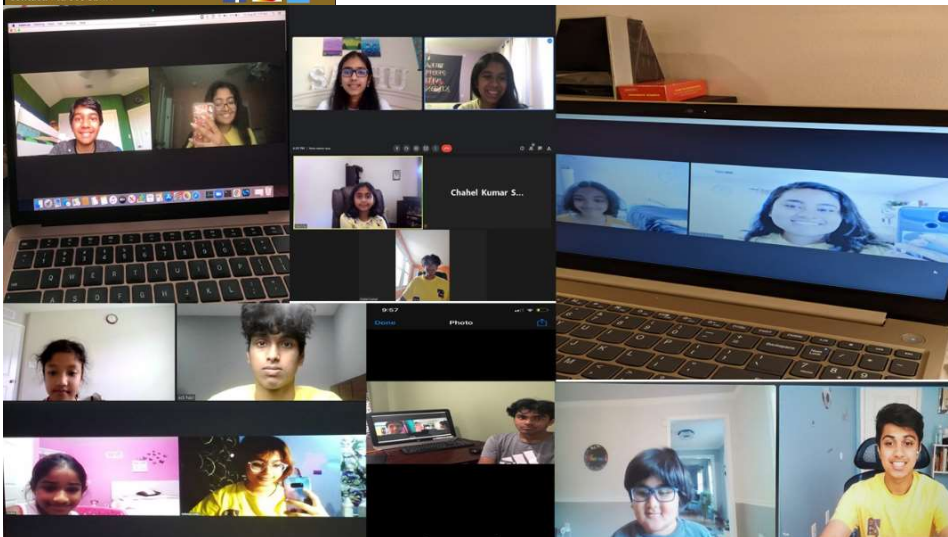
**Program Details**

- Max. 2 students per Tutor
- Two 1 hour weekly sessions for 6 weeks
- Flexible Timings
- Covering Math & Language Arts
- Parent volunteers to supervise & monitor the progress.

\$60 for the entire program (all proceeds go to Sponsor-A-Child & SHE (Hygiene & women empowerment) program.

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### Chapter Highlights

- ❖ Sewa Summer Tutoring Fundraiser
- ❖ Franklin Community Picnic
- ❖ Sewa Meals
- ❖ Honeybrook Farm – Tomato harvest

### Center Highlights

- ❖ STEM & Art Camps
- ❖ Butterfly Festival
- ❖ Community Clean Ups & Reforestation

### Volunteer(s) Spotlight



Shanta ji has been a dedicated parent volunteer with Sewa Edison center since 2019. Shanta ji has highly involved in the mask making and many other community services. Shanta ji along with few other volunteers has been instrumental in growing a variety of plants (cucumbers, zucchinis, pumpkins, mint, watermelon, peppers, & corn) at the KKWC garden. Shanta ji is one of our instrumental volunteers for the Sewa meals project and leading this program for Union Methodist Church the Ozanam Homeless shelter. Prior to joining Sewa Shanta ji started volunteering at Bhakthi Manjari, a local school that teaches the Hindu faith which she continues even today. Shanta ji is a passionate baker and is known for making delicious baked goods. Her dedication & enthusiasm has encouraged many other parents & families to get involved in community service. Sewa family is thankful to Shanta ji for all her dedication & looking forward to her continued leadership.



### Franklin Community Picnic Help

Franklin township hosted their first-ever free community picnic and requested Sewa to assist with all the logistics and on-field assistance for the picnic. This picnic was held @ Middlebush Park on Saturday, August 28th, which was initiated to bring the residents together and promote the local businesses.

Sewa leads and parent volunteers did an exceptional job collaborating with the township officials and the local businesses during the planning and execution of the event. 40 Sewa leads and 10 Parent volunteers from across CNJ centers - Somerset / Edison / Monroe / Chesterfield / Cherryhill took part in the activity - divided in 2

shifts from 11.30 AM to 5.30 PM. Leads spent the day in setting up the picnic area (tents / tables, boards / sign), took care of registrations and temperature checks for attendees. Leads also served food which was sponsored by 12 local restaurants and did an exceptional DJing to entertain the picnic attendees. At closure of the event leads and parent volunteers also cleaned up the picnic area.

This picnic event was a one-of-its-kind event taken up by Sewa leads and each one displayed great responsibility and commitment. The sincere efforts of Sewa leads was greatly appreciated by the picnic attendees and the township officials, Leads also won a nickname "Busy Bumblebees"!



### Sewa Meals

Again, in August, our Chesterfield Leads delivered 150 meals to the Westminister Presbyterian Church in Trenton. This meal consisted of veggie burrito bowl, tortilla chips and brownies. A special thanks to our sponsors Karuna and Venugopal Keshireddy. Our kids also donated their funds raised from the lemonade stand and garage sale. Thanks, and blessing to Sahasra Yadlapalli, Samiksha Yadlapalli, Sahasra Paladugu, Sahasra Sree Nelluri, Shresta Tadi, Paisley Levinson, Gagan Kandhagadla, Havish Kandhagadla, Rishi Datta Yesoda, Viswa Sahith Gunturu, Ram Srihan Gunturu, Nandish Nuvvula, Akshaj Sutari, Adhrit Sutari, Esha Velloor, Pranavi Iruku, Pranav Aithagani for their sincere efforts.





**Somerset** leads continued to prepare meals for homeless people twice a month and delivered them to United Methodists Church in New Brunswick.



**Kiddie Keep Well Summer Camp (KKWC) Garden**

During the summer months, Sewa leads volunteered to care for thriving vegetable garden at the Kiddie Keep Well Camp located in Edison, NJ. Over the course of the weeks, number of leads came and tended to the plants by watering them and removing weeds to help plants grow healthy. Over the course of four total harvests thus far, the vegetable garden has yielded cucumbers, beans, cherry tomatoes, bell peppers, and banana peppers (among others) and donated around 35lbs of vegetables. Sewa family appreciates the efforts of leads, parent volunteers, as well as the KKWC staff for their contributions to this program and for making this a truly gratifying experience for everyone involved.



### Kiddie Keep Well Summer Camp (KKWC)

Sewa leads across Central Jersey Chapter volunteered at KKWC Summer Camp in Roosevelt Park, Edison (Middlesex County). The project started on June 23 and concluded mid of August. Our leads across the Central Jersey chapter have contributed **1000** hours by end of July. Leads were taking up tasks like wipe tables and mop the floors to ensure clean surroundings for the campers. Our leads also took care of serving breakfast, lunch for the campers and hauling their used utensils and plates to the kitchen and clearing up the thrash. Leads are looking forward to resuming the project in the summer of 2022.



### Honeybrook Farm Tomato Harvesting

About 70+ Central Jersey Sewa volunteers helped with the Tomato harvesting at Honey Brook Organic Farm, Chesterfield. Our volunteers spent a total of 150+ hours & harvested & packed 150+ boxes of tomatoes over three Saturdays. The farm is donating all the tomatoes to Share My Meals Inc. Our leads are extremely proud to be part of this fun activity and harvest for the generous donations to "Share My Meals Inc."



### Community Clean Ups & Reforestation

#### Tree Fencing

Our Chesterfield LEADs spent their Saturday morning placing the fencing around the trees, hammering in stakes, and removing dead plants. There were around 9 volunteers, and this project took place at Rosedale Park in Pennington. In total, they fenced over 100 trees!





**Downs Farm Trails Cleanup** - Our Cherry Hill leads, leads Dhriti, Dinesh, Anjela, and Ananya along with parent volunteers were able to help with maintenance of the Downs Farm Trails Cleanup in Cherry Hill, NJ. With the tools provided by the Cherry Hill Environment Board, they were able to make the trail path wider and help cut down on the weed and other plant overgrowth. While they were working, several neighborhood people stopped by to thank them as people could now use the trail path with more ease.



**Neshaminy Park** – Our Cherry Hill lead Rijul Verma helped with weed cleaning and tree planting while pulling out the mile a minute weed at the park. By helping to get rid of this invasive weed species, Rijul is helping the future trees grow without any hassle and allowing the tree planting initiative in this park to flourish. As requested by the coordinator, Rijul did a second shift that day as he was doing such an amazing job, putting in hard work and dedication to let this initiative grow.



## Metuchen Farmers Market

SEWA International Leads volunteered for the Metuchen Farmer Market, this has been an ongoing project for a couple of weeks now where every Saturday leads take turns to assist the vendors set up the tents and keep a count of the people coming to the Farmers Market to buy groceries.



## Watershed Institute Butterfly Festival

This Monroe leads have volunteered for the Annual Butterfly festival organized by the Pennington watershed institute. Leads have been responsible to manage the attendees, let them in to the butterfly house in batches and ensure the butterflies stay in the butterfly house. Leads had a unique experience surrounded by the colorful and varieties of butterflies.



## STEM Science, Python Programming, Algebra & Art Camps

Cherry Hill Chapter conducted a variety of camps involving Arts & Crafts, STEM Science, Python coding, Algebra as well as participated in Cherry Hill trail clean up and Neshaminy park tree planting. This allowed the Leads to develop leadership skills and helped them engage in different activities in a new environment.

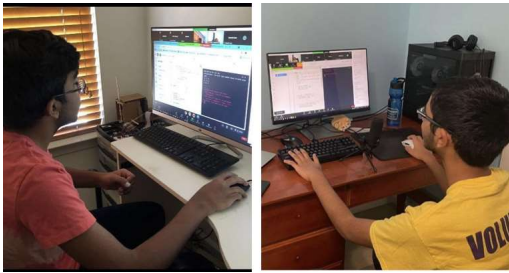
### STEM Science Camp

Cherry Hill Leads Rijul and Pranav arranged a Science Camp that gave students an understanding of concepts in biology, chemistry, and physics. To encourage their learning of these difficult topics, Rijul and Pranav made kahoots, quizlets, and gave them fun facts beside the standard concepts. Over the course of the 15 classes, Pranav and Rijul were able to engage the students and successfully teach them those three topics in science. The students showed a passion to learn as they asked numerous questions about topics like sound and genetics. This camp allowed Rijul and Pranav to better express their love for science and have an enjoyable experience to teach students.

### Python Programming Camp

Cherry Hill Leads Vaman and Praveen organized a Python Coding camp for kids in grades 6-9. Both Leads helped the kids explore and understand the python language, while still encouraging creativity. The students all learned how to create online games such as tic tac toe and code programs. While working with the kids, both Praveen and Vaman got a chance to improve their leadership and communication skills. They helped each kid learn the first step to the coding language.



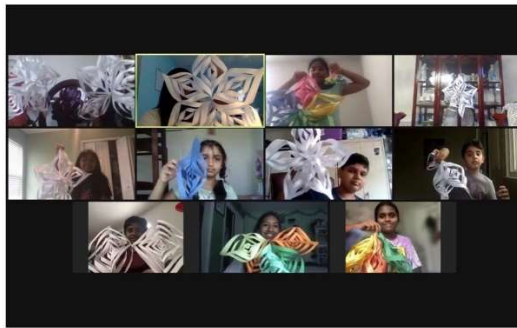


### Algebra Camp

Raghav and Dinesh from the Cherry Hill chapter conducted an Algebra Camp. They were able to introduce concepts in math that are typically years ahead of the average school curriculum and assigned challenging math problems with worked-out, step-by-step solutions. They also kept the students engaged with fun interactions, music, and active participation. By managing this camp, Raghav and Dinesh learned valuable lessons as teachers. They were able to hone in on their leadership skills and recognize that as teachers, each individual student has their own needs and may need repetition of material if necessary. They were astounded by the level of comprehension these kids had and were able to connect with them on a subject they were passionate about.

### Art Camp

Leads Suja and Sarayu helped support creativity within many kids by managing an Art Camp for two weeks within August. With just basic art supplies, they were able to create many colorful and creative projects like hand puppets, fortune tellers, paper boats and fish. Each kid got a chance to personalize many of the projects they did in class, by adding designs or using different colors. In addition, they helped many children branch out to attempt many challenging crafts, such as origami. Doing these crafts helped develop patience for both the kids and the two Leads. The Leads also gained leadership skills, as they often had to teach a few kids on their own. Suja and Sarayu were able to lead a successful camp that encouraged kids to think outside the box.



## Center Picnic(s)

Monroe Leads had their center picnic at Thompson Park on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This was great opportunity for the leads and parents to socialize and have fun. The leads and parents had some fun activities and enjoyed delicious food prepared by the participants.



## Upcoming Events

- ❖ Fall cleanups
- ❖ Cherry Hill Trail Cleanup
- ❖ Chesterfield Harvest Fest
- ❖ Monroe Community Garden Maintenance
- ❖ Sewa Meal
- ❖ Radha Gopinath Temple Help (Kitchen & Cleanup)
- ❖ Metuchen Farmer's Market
- ❖ Metuchen Environmental Commission Booth to distribute Sewa Recycled Bags
- ❖ MANAVI Support

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