

NEWS LETTER

Chapter: Central Jersey

SEPTEMBER 2020

Adopt a Highway

24 Sewa Leads and volunteers have spent ~4 hours cleaning the sidewalks and land near the Route 27 highway in Metuchen. This 2-mile stretch that has been adopted by Sewa International in 2018. Since the adoption of the highway, there have been quarterly cleanup every year. Due to Covid 19, Sewa hasn't been able to participate in the cleanup for the two quarters this year, however leads have pulled it together in September following all the safety measures.







Chapter Highlights

- Adopt a Highway
- Roots of Rivers
- Food Drive(s)

Team Highlights

- "People's Choice"
 Survey for Visions of Bordentown
- KKWC Planting Mums
- Edison Memorial Tower Mulching and Cleaning
- Cutlery Packing

Volunteer(s) Spotlight

AKHILA PAI

Central Jersey Sewa Chapter is extremely proud of Mrs Akhila ji and her family who made **150** personalized handcrafted mementos to thank all the volunteers of "Mission Mask Making"



Akhila ji has set a great example of selfless giving. Sewa Family is happy to have such caring and generous volunteers!

Roots for Rivers - Tree Planting

As part of "Roots for Rivers" initiative 50+ Central Jersey Sewa volunteers have planted 400+ trees at Rosedale Park, Pennington. "Roots for Rivers" is a tree-planting program by New Jersey's Nature Conservancy to re-forest flood plain areas to help improve water quality and habitat conditions. This project helped our volunteers gain skills in planting & safeguarding sapling from deer & rabbits by wrapping them in tree shelters.



Food Drive

Central Jersey Sewa leads have embraced the idea of "Food Drive". They have put in passionate long hours in preparing meals, packaging cutlery and delivering food for the needy.

Chesterfield - leads made three deliveries of food to Rise Food Pantry, Hightstown - NJ. They have delivered

- 15 Cases of organic baby Arugula
- 8 cases of Fresh Apples, Potatoes, Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumbers & Celery
- 10 cases of bagel & bread

Thanks to Ram for the continued generous donations & the Sewa families for taking care of the timely delivery to feed the needy.



Cherry Hill - leads have donated food and cutlery to the Camden Cathedral Kitchen, SEWA org generosity of meeting the current needs of society has been acknowledged in Facebook



Edison - 10 leads have put in tremendous efforts in preparing ~70 burritos for the Sunday lunch at United Methodist Church for the homeless.11 Leads volunteered to make pasta, noodles, sandwich, Rajma in their home and the meals was dropped off at United Methodist Church





Monroe - 9 leads have gathered and prepared ~100 bagged lunches. Lunch bag consisted of a Peanut butter and Jelly sandwich, a fruit, a pack of chips & water bottle.



"People's Choice" Survey for Visions of Bordentown - Chesterfield

The "Visions of Bordentown" is an Art Exhibition & Sale organized by Bordentown Historical Society (BHS).

This prestigious event attracted 40+ Art professionals from Bordentown & neighboring towns. Chesterfield volunteers designed & built a "People's Choice" survey using the Survey Monkey platform. This project involved designing the survey templates for user-friendly navigation, uploading all Art images, reduce the large images into smaller sizes & organize them in different categories. The whole survey was delivered within a week's time. Bordentown Historical Society will be sending the survey to all art enthusiasts in the town.

This is Sewa's first project with BHS. We are looking forward to working with BHS on many more exciting projects in future.



KKWC Planting Mums - Edison

Our Edison Leads plant 50 mums at the Kiddie Keep Well Camp in Roosevelt Park. Leads Sidharth, Prabhat, Kaushik, Hrishikesh, Diya, Ramya, Manas, Ashish, and Tanya all worked together to get the job done. With all this hard work, the leads were able to accomplish their goal of planting 50 mums.





Edison Memorial Tower Mulching and Cleaning

Our Edison Leads Kaushik, Ashish, Ramya Lakshmi, Manas, Kavya, Sidharth, Rithvik & Tanya have efficiently worked the cleanup and mulching event at Edison Tower. Some worked on mulching, whereas others raked or aligned sticks to create a border for the trail. A group of volunteers went through the trail and picked up the trash that was lying around the tower. Our Lead did an incredible job of making the area clean and ready for visitors.









Cutlery Packing – Monroe

Our Monroe leads Aditi, Mahati, Anurag, Akhil, Aniketh, Jabili & Srushti have packed ~3000 cutlery to be donated to Trenton Soup kitchen. Thank you Srini ji and Jaabili for delivering the cutleries.



Sewa International Central NJ Chapter's Mission Mask (handmade masks) effort has come to a closure after making 10,000 masks that were supplied to 30 hospitals in NY, NJ, PA, Yakama Nation Settlement, Tampa School District and PPE drive-thru in Metuchen, NJ and St. Louis, MO to name a few. We provided these masks for outreach by Robert Wood Johnson Hospital, Somerset and RWJ Barnabas Health in Zarephath, Manville and Bound Brook, NJ. Each of our 150 volunteers received a personalized framed memento handcrafted by our own Akhila ji



Up Coming Events

• Registration for Lead 2020- 2021

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