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## Farmers To Families Food Box Distribution

The Indianapolis chapter of <u>Sewa International USA</u>, a Hindu faith-based, humanitarian service organization, arranged a "Farmers to Families Food Box" distribution drive at the HTCI Hindu Mandir on Saturday, March 13th. Over 45000 lbs. of USDA fresh produce and dairy products from a refrigerated semi-truck in 1300 boxes were distributed to the needy families and communities on the eastern part of Indianapolis. Over 75 volunteers from both the organizations participated in this effort from morning 8AM to 2 PM to ensure timely distribution of the refrigerated food.

Judith Thomas, Deputy Mayor Indianapolis for Neighborhood Engagement attended the event. Among several others, Virgil Boyd, Family Development Services, Head Start - Food Service Director and John Bartlett, the 95th District, Indiana House Representative, helped in reaching out to inform the community of this food drive.

Sewa International specializes in disaster relief and rehabilitation. Our development programs focus on family services, child, tribal and refugee welfare, women empowerment, health, and education. In addition to our work in the US, we have undertaken development projects in Colombia, Guyana, India, Kenya, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.



Shriya Rao, a Sewa International volunteer loading up a care package



Sewa International, USA, Indianapolis volunteers



HTCI, Indianapolis, Hindu Mandir volunteers