



NEWSLETTER

Sewa International- New Jersey & New York

Cricket 4 Sewa September 11th, 18th and 19th, 2021



Cricket4Sewa event has over the years helped educate 100s of under-privileged children abroad and generate 1000s of volunteer hours to serve local communities here, in the US. The fundraiser this year was also aimed to support Covid affected families (CAF) program in addition to Sponsor a Child (SAC) program. The goal is to be able to support 30,000 + underprivileged children that have been affected by COVID. These children have lost either one or both of their parents/guardians. This year North Jersey chapter and NY Metro chapter conducted the 10th annual tournament. About 26 mens and 2 womens teams participated. The event which is conducted in Lincoln park in Jersey city was inaugurated by Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop. Thanks to the city of Jersey City and Hudson county park commision for their support of the event.

Thanks to all who participated, volunteered, supported, sponsored and helped us spread the word about Sewa (Selfless Service)!

Please visit us online to learn more about the Sponsor-a-child program and Covid-affected-families program. <https://sac.sewausa.org/>



Speaker Session

The North Jersey chapter conducted a speaker session on Sep 11th, to speak on behalf of two of Sewa's projects: SAC Sponsor a Child and Covid affected Families CAF project & the Colombia learning centers projects.

The virtual sessions were attended by about 60 participants and were well received. They were followed by Q & A session.



Sponsor a Child from COVID Affected Families (SaC-CAF)

A photograph of a young girl in a white school uniform, smiling and pointing at a chalkboard. The chalkboard has the English alphabet (A-Z) written on it. To the left of the girl, there is a sign with the Hindi word "भारत" (Bharat) and a green 'X' mark. Below the photograph is a white rectangular box, likely a placeholder for a name or contact information.

Highway Cleanup

September 25, 2021

Sewa North Jersey Environment protection team conducted the third quarterly Highway cleanup this month. Sewa North Jersey chapter has adopted a 1 mile stretch of the Route 46 in Parsippany. Volunteers help cleanup this stretch rain or shine. The next highway cleanup will be tentatively in med-November.

Please contact us if you would like to help or support this event.



North Jersey: Monthly Food Drive

September 2021

Sewa North Jersey soup kitchen team delivered about 900 pounds of non-perishable food to the Morris Plains Interfaith Pantry, Lake Hiawatha food pantry and



Montville Kiwanis food pantry for the month of September. Please contact us for drop off locations if you would like to contribute.



Volunteer Spotlight: Hari ji Samanthula



Hari ji Samanthula is one of the founder members of the Sewa North Jersey chapter in 2016 and has been volunteering since then with various assigned responsibilities. He currently coordinates the Get Inspired program within the chapter as well as helping other chapters who want to introduce GI at their locations. Before Sewa he was a karyakartha of HSS Srikrishna Shakha, Parsippany NJ and was a RSS volunteer in India before coming to the US until 2006. He



is very proud and honoured to associate with the Sewa family to serve humanity.

Hari is a Licensed Financial Advisor helping families to build Wealth and Life protection, he lives in Bridgewater, NJ with his wife Madhavi ji and daughter Ananya.

Upcoming Events

1. Sewa Diwali Oct 5 – Nov 21

A promotional poster for the #SewaDiwali event. The background features a large, colorful mandala design. In the top left corner is the Sewa USA logo. The main text reads "#SewaDiwali" in a large, dark font, followed by the tagline "Service to Humanity is Service to Divinity" in a smaller, italicized font. Below this, the dates "October 5th - November 21st, 2021" are listed. The poster explains that the event is a food drive where all proceeds benefit local food pantries and soup kitchens in Parsippany, Montville, Lake Hiawatha, and Morris Plains. It lists items that can be donated, such as peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, crackers, cereal, coffee, canned soup, canned fruits, pasta, jello, cookies, shelf stable and powdered milk, spaghetti sauce (no glass please), boxed mac & Cheese, canned beans, meals in box, apple sauce, diapers, dried herbs & spices, and toiletries. Drop-off times are listed as between 9am and 6pm. Three drop-off locations are provided: Sid ji (183 Autumn Ridge, Morris Plains), Chandra ji (5 Oxford Dr, Montville), and Krupali ji (107 Janelle blvd, Parsippany). Rashmita ji (9 Coleman Ter, Tenafly) is also listed. The website <https://sewadiwali.org/> is provided at the bottom.

Visit our Chapter Website, Facebook, and Instagram Pages:

<https://sewausa.org/Chapter/NewJersey>

<https://www.facebook.com/SEWANorthNJ>

<https://www.instagram.com/sewanorthjersey>

Sewa urges everyone to practice social distancing, follow CDC guidelines & remain safe.

Helpful Links:

<https://www.cdc.gov> - Official site to get updates on COVID-19

<https://nj.gov> - New Jersey State update on COVID-19

<https://www.ny.gov> - New York State update on COVID-19

“Love and charity for the whole human race, that is the test of true religiousness.” ~
Swami Vivekananda

Om Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah