



NEWSLETTER

Sewa International- New Jersey & New York

Sewa Westchester: Sewa Day

30 volunteer families prepared 400 peanut butter and jelly/veggie sandwiches which were donated to the Open Arms Shelter. 2000 surgical masks and 200 reusable masks were also donated to the shelter. This was a large effort successfully coordinated by Sewa Westchester's LEAD Students.



Sewa North Jersey: Coat Drive

As a part of the Sewa North Jersey LEAD Program, students collected winter jackets, winter shoes, gloves, scarves, socks, hats, winter pants, and other gently used winter wear. Though the drive concludes in October, students have already begun dropping off their collections at local clothing-donation drop-off boxes.



Sewa North Jersey: Food Pantry Donation

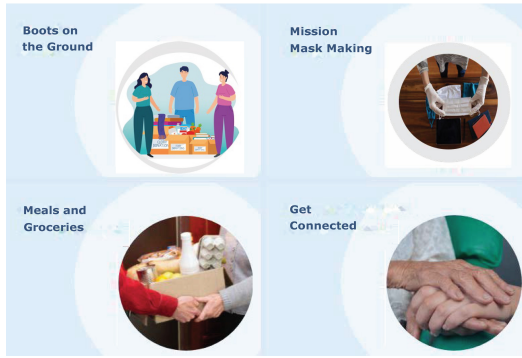
Sewa North Jersey LEAD Students collected a total of 1,708 pounds of non-perishable food items for the month of September. The donations were dropped off at the Interfaith Food Pantry in Morris Plains.



Sewa North Jersey: Highway Clean-Up

Sewa North Jersey volunteers came together to clean up part of the Route 46 highway, as part of Sewa's monthly highway clean-up initiative.





Sewa North Jersey: Priest Support

As part of Neighborhood Sewa and Sewa's COVID-19 relief initiative, Sewa volunteers have been providing help and support to Priests in need. The support offered includes: grocery deliveries, access to legal information, help with financial issues, etc.

Sewa Westchester: Book Donation

Members of Sewa Westchester's LEAD program collected, cleaned and curated 10,000 books in the month of August. This month they donated these books to Goodwill and The Salvation Army. The donation effort was well received by the local community since no other organizations in Westchester County were collecting books.

Sewa North Jersey: September Baithak

The Sewa North Jersey chapter held the monthly baithak over zoom on September 26, 2020. The meeting was attended by 14 volunteers. The topics discussed include: Sewa's efforts during the time of Diwali, A new initiative to help in promoting a clean environment, and Sewa's Priest Support initiative.

Sewa North Jersey: Webinar

An informational session/webinar was held on September 21, 2020 for Sewa's Hygiene and Toilet project for Girl Child.



Sewa North Jersey- NJ' Got Talent!

Sewa New Jersey conducted their first ever virtual New Jersey Sewa Talent show. Many children/teenagers from all over the state submitted their wonderful talents to the North Jersey LEAD program students. The LEADs were responsible for deciding which of the entires made the cut for the Grand Finale. During the grand finale, the final entires were scored by the LEADs using a rubric. The event was a great success. Congrats to all of the winners!

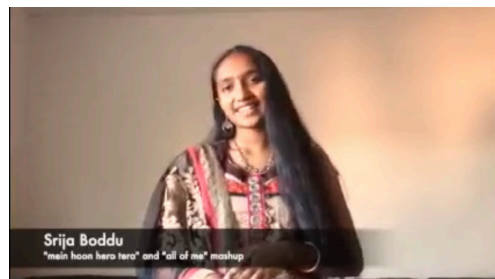


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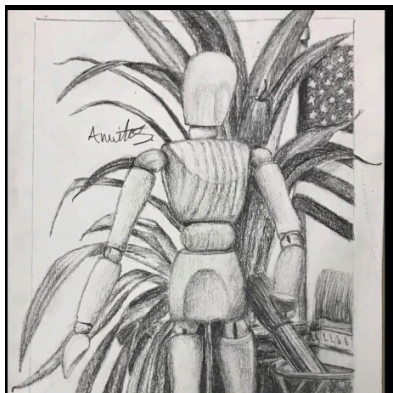
1st Place: Samarth Desai (Piano playing)



2nd Place: Srija Boddu (Singing)



3rd Place: Amritha Senthilkumaran
(Drawing and Photography Collection)



Honorable Mention:
Vignesh Prakash
(Drum Playing)



Honorable Mention:
Ansh Patel (Guitar
Playing)



Upcoming Events:

North Jersey:

1. #SewaDiwali Initiative
2. NJ Preist Support (Ongoing)
3. LEAD: Winter Coat Drive (Ongoing)

Westchester, NY:

1. Fundraising for Feminine Hygiene:
2. Direct Donor calling

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

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

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Join the North Jersey Volunteers WhatsApp Group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/oqAhEyU3v99DGfe51V9Pf>

Sewa urges all to practice social distancing, follow CDC guidelines and remain safe.

Helpful Links:

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

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

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

<https://www.google.com/covid19/> - Google Help on Corona

<https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus> - U.S department of education

Quotation: “Dare to be Free, Dare to go as Far as your Thought Leads,
And Dare to Carry that out in your Life.

- Swami Vivekananda

Om Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah