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2023 Cleveland International Hall of Fame inductees

Over 450 people (with a waiting list) attended the 2023 induction ceremony. Both the 60 page collector's edition book and room SOLD OUT!

The 2023 Class of the Cleveland International Hall of Fame was selected from 84 worthy nominations. The list of nominees was sent to previous inductees of the CIHF for their input. The 2023 Class consists of:

- Pierre Bejjani (Lebanese heritage)
- Pat Dowd (Irish)
- Joyce Mariani (Italian)
- Councilman Mike Polensek (Slovenian)
- Sudarshan Sathe (Indian)
- Mayor Georgine Welo (Serbian)

The Induction Dinner ceremony was held on Tuesday April 18, 2023 at Windows on the River. TV3 News Anchor Carmen Blackwell was the MC and Cleveland Bishop Edward Malesic gave the invocation. There were remarks from Albert Ratner, Cleveland City Council President Blaine Griffin and Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne.

Since 2010, the Cleveland International Hall of Fame (CIHF) has inducted people who have made significant and lasting contributions to our multicultural society. Cleveland is home to people representing about 120 different ethnic groups. The CIHF exists not only to honor those special people but also to inspire a new generation of leaders to follow in their footsteps.

From the Indian community, Mr Sudarshan Sathe was inducted. Sudarshan earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, with first division honors, from the world famous IIT engineering school in India. He arrived in the U.S at a young age of 22 to join University of Akron's master's in chemical engineering program.

At the same Alma mater, he earned an MBA in International Business. After doing a series of jobs in the chemical and metals industry, and upon acquiring U S Citizenship in 1990, Mr. Sathe founded a company called NewConcepts,



Standing: Sudarshan Sathe and Pierre Bejjani
 Seated: Georgine Welo, Mike Polensek and Pat Dowd
 Not pictured: Joyce Mariani

corporation that marketing is not simply shipping what you have made, but rather knowing what to make.

He developed products and processes that he has earned patents for and are used in the Steel industry today. New Concepts is also a supplier of various metals and raw materials to the Steel Industry, counting nearly every Steel Mill in North America among its customers.

He is a member of numerous professional and civic organizations and has supported many causes having to do with amelioration of hunger, and with education of the underprivileged children, especially girls' education.

Sudarshan's philanthropic activities extend to Ekal, the One Teacher Schools, Akshaya Patra the inexhaustible food bowl- lunch program in schools- 100,000 Meal goal of Richfield Mayor Mike Wheeler, to end world hunger and Medical Yatra, among others. He has been on the board of Project Love, Values-in-Action that aims to end bullying in schools.

He is currently the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Federation of India's community associations, FICA, the pan-Indian American organization in Northeast Ohio.

To this day, he remains a keen student of India's History and philosophy and applies the age-old philosophical principles in business practice. The simplest of them being, "What you do with what you have, will determine what will materialize in your life". He also follows not just the golden rule but the platinum rule, that says, Treat others as they wish to be treated.

He believes in the values of Indian culture and legacy that continue to enrich the world, be it Yoga, language, mathematics, or primacy of the mind. Because after all the battles and conquests, after all the technology and modern conveniences have been acquired, one last battle remains: and that is achieving a moment of pure inner peace.

Sudarshan is a Clevelander through and through where he lives with his wife Swati. They have two adult sons, Tejas and Ojas.

Sudarshan was inducted by Baiju Shah



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Interfaith Coalition in Richfield, OH to fight hunger around the World

By RAMESH JAYA SHAH

"The war against hunger, is truly mankind's war of liberation"-John F. Kennedy

After steadily declining for a decade, world hunger is on the rise, affecting nearly 10% of people globally. From 2019 to 2022, the number of undernourished people grew by as many as 150 million, a crisis driven largely by conflict, climate change, refugees and the COVID-19 pandemic.

'There is more than enough food produced in the world to feed everyone on the planet. Yet as many as 828 million people still go hungry.' UN reports Hunger is predictable, preventable, and treatable.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER (RAH) is an organization that "finds pathways to End Hunger From the implementation of sustainable community development projects to meal packaging programs that harnesses the passion of local volunteers."

RAH strives to make an impact on hunger.....targeting remote, last-mile communities within hunger pockets

worldwide. The organization works through local leaders to build resilience, self-sufficiency, and empowerment. RAH, a nonprofit organization-has a turn key project available anywhere in USA. It provides ALL materials and equipment to make the food packages

Last August, 2022, the Jain Society of Greater Cleveland in Richfield, OH had hosted an event, packaging 10,000 meals for the hungry around the world. Mayor M. Wheeler of Richfield was invited as a guest. He was so inspired by the event that he decided to host 120,000 melas project at the Richfield village High School Gymnasium on SATURDAY, APRIL 15,2023. Mayor Wheeler joined hands with Interfaith Coalition to make a dent in the problem by volunteering to pack 120,000 meals to ship overseas to third world country. His mission has been to promote peace and harmony and work together to make a difference in the lives of poor, homeless and hungry. This was a successful event.

You can get more info on this organization at <https://www.clevelandpeople.com/groups/asian-indians/2023/rise-against-hunger.htm>



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www.aaiwo.org | Lynette Sequeira
- American Federation of Muslims of Indian Origin
www.afmi.org | Dr. Razia Ahmed
- Association of Indian Physicians of Northern Ohio (AIPNO)
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Origin (ASEI)
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Bengali Cultural Society
www.bcscl.org | Soumitra Ghosh

Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation
Sreedhar Nair

Gujarati Samaj of Grtr. Cleveland
www.clevelandgujaratisamaj.org | Nilesh Patel

Guru Gobind Singh Sikh Society
www.clevelandgurudwara.org

Guru Nanak Foundation
www.gurunanakfoundationrichfield.com

India-Ohio Chamber of Commerce
www.indiaohiochamber.com | Radhika Reddy

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Jain Society of Greater Cleveland
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Mrs Mona Alag was honored by the City of Cleveland'Women's History month Committee during the closing ceremony of Women's History month on March 30, 2023. The committee selects outstanding individuals who are making an impact on our neighborhoods/community.

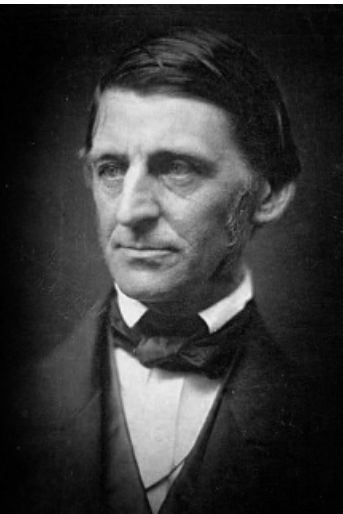


Congratulations Mrs Mona Alag!

The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be **useful**, to be **honorable**, to be **compassionate**, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Swarotsav – Soulful...Enchanting...Divine

The Swarotsav live in concert of the renowned and national award winning Indian classical singer Mr Mahesh Kale was organized by the Northeast Ohio Marathi Mandal on the evening of Friday 7th April 2023. It was a memorable experience for all the audience. The event was held at the Independence Middle School. The concert was not only witnessed by music enthusiasts in Cleveland but also from Cincinnati, Columbus, and Pittsburgh.





Update on our Indian Cultural Garden

By SUMITA KEDIA

We are very pleased to acknowledge the progress that has occurred at the India Cultural Garden (ICG) this past year. The garden is nestled within the Rockefeller Park, on Martin Luther King Jr Dr. Last year, we installed our Tiranga, a new sprinkler system and lighting with generous contributions and hard work from our community members. It is so exciting to see more people visiting and hosting events in the garden.



On May 16th, Mr. Sreedhar Nair volunteered to educate the visiting Shaker Heights high school students about our culture. They had a wonderful Q&A educational interactive session as they learned about the Indian culture.



We have many goals for 2023. We would like to install some benches, so anyone visiting can sit and enjoy the tranquility of the garden, with the iconic Mahatma Gandhi statue as a backdrop, or perhaps have a picnic during the summer months. Another project is to create a large bed along the Doan brook, and plant some beautiful perennials, while maintaining the aesthetics with stonework. We would also like to plant annuals in front of the India sign and around the Gandhi statue. Our key focus is to maintain the cleanliness and beauty of the garden through regular lawn and landscape care. These goals can be only achieved with your generous participation and help with donating, cleaning and planting flowers and shrubs in the garden. We encourage all the youth members of our community to come out and assist us with the upkeep of the garden and we will provide volunteer community hour certificates for their hard work.

Earlier this year, on April 29th, Swati Sathe and I, with the help of few John Carroll student volunteers, kicked off the spring-cleaning process of ICG. We thank Saffron Patch for donating some gift certificates as our appreciation to the young enthusiastic volunteers.

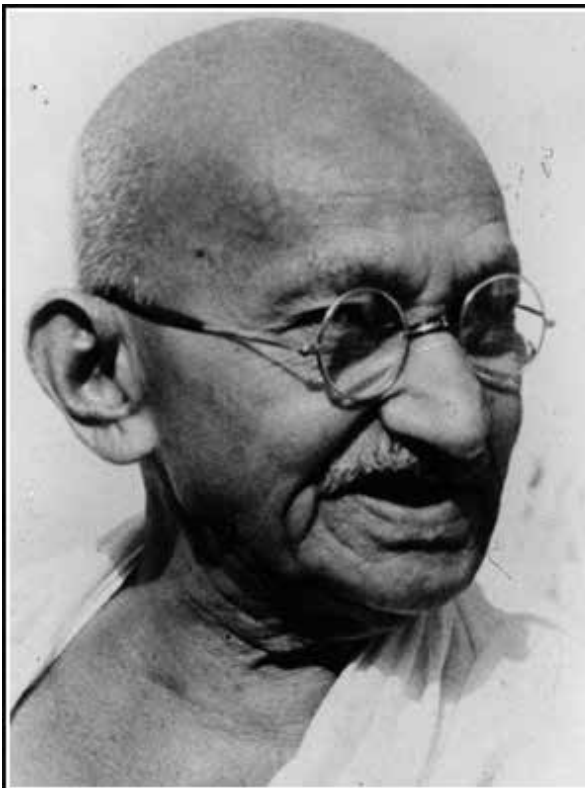


Please join us for the upcoming events:

On June 21st, to celebrate International Yoga Day, Sewa and FICA have come together to do a free yoga session at the ICG. Please bring your yoga mats and enjoy the peace and beauty of the garden as you practice the asanas amidst nature.

On August 27th, the Cultural Gardens will host One World Day event where all the countries come together to showcase their culture. Last year, thanks to the Indian community, we had a record breaking turn out. We, again, look forward to your participation and involvement again this year.

ICG is grateful to our community for their efforts, generosity with time and donation. If you any questions about volunteer and donating opportunities, please reach out to me, Sumita Kedia at (216) 390 0107 or through email icg.ficacleveland@gmail.com



The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

— Mahatma Gandhi —

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Cleveland Produces Plant-Based Yard Spray

Esther Salata, an environmentalist who was born in Mumbai and grew up in Cleveland, is the founder of Benesafe® Solutions. She wanted to get rid of the mosquito, ticks and fleas in her backyard while keeping her dog, Benny, safe from harsh chemical pesticides.

“After seeing Benny eat grass and roll around in our yard, I could not get myself to buy a product with warning labels and ingredients that I could not pronounce,” said Salata. “Those products could potentially harm my family, my dog, and wildlife around my house, so I decided to create a product that is safe and free from harmful pesticides,” she added. Benesafe Solutions, based in Columbus, Ohio, manufactures and sells the ready to use DIY insect control yard spray. It is easy to use for all homeowners



who want a safe alternative to using toxic chemicals on their lawn and garden. The eco-friendly backyard bug barrier keeps yards free of mosquitoes, fleas, and ticks making it safe for families, pets, and the environment. The product is used by homeowners, landscapers, and is sold online, through garden shops, and some ACE Hardware stores.

The company’s mission is to develop products that are in line with their values of being environmentally conscious and impact driven. To learn more and purchase the product, visit www.benesafesolutions.com



MANAS – The Charioteer Within

By DR. GANGALAKSHMI SRINIVAS

The dancers of 'Manas-The Charioteer Within' had barely stopped when the audience surged in a loud and prolonged standing ovation at the prestigious Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana. The host, Sri VV Sundaram (one of the founders of the largest festival of Indian classical arts outside India) had to wait to be heard as he commended Guru Sujatha Srinivasan's vidwat in presenting such an abstract concept in such a moving and engaging way.

Manas explores a central tenet in the Upanishads – the mind is in constant struggle for supremacy over the five senses and seven destructive emotions. When the perceiving mind gains control of the senses and thus emotions, it can connect with the higher intellect, and the intellect with the being's soul which in turn can connect with the Universal Soul. Guru Sujatha presents this rather dry concept in a joyous swirl of ancient and modern stories, familiar and obscure poetry, and swift changes in tempo and ragas.

The original score draws from the Upanishads and Bhagavad Gita, Mahakavi Subramaniam Bharati and the contemporary poetry of Sri Perumal Murugan. These were set to music by Madurai T.N.Seshagopalan, Sri.T.M. Krishna, and Sri.T.V. Ramprasad, and Shriya and Sujatha. The mother-daughter team's choreography was disciplined and very traditional, and yet very fresh, and refreshingly complex. One focused on one dancer or one portion of the stage at the peril of missing minor but supporting action elsewhere. The presentation too was a blend of ancient and contemporary - Ami Majmudar's storytelling in English to introduce each segment had elements of kathakalakshepam. Cleveland State University's Waetjen Auditorium with its wood paneling and soaring western organ pipes was a fitting stage. The music was ably performed by local talent, reinforcing the maturity of India's traditional arts in the US – Lalit Subramanian on the vocal, Ethirajan Ramanujam

on the mridangam, Guru Sujatha Srinivasan on the nattuvangam, Laya Raghav violin and Raghav Kasibhatla on the flute.

Shri Kalaa Mandir's brilliant performance cannot be overstated. The dancers were in perfect harmony while retaining individuality. The distinctive beauty of the Vazhuvoor style which stresses musicality and abhinaya even during pure Nritya segments was in full evidence, the dancers' abhinaya during Natya was clear as speech. All but one of the senior dancers have completed their arangetram some time ago, and their abhinaya and depiction of the stories of Midas, of external forces of oppression and violence against women, of humiliations of borders, race and class that buffet our emotions showed that maturity, and continuing work with Guru Sujatha. The senior dancers, Shriya Srinivasan, Nithya Kashibhatla, Sita Vakkalanka, Janaki Nair, Pooja Vallampati, Sneha Upadhyayula commanded the stage and brought a level of intelligence to the performance that pulled engagement from the audience. The junior dancers Medha, Athmika, Rhea and Hima too made a fine display of stage craft, their depictions seemingly natural, but in reality fully attuned to the score. Sujatha's minimalist solo towards the end was contemplative, a contrast to the preceding tug and pull of one's senses and emotions engaged by depictions of emotions swayed by the senses.

Despite the drawback of recorded rather than live music support, this final day performance clearly capped the ten preceding days of professional artistes' performances for the extremely knowledgeable Aradhana audience. Guru Sujatha Srinivasan and Shri Kalaa Mandir have consistently delivered deeply meaningful productions. We can only hope that the Aradhana audience's enthusiastic response and her recognition in 2022 by the Cleveland Arts Prize with the Martha Joseph Prize for Distinguished Service to the Arts in dance will encourage her to new heights.



Starting the Day with Mindful Movement



For many of us, our days are so busy that, as soon as our alarms go off in the morning, we're up and rushing to get where we need to be. But what if we could bring a calmer start to our day while still getting up and moving? Consider building an extra 20 minutes or so into your morning routine during which you could practice some gentle yoga, go for a walk around the block, or find another form of easy movement to wake up your body and mind in a positive way.

Breathe. Let go.
And remind yourself
that this very moment
is the only one
you know you have
for sure.

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BEST TIME OF THE YEAR
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Dr Mona Gupta....receiver of Global Community Leadership Award



Dr. Gupta recently received the Global Community Leadership Award at John Carroll Global Entrepreneurship Center Launch. This award is presented to an individual who is a leader, executioner, and decision-maker and has proven abilities in shaping the future of organizations and the region. Someone who displays active, creative, and integrative efforts in achieving the best possible results in community development plans

Dr. Gupta is an international expert in geriatric and palliative medicine, with a passion for patient care, education, women’s professional development, and community health.

Her impressive medical career includes serving as Director of Supportive Oncology Inpatient and Grand Rounds Director, Physician lead for the Onboarding Committee at University Hospitals, Associate Professor at Case Western Reserve University, Co-Chair of Palliative Care at both the Indo-American Cancer Association and the American Geriatric Society, Chair of Geriatrics at the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM), Board of Directors for Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging. Her accomplishment in these roles includes expanding outpatient and inpatient supportive oncology services by 55% and 40% respectively in 1 yr, creating a standardized palliative care fellowship program for physicians and nurses in India that has trained 230 candidates and provided long-term impact assessment data, and forming the Global Special Interest Group at AAHPM. In her career, she has had over 150 presentations and multiple paper publications in peer-reviewed journals.

Dr. Gupta is passionate about advancing women’s professional

careers and serves as a Board Member, Continuing Medical Education (CME), and Scientific Chair of alma mater Lady Hardinge Medical College Alumni Association of North America. She is also President-elect for Women Faculty at Case Western Reserve University’s School of Medicine. She has led 20 professional workshops and award ceremonies in these roles focused on women’s mentorship and leadership in academic medicine, along with work-life balance.

Furthermore, Dr. Gupta is dedicated to global community service and serves in leadership roles within various non-profit organizations. She is the Chair of Akshaya Patra USA Cleveland; Chair of Health and Wellness at India-fest USA; Co-chair of the Research Showcase, past president, and past chair humanitarian committee of the Association of Indian Physicians of Northern Ohio, as well as past-president of Elite Women Around the World. In these roles, she has lead multiple fundraiser events, charitable medical camps, and CMEs in collaboration with other healthcare institutions and community organizations. Dr. Gupta’s efforts have helped raise funds to provide 2.2 million mid-day meals for school-going children in India in 2022.

She has received multiple awards including the outstanding resident during residency and several Caregiver Celebration Awards at Cleveland Clinic. Fellow designation at both the AGS and the AAHPM affirms her academic and clinical national recognition. She has been recognized





Shiksha Daan: Mentoring College Students and Donations to Local Organizations to Support Education for Under-Privileged Youth

By PRANAY VERMA & SANJAY GARG

This article documents some Shiksha Daan activities from 2021. Please write to Shikshadaan.fica@gmail.com if you will like to have the latest update on our partnership with College Now.

College Now Mentoring:

Shiksha Daan (SD) partners with College Now (CN) to get members of the Indian Community to serve as mentors for under-privileged college students and help them succeed in college and life. Mr. Pranay Verma serves as the program coordinator for the SD-CN partnership. In this role, he works with the CN volunteer coordinator to obtain the list of SD volunteers serving as mentors for college students, and follows up with the mentors to see how the mentoring relationship is going. Currently there are 13 active SD volunteers serving as mentors for college students and 2 volunteers waiting for a student to be assigned to them. The active mentors are: Neerja Bhushan, Mala Garg, Sanjay Garg, Pratibha Ghatge, Gita Gidwani, Rama Jayanti, Shenaz Khan, Girish Malhotra, Ravi Marwaha, Gowri Mohandoss, Pushu Punwani, Danette Singh and Pranay Verma.

Pranay reached out to the active mentors requesting them to provide information on the student they are mentoring and an update on how the mentoring is going. Below is an update on the mentoring effort based on some of the feedback received from the mentors.

- Mala Garg has 2 students assigned to her: A Senior from the Kent State University doing Nursing/Public Health – Mala has had a wonderful experience with her mentee who she has been working with for 4+ years, building a great open and trusting relationship. They talk over the phone almost every week; A Freshman from the Bowling Green State University doing Business Administration – This relationship is 6 months old and Mala has connected with her mentee periodically over the phone as Covid-19 situation did not allow them to meet in person.

- Sanjay Garg has been mentoring a Freshman at the University of Dayton doing B.Sc. / Mechanical Engineering. His mentee has a good handle on what he needs to do to succeed in college. Sanjay talks over the phone once a month and periodically exchanges emails. In their most recent conversation, they discussed applying for summer internships in the engineering field.

- Pushu Punwani mentors a freshman at CSU doing Electrical engineering. He talks with his mentee on a bi-weekly basis, and discuss past progress, current developments and any issues that he needs help with. His mentee is doing well in his freshman classes.

- Gita Gidwani helps a Freshman at the Maumee University of Ohio doing a major in Biology. The mentee is very committed with good GPA scores. Gita is encouraging her mentee to find a summer internship.

- Ravi Marwaha has been mentoring a Medical Technology student who is in the 5th year of college at CSU. The mentee had interacted with Ravi in the past but stopped responding this semester as he is probably close to graduation. Ravi has requested CN to assign him a new mentee for the 2021-22 academic year and is going through background check.

- Gowri Mohandoss is mentoring a Final Year Civil Engineering student at CSU. The mentee is a role model student who uses all available resources to the best of their ability and puts amazing effort to achieve success.

- Bharti Patel was assigned a Sophomore at Tri-C doing Physical Therapy, about a month back, and was initially having a hard time getting a response from the mentee. She continued to reach out every two weeks and was finally able to connect with the student around the end of March.

- Pranay Verma has been mentoring a Sophomore at CSU working towards a Computer Science degree. The mentee is very hard working and is managing his time between college and work. They have an open and trusted relationship where the mentee can text or call anytime with questions or otherwise. They interact via Chronus, phone calls and text messages, but mostly through phone calls, to discuss mentee's progress and to identify any need for help.

We will like to thank all the SD-CN mentors for the excellent work they are doing in helping these students succeed in college. We are also happy to report that Mala Garg, was recognized as one of only two 2021 Mentors of the Year for College Now. College Now released the following information regarding this recognition: "Mala was nominated by her student, Kelly, who is a fourth-year student at Kent State University.

Kelly and Mala have been matched since Kelly graduated high school in 2017, and their relationship has truly grown over the last few years from a casual, professional-based association to something more personal. When Kelly met Mala, Kelly says "I needed a support system I could truly call family. Mala is someone that I can admire, learn from, and safely follow any advice she offers." Anticipating her graduation soon, Kelly credits Mala with inspiring her career aspirations. "I now have my own plans to start up a non-profit organization for my community that will tackle housing insecurity and affordable health services when I graduate. She always reminds me that my dreams are attainable and that I am able to go above and beyond even when I feel that I can't." The mentors of the year were recognized at a livestream ceremony hosted by College Now on Jan. 29, 2021. A recording of the event is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5DyuuC8GZE>. Another Shiksha Daan volunteer, Shenaz Khan, was recognized as the 2018 Mentor of the Year for College Now. All this is excellent recognition for the volunteer work being done by the local Indian community in helping with the education and development of low-income family youths in the Greater Cleveland area.

We will like to expand the SD-CN mentoring program by increasing the number of mentors from the Indian community. If you will like to volunteer or have suggestions on how we can grow the program, please get in touch with us at shikshadaan.fica@gmail.com.

Donations to Local Organizations:

Shiksha Daan is very grateful to all the donors who have been contributing funds to support our mission of helping with the education and development of under-privileged youth and adults in the Greater Cleveland area.

In February 2021 we provided 50 bags of school supplies to the Salvation Army Zelma George Family Emergency Shelter. The Zelma George Family Emergency Shelter provides a stay of up to 3 months for families facing homelessness due to any emergencies. Each bag contained the following items: 1 packet of 12 #2 pencils with eraser tips; 1 Crayon packet with 16 crayons; 1 Coloring markers packet with 10 markers; 1 pencil case; 1 wide-ruled 100 page spiral notebook; 1 pencil sharpener; 1 coloring pencils packet with 12 pencils; 1 school glue stick; 1 kids safety scissors; 1 sketch pad; and 1 plastic ruler. Additionally following snacks were included in the bags: 1 packet of fruit snacks; 1 packet of graham snacks; and 1 packet of peanut butter/cheese crackers. These items were selected based on the list provided by the shelter manager. Attached is a photo showing all the items and one of a filled bag. Mala Garg ordered the items from Amazon and Mala and Sanjay Garg, and Meera and Sunil Kansal assembled the items into the bags. Attached are some pictures of the bags being assembled. The assembled bags were picked up by the shelter manager and distributed to the students at the shelter. The shelter manager wrote a very nice letter thanking Shiksha Daan and FICA for this generous donation. The letter is attached. The children were very happy to receive these bags as evidenced in the attached photo provided by the shelter manager.

In late March, 2021, Shiksha Daan donated \$1000 to our partner organization The Refugee Response (TRR). These funds are to support a 9 week summer program - "Karibu CLE" being organized and hosted by TRR. Karibu CLE will focus on two main activities, soccer and art therapy, that appeal to a large number of youth, and have psychological and social benefits. Programming will be offered twice a week in the late afternoons, and accessible to the many refugee students in the area, as well as those who will be bussed to summer school at Gallagher. The funds donated by Shiksha Daan will be used to provide participants with a culturally appropriate meal at the end of the programming session before they head home.

Once again, we will like to thank all our volunteers and our donors for their continued support of Shiksha Daan. If you will like to learn more about us – volunteer for one of our programs or donate funds, please contact us at shikshadaan.fica@gmail.com





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