



Annual Report 2020



MESSAGE

from the Founder

2021 was a year for the books, marked by disruptions in all aspects of people's lives. This was a year in which the aid provided by nonprofits became more important than ever in reaching the most vulnerable.

For the past 13 years, the Guru Krupa Foundation's grants have focused on assisting the marginalized and helping the impoverished break out of the cycle of intergenerational poverty. In addition to these projects we also support higher education programs related to scientific inquiry and encourage the practice of living a purposeful life by providing support for the promotion of spiritual health and knowledge. This year, we also provided emergency COVID funding to many organizations. Our grants go to organizations in India and the US.

We are so fortunate to have partnered with around 50 incredible organizations this year, and look forward to increasing the scope of our projects and number of grantees we serve in 2021-2022.

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OUR PRIORITIES

Social Welfare



Higher
Education



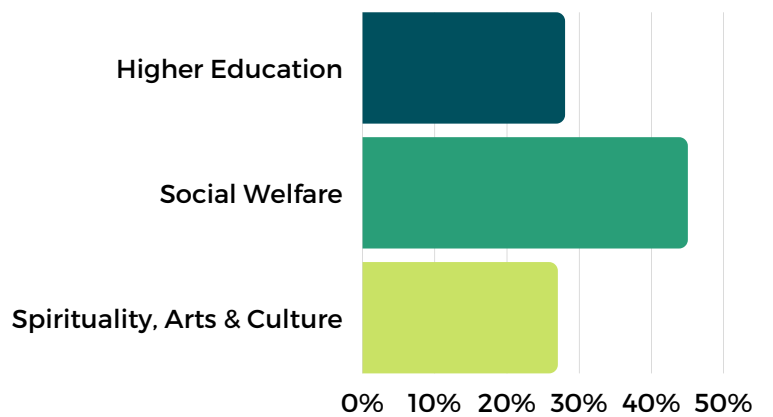
Spirituality,
Arts & Culture





GRANTEE OVERVIEW

India/US





GRANTEES

Social Welfare



United States



Staten Island Giving Circle **Weekend Backpack Program**

An initiative in Staten Island public schools to provide weekly nutritious meals to disadvantaged students who are at risk of going hungry on weekends.



Flushing Town Hall **Global Arts for Global Kids**

A free, 10 week, online arts education program on global arts, such as Indian dance, Colombian music, etc, that was created and streamed weekly to children in public schools in Queens, New York.



St Nicks Alliance
Youth & Education

Adapting a mobile library, BK Story Voyager and broader literacy programs to the new online model of learning in order to address the learning loss of the 2,000 K-5 youth participating in their after-school programs.



Long Island Children's Museum
Westbury STEM Partnership

A program where the Westbury School District utilized the museum's educational resources in their science education program.



Youth Leadership Development Program
Operational Expenses

Support for the organization's after-school leadership program for children in grades 4-12.



South Asian Council For Social Services
Emergency Food Distribution Program and Capital Expenses

Distribution of food to the South Asian community in and around Flushing, NY to meet the growing demand for healthy food and nutrition in the wake of the pandemic.



Reaching-Out Community Services
Homebound Mobile Pantry

A program designed to bring nutritious meals to the local underserved population and to purchase vegetarian food items for the Mobile Pantry and their free grocery store.



Literary Nassau
Operational, Capital and Program Expenses

Purchase of new computer equipment; construction of outdoor pods to run socially distanced English tutoring classes for adults and individuals with learning disabilities.

India



Sri Ramakrishna Math
Vivekananda Centenary Girls Hr. Sec. School

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Girls HR Sec. School
Operational Expenses

Providing supplemental meals to improve the nutritional outcomes of the children at the girl's school in Chennai.



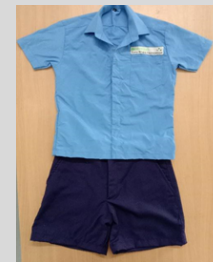
RAMAKRISHNA MISSION STUDENTS' HOME
Palace for the poor
Chennai, India

Sri Ramakrishna Mission Students Home
Operational Expenses
Support for teacher's salaries at the residential school for disadvantaged children in Chennai.



Seva Chakkara Samajam
Operational Expenses

Cover the cost of the food purchases for all 176 residents at orphanage in Chennai.



Sevalaya
Operational Expenses

Purchase of school uniforms for 2,100 children studying at the school on the outskirts of Chennai.



Educatr

Operational and Program Expenses

Support to create a digital classroom and an online teacher-training program at school near Madurai, Tamil Nadu. GKF also provided COVID funding for masks, sanitizers and food.



Sri Kanyakumari Gurukula Ashram
Operational Expenses

Support for the maintenance of residential campuses; purchase of medications, clothing & food and children's educational expenses at ashram near Tenkasi, Tamil Nadu.



Aum Pranava Ashram

Operational and Program Expenses

Maintenance & education of children and purchase of food & medical expenses of the elderly at the ashram near Tenkasi, Tamil Nadu.



Sphoorti

Operational Expenses

Support for the residential school that houses orphaned, abandoned, disadvantaged and vulnerable groups of children in Hyderabad.



S M Sehgal Foundation
Transform Lives Program

The program upgrades facilities at existing public schools in the Medchal/Siddipet districts of Telengana to retain students and improve their educational experience. GKF also provided COVID funding to purchase supplies for rural government hospitals in Medchal, Telengana.



Bapuji Rural Enlightenment and Development Society
Education

Scholarships for 10 marginalized children in the Srikakulam, Vishakhapatnam and Vizyanagaram districts of Andhra Pradesh.



Saraswati Anath Shikshan Ashram
Digital Literacy

Support to create an e-learning center and fund the salary of a computer instructor in order to increase the digital literacy of the children at the orphanage in Pune, Maharashtra.



Adruta Children Home
Operational Expenses

Support for the maintenance of the orphanage at Bolangir, Odisha.



Food For Life Vrindavan
Operational Expenses

Support to upgrade software infrastructure in an effort to streamline daily operations at girl's school in Varanasi.

Jyoti Development Trust

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Operational Expenses

Support to operate the Disha Seema Center School - a residential school for over 300 students on IIT Kharagpur's campus in India.



Madras Dyslexia Association
Early Intervention Program

Support for the design and development of an Early Intervention program to identify dyslexic children from ages 2.5 to 5 years old in and around Chennai.



Hope Charitable Trust
Operational Expenses

Salaries of 1 speech therapist & physiotherapist and 4 special educators at Hope's early intervention center in Chennai.



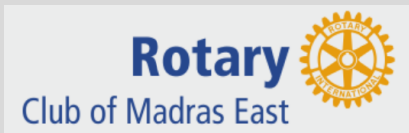
Institute for Helping the Disabled
Operational Expenses

Salaries for members of the Outreach team that provides support to children with multiple physical and intellectual disabilities in Bhubaneshwar, Odisha.



Sri Poorna Mahameru Trust
Operational Expenses

Food and annual expenses at the senior home in Chennai.



**Rotary Club Madras East
Vocational Excellence Center**

Operational expenses of the center, in Chennai that provides vocational training to disadvantaged youth in plumbing, tailoring and other such vocations.



**Women's Organization for Rural Development
Livelihood Training**

Support for 2 tailoring centers to provide alternative livelihood options for girls and women in the Namakkal district, Tamil Nadu.



**Grassroots India
Operational Expenses**

Support for the Hariharananda vocational center which is a home for disadvantaged girls, between the ages of 17 and 28, in Cuttack, Odisha.



**Desai Foundation
Livelihood Training Program**

This program provides livelihood training to empower rural women to become independent. During COVID, 200 sewing graduates were employed to make 200,000 masks which were then distributed for free to villages in Gujarat.



**The Lord's Education and Health Society
Wadhvani Initiative for Sustainable
Healthcare (WISH)**

GKF provided COVID funding to support emergency workers who were working to contain COVID, during the first wave, in northern India. Funding was also given to WISH's efforts to support the Government of Assam during the second wave in India.



**Action For India
Social Entrepreneurship Program**

This program helps rural entrepreneurs in India scale up by providing technological resources and mentoring & networking opportunities to impact investors, government and local partners.



INK Global Foundation
Fellowship Program

This program selects entrepreneurs and provides them with the means to scale their impact, through financial assistance, mentoring opportunities and by connecting them to a network of peers, mentors and funders. GKF provided support for 2 Fellowships.



Commit2Change
Tech Lab Curriculum

The program provides girls, grades 6 to 12, from tribal communities in Vadodara, Gujarat, after-school training in the STEM and IT fields. GKF also provided COVID-19 emergency funding to provide vaccinations, dry food rations and sanitizing kits for residential & rescue home facilities.



Child Rights and You America Inc.
Child Rights and Education

In partnership with Rural Workers Development Society, an initiative to prevent child labor & exploitation and increase access to education for underprivileged Palmyra tapper children in 52 villages in Tamil Nadu, India.



Akshaya Patra USA
Happiness Boxes

Distributed Happiness Boxes, containing a month's supply of nutrient-rich items, to 7,500 beneficiaries, aged 3-6 years, in Warangal, Telangana.



American India Foundation
Learning Resource Centers (LRCs)

Funding for learning centers & outreach activities in 2 villages in Karnataka, India, to improve access to education for children of migrant sugarcane workers.



Yoga Gives Back
Sister Aid

A program that provides shelter, food and education to girls, aged 8-20, who are orphaned or come from Devadasi families, tribal communities, socially marginalized & poor households.



Children International

Early Childhood Care & Development

Support for the online delivery of Early Childhood Care & Development program to 350 children, aged 3-4 years old & Tutoring program for 1,200 students in Delhi.



Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of USA

Integrated Village Development Program

A program for the holistic development of 30 villages in Amrabad, Telengana, with the goal of creating self-sufficient villages in 5 years. The program includes a digital literacy program; a health program focused on preventative medicine and a skills training program. GKF also provided emergency COVID funding to purchase medical kits and to run a toll-free COVID assistance hotline.



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Higher Education

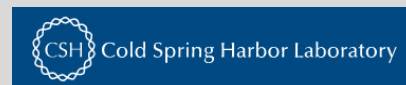


United States



University of California, Los Angeles **Student Fellowships**

Endowed Fellowships that provide annual support to 3 graduate students in Electrical Engineering and 2 undergrad students in the Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science.



Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory **Endowment**

Endowed Fellowship that will provide annual support to one student at CSHL.

India



Indian Institute of Kharagpur

Research Fellowship

Two Fellowships to conduct research on Indian ragas and their analysis using signal processing and AI. GKF also funded a Visiting Fellowship to allow scholars of music and culture spend time at the SandHI Academy, teach a short course and interact with students.



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Spirituality, Arts & Culture



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**The Hindu Temple Society of North America
Śrī Mahā Vallabha Ganapati Devasthānam**

Sri Ramanuja Mission of Srirangam Srimad
Andavan Ashramam

Operational Expenses

Funds to cover the costs of making idols for use in the temple and general expenses of the temple.

Hindu Temple Society of North America
Capital Expenses

Support to acquire property to accommodate the increasing number of devotees, priests and temple staff.



**Sri Bhagavad Ramanuja Millennium Foundation
Inc**

Program Expenses

Support for the translation of various books & shlokas from Sanskrit/Tamil to English and uploading the material to a website for public consumption.

**Religion News Foundation
Operational Expenses**

Support to recruit an expert columnist to provide accurate, professional and balanced global coverage of Hindus and Hinduism.

India



**Sri Ranganatha Paduka Vidyalaya Trust
Operational Expenses**

Support for 110 students at 4 Vedapatshalas and the goshala at the Srimad Andavan Ashram.

**Sri Vilakkoli Perumal Thooppul Vedanta Desikan
Charitable Trust**

Operational Expenses

Support for priests to carry out traditional rituals and Vedic studies at several temples in South India.



**Sri Pratakshya Charitable Trust
Operational Expenses**

Partial funding of 16 integrated Patasalas, housing 998 children, across India, with the goal of providing holistic-based education that retains aspects of Hindu culture & spirituality, combined with a knowledge of Western scientific methodology.

