Testimonials
Cuisine of India
On behalf of Shiva Vishnu Temple Management, I would like to appreciate the kind gesture of Sewa International - Cleveland Chapter.

Mrs. Viji Vijay & Mr. Anil Kumar Singh visited the Temple this morning to drop useful supplies of Masks & Sanitizers for use of our Priests and Devotees. They also brought Face Shields which were very much appreciated by the Priests as these will be less obstructive during chanting.

As you all know that the Temple is reopening after a couple of months effective tomorrow. These supplies will further smoothen our efforts to ensure a safe reopening.

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Sincerely,
Manhar Shah
President
Shiva Vishnu Temple
June 18, 2020

Dr. Sanj Mahalaha
AsRc
By-ram

Dear Drs. Mahalaha, Vijay, and Khali:

On behalf of Front Steps Housing and Services, thank you for your generous and thoughtful donation of 12 masks and a box of PPE for our residents and staff. We greatly appreciate your selection of our organization for the months charitable support.

Your support helps advance our mission “to provide individuals and families who are mentally disabled and/or economically disadvantaged in Cuyahoga County with permanent supportive housing and living solutions to increase self-sufficiency and independence.”

Again, thanks.

Sincerely,

Shari Brandon, MHC/MA
CEO
Acknowledgement of July donations

Rachel Napolitano - rnapolitano@ywcacleveland.org
Aug 7, 2020, 5:28 PM

to me, chrisna@yahoo.com, cmichen2010@gmail.com

Dear Vicki,

Thank you for detailed and compassionate planning for a terrific dinner and shoe giveaway, while also protecting guests and staff with the donation of personal protective equipment on Sunday, July 12, 2020. The gift of 25 homemade face shields by Norman Estes was a surprise and a delight. I am so glad you asked if the guests needed shoes in our preparations for the dinner donation. It was very insightful as that item is not on our wish list, however it is very much needed. You took the extra measure to call me and investigate our specific needs.

Our guests at the shelter walk more than most, out of necessity, and shoes from clothing centers are impossible to sanitize (disinfect) and are often not supportive because they are used. Some of our guests do not have one change of clothes when they arrive, and some only have flip-flops. Some guests are in pain from poor shoes. Good shoes not only protect their health from injuries and infections from open footwear but it helps empower them to get out of the shelter to follow through on their appointments to advance their lives toward stable housing and to just plain get a breath of fresh air and get out of the shelters walls on a walk. The donation of new shoes was invaluable, and the guests expressed their appreciation to me for the gift of shoes from Savvy International many times over many days. We also appreciated the donation of tea straws for our emergency clothing stash. Often, the victims of domestic violence who are the guests who arrive without a change of clothing and emergency clothes helps us decontaminate any clothing they are wearing when they enter our emergency shelter by giving them a change of clothes as we treat their clothes.

Thank you for leveraging API ON to co-sponsor the dinner, as well. Pizza is always a treat for the guests of the shelter and they don't get it often. It is also very thoughtful to arrange to have some vegetables and non-pork pizzas for our guests with dietary restrictions. The entire process of working with you and your chapter has been high quality and sensitive.

I am grateful for your organization, VJ, of the delivery, too, so that I could get to know your organization and its programs near to and far, and meet you personally myself. I am sorry that we could not give you a tour or have you distribute the shoes or dinner straws inside the building due to our physical distancing protocol. I am glad so many of your members were able to at least sit in the courtyard and read some stories on the day of the delivery to give you a feel for the place. This delivery gives me an opportunity to answer your members' questions about homelessness and the shelter, which, for me, is a valuable part of participating in the delivery.

This is how the Sassy International donation broke down according to my records:
$100 worth of PPE packages
$500 to Pizza
$218.88 189 pairs of shoes
$25 13 tea straws
TOTAL: $2534

I am so honored that Sassy International included us in their outreach to homeless shelters in the region. Meal delivery is always a help, and your meal was a special meal at that. During the pandemic, we have had a boost in meal donations because of physical distancing preventing some of our donors from making meals together like they usually do. On behalf of all the guests and leadership of Norman Herr Women's Center and YWCA Greater Cleveland, thank you for the personalized, timely, and your gift to our guests and personnel.

Respectfully,
Rachel Napolitano
Executive Director, hrw, hmr
Services Coordinator
Norman Herr Women's Center of YWCA Greater Cleveland

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See our website here: https://www.ywcaclleveland.org/visit-us/donate/norman-herr-womens-center
Project Seva

Joining hands with Sewa International

Satish Parikh (satish19267@gmail.com)  
To: you + 10 more

Sat, Jun 13, 2020 9:27 pm

Project Seva (FICA) would like to thank Sewa International Cleveland chapter for joining hands with Project Seva for supporting various Shelter Home's needs in this critical time. Sewa International donated face masks, face shields and sanitizers. Project Seva will be distributing these supplies to various shelter homes including West side Catholic center, st. Herman’s and few more shelter homes. Thanks to Ms. Vij Vilay and Hiren Forde (Sewa International).

Sincerely, Satish Parikh on behalf of entire Project Seva committee members

1 Attached Images
Menorah Park Nursing Home

RE: Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Richard Schwalberg <rschwalberg@menorahpark.org> Mon, Jun 8, 6:31 AM

Good morning, and thank you. The program was very special and appreciated by the Menorah Park Community. One of my Life Enrichment Directors, Kim or Jessica, will be reaching out to you regarding further volunteer opportunities for the students [virtual visits, thru phone calls, 3D printer use session...]. It was truly our pleasure and honor, Richard

Richard Schwalberg, Chief Operating Officer
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From: Vij Vijay [mailto:vijvijay53@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2020 6:38 PM
To: Richard Schwalberg.
Cc: humekundal@gmail.com
Subject: Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Mr. Schwalberg & the staff of the facility
Thank you very much for being there in person to accept the Face shields made by the students of the Sewa International Summer engagement program
It was very nice seeing you, the marketing director and all your staff joining us, cheering the kids and appreciating their effort.
The kids were happy and motivated to do more and make a difference in the community.
Please let me know the date and time to do the virtual meeting to show the process of making the face shields by the kids.
Please thank everyone on Sewa’s behalf and we are grateful to your services for the vulnerable population.
We are glad to be a small part in helping the community.
Thanks again.
Vij Vijay
President
Sewa International Cleveland Chapter
440-610-5719
July 14, 2020
Iowa International
Cleveland Chapter
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Padra & Ani:

Thank you for the delivery of Personal Protective Equipment. Your gesture of kindness will be helpful in containing the spread of COVID-19.

There are grants for the healthcare.

We much appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Violet Ortho
**Sewa International and AIPNO presented virtual concert by “Kailash Kher” dedicated to Frontline COVID-19 Healthcare workers**

By: Bhuvi Maharana

In the throes of the pandemonium caused by the pandemic, Sewa International and AIPNO uplifted our spirits by presenting us with a unique virtual concert by Padmashree Kailash Kher to soothe the minds and stir the souls of weary frontline healthcare workers, doctors and all others all over the world, with his sufi style music. The concert took place on May 16, 2020, from 1 - 3 PM EDT, called “Music is the Medicine of the Mind”.

The concert commenced with a song in praise of Lord Shiva. Throughout the concert, Kailash talked about the pandemic and the changes it brought into our lives, nature, our philosophy and thinking. From a personal standpoint, he felt the COVID situation taught us also to live life without expectations and introspect. Throughout the concert he impressed us with his thoughtfulness, service-minded approach to human beings. He briefly talked about his fifteen-year journey in the music world and his genre of music, which is unique, soulful and spiritual. One palpably felt the divine energy through his music and his devotion. Among the songs he sang was a popular song Saiyan from his album Kailash Joons Ki. He has sung songs in several languages, which is commendable and won several awards for the same.

He was vociferously advocating the message of charity to the viewers, motivating them to do Sewa physically and financially. His mantra was One Nation One Voice.

There was a large online participation in this concert event from all over the world. Thank you, Sewa International USA (National & Cleveland Chapter) and AIPNO for the service to deserving people at this trying time.
Plasma Drive

Sewa International Launches 24/7 COVID-19 Convalescent Blood Plasma Registry

Sewa International has launched a national registry for COVID-19 Blood Plasma (www.sewacovidplasma.org), a 24/7 service, that offers a national registry for both donors and recipients under the Convalescent Plasma Therapy program with five phone and social media support.

The mission is to bring together matching blood donors and COVID-19 patients seeking the plasma, in-time and save lives, and we are open round-the-clock to serve, says a Sewa press release.

What is the Convalescent COVID-19 Plasma Therapy?

Convalescent COVID-19 Plasma Therapy is an FDA regulated investigational therapy where plasma collected from eligible donors is used as therapy for a restricted class of recipient patients, both of whom have compatible blood type.

Who Can be a Plasma Donor?

A donor is:

1. Male or a non-pregnant female
2. No prior history of Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, HIV, or intravenous drug use
3. A COVID-19 survivor with either one of the following:
   A. Complete resolution of symptoms at least 28 days prior to donation
   OR
   B. Complete resolution of symptoms at least 14 days prior to donation. AND Negative results for COVID-19 either from one or more nasopharyngeal swab specimens or by a molecular diagnostic test from blood

Who Can be a Plasma Recipient?

Recipient is a COVID-19 patient who is acutely ill with respiratory failure deemed to benefit with this therapy after discussion with his or her physician.

Sewa’s registry is a mobile enabled, fully functional, self-registry service with 24/7 live phone and email support that offers both pre-screening and donor-patient matching services.

The registry includes status updates and email communication with an automatic status change notation.

Run by dedicated team of Sewa volunteers, the services adhere to HIPAA medical data protection law, and protects the privacy and confidentiality of the registered users (donors and recipients).

“A dedicated group of physicians and technologists developed and developed the registry rapidly because they saw the urgent need for such a service now,” said Prem Purushotham, Sewa Director of National & International Programs.

Users of the registry can call (302) 659- SEWA (302) 659 - 7392 or contact via email: plasma@sewausa.org.

For Greater Cleveland community for any help and support, please contact vijivijay52@gmail.com
3D Print Face Shields

Sewa Int’l launches project to create 3-D-printed face shields

By Cheay Yoon

In view of the acute shortage of face shields, one of the most essential personal protective equipment (PPE) for health workers during the fight against COVID-19 in the USA, Cleveland chapter has started 3-D printing of face shields to help them.

Cheay Yoon, Cleveland Chapter International program coordinator, initiated this project to help the community heal. Not only can this engage the youth with productive use of their free time but also make them feel a sense of purpose at this time of need, said Yoon.

Yoon joined Cleveland chapter, International USA, Cleveland chapter.

Three dedicated high school students—Giselle Marinovici, a sophomore from Sewa High School, Amna Kasar, a senior at University High School and Rohan Khan, a high school student in University High School—participated in the project with the guidance of Sewa.

Don Nguyen, volunteer of SEWA Cleveland, said, "Volunteers use 3D printers and work on Denia face shields to help those who are taking risks to serve others by helping patients with health care.

"Thank you to the participants, staff members, and volunteers of SEWA Cleveland chapter, " said Yoon.

"It is truly fulfilling to see our efforts to contribute to this cause and we are happy to be a part of this."
Shelter
Shoe Donation

Sewa USA, TANA-Cleveland team up to distribute shoes to women’s Shelter

By Vij Vijay, President, Sewa USA Cleveland Chapter

Sewa USA Cleveland Chapter and the Telugu Association of North America (TANA) teamed up to distribute new shoes to the residents of Norma Herr Women’s Shelter on Sunday, July 12. Norma Herr Woman’s Center is Cleveland’s only low-barrier emergency shelter for women ages 16-80. The emergency shelter serves on an average 170 women each night. Sunil Nandhini representing both TANA and Sewa Cleveland teams met with the Shelter director Rachel Napolitano and distributed 106 pairs of new sneakers in various sizes to the residents. Both the director and the residents very well appreciated the gesture.

In addition to shoes, Sewa team also distributed face masks, face shields (made by Amav iyani), and hand sanitizers to employees and residents of the shelter.
From Member of Congress

Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition

Presented to

Sewa International Cleveland

in recognition of

Your efforts to help our community during the Covid19 Health Crisis

May 8, 2020

[Signature]

DATE

Anthony Gonzalez
Member of Congress
3D Print Face Shields

• By: Tracy Carluss
• Posted at 3:36 PM, Jun 08, 2020
• and last updated 7:37 PM, Jun 08, 2020
• SOLON, Ohio — The coronavirus crisis has led to people helping one another, neighbors lending a helping hand, and now teenagers are doing their party to help their community. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), is the life-saving equipment first responders need. It’s in high demand and short supply.
• That's why the leaders at the Cleveland Chapter of Sewa International decided to help. The non-profit started a six-week youth engagement program using 3D printers to make face shields.
• "We thought we should engage with the youth and also give them an opportunity to contribute to COVID-19 relief efforts," said Viji Vijay.
• Three local students are part of the program.
• "3D printing is great for architectural models. It's much better, especially in a time of crisis like we are in now, to give back to the community, said Grant Maiorana, Solon High School. The goal is to make and distribute 500 face shields by July 1.
• "3D printing is foreign to me, the fact that these kids are computer savvy and can do this for their community is a very heartwarming thing," said Mark Urlaub, R.N. Menorah Park.
• Face shields were delivered to Menorah Park on Sunday.
• "Their acts of kindness are unbelievable," said Richard Schwalberg, Chief Operating Officer Menorah Park.
• But organizers want these face shields to reach people that all of us interact with every day.
• "Think of restaurants, the servers, busboys, the pharmacists, if you can protect more people in addition to fire, police and hospitals, I think we will be able to decrease the spread," said Sunil Narahari, Sewa International Cleveland Chapter.
• The students made a special delivery to workers at Subway and Antonio's Pizza in Solon on Saturday.
• "In some cases, I can see the impact I'm having on people and to me that is humbling and it shows how someone doing an action to help other people can change another person's life," said Rohan Kumar, University School.
• "It feels pretty good because you know you're making a direct impact on someone's life," said Krishna Mukunda, Hawken School.
Plasma Drive

Some doctors believe therapy shows promise
Convalescent plasma therapy is being used to treat patients with COVID-19, and a non-profit is on a mission to bring together matching blood donors and critically-ill patients.

- By: Tracy Carloss
- Posted at 5:04 PM, Apr 27, 2020 and last updated 5:19 PM, Apr 27, 2020

CLEVELAND — Convalescent plasma therapy is being used to treat patients with COVID-19, and a non-profit is on a mission to bring together matching blood donors and critically-ill patients.

Right now, there is no known cure, treatment, or vaccine for COVID-19. But, some doctors believe convalescent plasma therapy is showing promise. It is plasma donated from someone who had the virus and recovered that is given to a patient fighting the virus.

“Convalescent serum is a source of antibodies so we can infuse these antibodies in the patients who are actually infected with COVID-19,” said Dr. Rupesh Raina, with the Association of Indian Physicians of Northern Ohio.

But, how do you match recovered patients with critically ill patients?

“We saw the urgent need for having this service, nothing like this was available,” said Viji Vijay, Cleveland Chapter President of Sewa International.


The group provides a platform to connect donors and recipients nationally.

It’s aimed at helping physicians and patients get the potentially life saving information quickly.

The registry process is HIPPA-compliant and protects the privacy of both donors and recipients, said Vijay.

The Cleveland Chapter of Sewa International teamed up with The Association of Indian Physicians of Northern Ohio to help spread the word about the new database. The site launched April 16.

Right now, convalescent plasma therapy is regulated by the FDA as investigational.

While the therapy is not yet an approved treatment, Raina said he has seen it work.

“I’ve seen a couple of my friends they got it, they got the therapy and improved,” he said.
THANK YOU

Sewa

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The Rotary Club of Cuyahoga Falls
Ohio, USA
Cuyahoga Falls Rotary Club
Provides PPE
to
Local Fire and Police Departments
Because of Sewa

On Thursday, June 18, 2020
the Cuyahoga Falls Fire and Police Departments received a donation of
500 N95 masks from the Cuyahoga Falls Rotary Club.
They were personally presented to

• Police Chief Jack Davis and
• to Fire Chief Fred Jackson

by the Leadership of the Cuyahoga Falls Rotary Club. Mayor Don Walters and Rotary Club President Rick Pollak were among those participating in the ceremony.
A natural partnership!

Sewa & Rotary combined forces to provide...
Rotary provides PPE to fire, police departments

On Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 2:45 PM, the Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department and Police Department received 500 N95 masks from the Cuyahoga Falls Rotary Club. They were presented to Chief Jack Davis and Chief Fred Jackson at Fire Station 5 on Wyoga Lake Road.

The April 19, 2020 edition of the Falls News Press contained a story indicating that, in addition to Western Reserve Hospital, the city’s fire department was also in need of personal protective equipment. The Rotary Club had applied for a Disaster Response Grant from The Rotary Foundation on behalf of Western Reserve Hospital, as well as six other area hospitals, so it was a great opportunity for the club to help the Fire Department.

The club’s New Member Committee, chaired by Rachel Victor of the Wayne Agency, indicated that the club board of directors that her team wanted to pursue this project as a matching grant from the district.

As the process began with an informal needs assessment of both the CPF and the CPF, Chief Davis and Chief Jackson indicated that N95 Masks were their highest priority and the most difficult to find. The grant was approved and the club began its quest to see how many masks could be purchased in a timely fashion.

Finding N95 masks at all proved to be both difficult and expensive as demand has skyrocketed and vendors repeatedly told the club that they are unavailable right now. Then, the beauty of Rotary — 1.2 million members worldwide, providing “Service Above Self” — presented itself.

Rick Pollak, President of Cuyahoga Falls Rotary, found a connection through a Rotarian from the Medina Rotary Club and received contact information for someone at Sewa International USA. This organization was able to secure the highly sought after face masks almost immediately. Because the request came from Rotary, this International Hindu faith-based, humanitarian, nonprofit service organization was an available resource.

The Rotary Club of Cuyahoga Falls is grateful for their help and looks forward to continuing to support our community even more in months and years to come.
Thank you Sewa
For all that you do!