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# Sewa International- New Jersey & New York

#### Sewa Westchester: #SewaDiwali

In November, Sewa of Westchester LEAD participants reached out to the broader Westchester community for #SewaDiwali. A total of 300 pounds of non-perishable food was collected, and delivered to the Feeding Westchester Food Bank. A total of 60 Sewa Recyclable bags (1 per family) was also distributed to spread awareness about Sewa.

In December, the focus for the team is end-of-year fundraising. To reach this goal, the LEAD participants created a GoFundMe campaign and are reaching out to the friends and family.





### Sewa North Jersey: November Baithak December 5, 2020

The Sewa North Jersey chapter held the November baithak over zoom on December 5, 2020. The meeting was attended by 19 volunteers. The topics discussed include: Sewa Milan, The Street Clean-Up initiative, Sewa's Soup Kitchen initiative, etc.

## Sewa North Jersey: Food Pantry & Soup Kitchen Donation

The Sewa North Jersey LEAD Participants collected more than 2,000 pounds of non-perishable food items for the month of November. The donations were dropped off at the following locations: The Interfaith Food Pantry in Morris Plains, Montville Food Pantry, Parsippany Community Center, and Morristown Soup Kitchen.



# Sewa North Jersey: Street Clean-Up

As part of Sewa North Jersey's #KeepMyStreetClean initiative, LEAD participants have been regularly cleaning the streets near or in their neighborhood. The statistics collected, are provided to the NJ Clean Communities which is a NJ State program to help plan better environmental programs for the state.



# Sewa North Jersey: Sewa Milan

The Sewa North Jersey chapter will be hosting the annual Sewa Milan event on December 12, 2020. During Sewa Milan, chapter volunteers get together with family, friends, and supporters to review the activities done in 2020 and present award certificates to the LEAD youth volunteers. Please join the Sewa Milan with family and friends to learn more about upcoming activities and opportunities to serve in 2021.



## **Upcoming Events:**

#### North Jersey:

1. Sewa Milan

2. #KeepMyStreetClean (ongoing)

#### Visit our Chapter Website, Facebook, and Instagram Pages:

https://sewausa.org/Chapter/NewJersey

https://www.facebook.com/SEWANorthNJ

https://www.instagram.com/sewanorthjersey

https://www.instagram.com/centraljerseysewa

https://www.facebook.com/centraljersey.sewa

Join the North Jersey Volunteers WhatsApp Group:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/oqAhEyU3v99DGfe51V9Pf

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

#### Helpful Links:

https://www.cdc.gov/ - Official site to get updates on Coronavirus https://nj.gov/ - New Jersey State update on Coronavirus https://www.ny.gov/ - New York State update on Coronavirus

Quotation: "Out of the Mountain of Despair, a Stone of Hope." - Martin Luther King Jr.

#### Om Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah