**Track Updates**

**Soup Kitchen**

As every month, in Aug also our team delivered food items to the Community Soup Kitchen of Morristown. Volunteers are encouraged to schedule their Soup Kitchen services.

**Sponsor a Child**

All Karyakarthas have to ensure that Sewa is listed as one of their Non Profit Organizations. Every Karyakartha is going to sponsor at least one child. We would like to meet this year’s target of 100 and make up last year’s deficit.

North Jersey chapter is planning to sponsor a Learning Center of 45 students in Soacha, Colombia.

**Family Services**

Our Family services team has been handling the ongoing case.

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**LEAD/GI: Schooley Park Trail Expansion**

**Washington Township, Aug 4th**

LEADs and GI participated in Schooley’s Mountain Park Trail Expansion on 4th August in Morris County, Washington Township. The activity started at 8AM and concluded by 4PM. Our Chapter Volunteers prepared the Lunch for LEADs and LEAD Families. Afternoon is filled with socializing and fun activities.
Feedback: On behalf of the Morris County Park Commission (especially the park maintenance staff) I would like to thank SEWA International for their extraordinary efforts and cleanup at Schooleys Mountain Park in Washington Township, NJ on August 4, 2018. The group arrived on Saturday and all were eager to participate in the trail maintenance project. They split into 3 groups as each group worked toward the common goal of cutting back invasive plants and overgrowth in order to widen the narrow paths. In total the group cut back and patrolled over 3.6 miles of trails in the park! ..... 

Kevin Tode,  
Manager of Park Maintenance  
Morris County Park Commission
LEAD/GI: Summer Blood Drive

Montville, Aug 5th

LEADs and GI organized Blood drive in Montville and were successfully able to get 23 number of people to donate blood. LEADs did blood drive outreach on July 22nd to have more foot traffic for this blood drive.
LEAD/GI: Sewa Outreach

Parsippany, Aug 12th
Montville, Aug 12th
Edison, Aug 12th

LEADs and GI planned and executed Sewa outreach events at 4 locations throughout the day. They showcased their presentations about Sewa Programs, LEAD program and Columbia Project.
LEAD/GI: Conclusion

Parsippany, Aug 19th

2018 LEAD and GI Program conclusion ceremony was held on August 19th at Montville Library Pio Costa Auditorium. LEADs and GI received Sewa and NJ Legislature recognition certificates for their Volunteer Hours over summer. Freeholder Deborah Smith and Former Mountain Lakes Mayor Stephen Shaw (represented Assemblywoman DeCroce) presented the recognition certificates.
Soup Kitchen Donation

Morristown, Aug 2018

North Jersey Volunteers have collected Monthly donations and dropped off their collection at the adopted Soup Kitchen in Morristown.

LEAD/GI: Flavors of India (iMela)

Parsippany, July 22nd

LEADers and Volunteers participated in Sewa outreach at Flavors of India Mela (organized by Parsippany Sanathan Mandir). LEADs participated in National Anthem and Volunteers signup, activities at Sewa Booth.
Sewa Yatra to Columbia
Bogota, Colombia, Jul 16th till 23rd 2018

Prem Ji's Family did Sewa Yatra to Columbia Project. They Got to see “Garden of Joy” which is taking care of 40 kids, understood that a rest room is required right away .... The center brought in a good positive change to neighborhood in 4 years. Prem Ji’s family met the kids and also met Margarita, Priscilla and Adrianna. North Jersey Chapter is supporting two Sewa Learning centers, the Garden of Joy near Bogota and the other in Tunja in Columbia.

For more information on Garden of Joy -> https://youtu.be/-ws8X1NSXkA
Please add your self to North Jersey Volunteers WhatsApp group at following link:  
https://chat.whatsapp.com/eqAhEyU3v99DGfe5IV9pPf

Please visit our chapter website, facebook and Instagram pages:

https://sewausa.org/chapter/NorthJersey/NorthJersey-overview
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https://www.instagram.com/sewanorthjersey

This month’s quotation:

"The greatest religion is to be true to your own nature. Have faith in yourselves."
— Swami Vivekananda

Om Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah

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