

# NEWSLETTER

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Food and Grocery donation drive

Sewa International, San Diego organized a Food and Grocery donation drive on 01/03/2024 at San Ysidro, CA in collaboration with Hearts and Hands Working Together. The event was a great success and we served about **250** Hispanic Community families in the San Ysidro area. We donated over **4200** lbs of Produce including rice, lentils, oats, pinto beans, mixed fruit, canned beans, canned corn, walnuts and raisins. Sewa International, San Diego team coordinated the event and Volunteers from Sewa, HSS & Ekal San Diego also participated in the event. The spirit and enthusiasm displayed by everyone inspite of the heavy rain was exemplary. We had **10** Sewa LEAD Program Students who helped individually package all the above food over several days before the event. Event was also attended by Antonio Martinez and Irene Lopez of the San Ysidro School Board who were in profound appreciation of the Community Service work done by Sewa International, San Diego Chapter.



# EVENT SPOTLIGHT



## Sewa San Diego Community Clean Up Event - Forester Creek / River Cleanup

March 16th, from 9 AM to 12 PM, Sewa San Diego hosted a remarkable Community Clean Up Event at Forester Creek/River. With **12** enthusiastic volunteers from Sewa San Diego and the participation of other organizations, the event was a true testament to community spirit. Organized by the diligent efforts of the San Diego River Park Foundation, the cleanup initiative aimed to restore the natural beauty of the creek and river. Together, we worked tirelessly to remove debris and enhance the environment. The collective dedication of volunteers and the support from the foundation made the event a resounding success. Sewa San Diego extends heartfelt thanks to all participants for their unwavering commitment to environmental stewardship. This event underscored the power of community collaboration in creating a cleaner and healthier environment for all.



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## San Diego Holi

On March 23, 2024 Sewa and HSS San Diego celebrated Sewa Holi 2024 with approximately **150-200** attendees. The event was graced by Cole Torres from office of Senator Brian Jones, Janet Chin from the office of Assembly member Tasha Boerner and Jason Bercovitch from the Office of Rep. Scott Peters. It was a festive atmosphere and everyone enjoyed the event along with some delicious food.



# PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



## San Diego LEAD DTL Program

Sewa San Diego LEAD program for 2023-24 started in Oct 2023. We have **15** middle and high school students in our program. The students have participated in several activities including food donation, food serving, gift wrapping and river cleanup activities over the last 6 months. Within the LEAD program we also have **6** high school students participating in the Design To Lead program under the guidance of Dr. Anurag Mittal. The students have chosen to tackle the lack of quality education in underserved communities such as San Ysidro school district and come up with solutions to improve the same.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## April & May 2024

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Saturday, April 20th, 2024</b>	<b>Feeding San Diego</b>
<b>Saturday, May 18th, 2024</b>	<b>San Diego Food Bank</b>

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