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## Sewa Cleveland 2020 Activities Report



## Sewa Cleveland Chapter

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### Sewa Temple Cooking – January 26, 2020

Sewa Cleveland organized a Temple cooking drive in January at our local Shiva-Vishnu Temple. Volunteers locally prepared and served lunch for over 300 temple patrons and donated the proceeds to the temple. It was a very successful and wellappreciated event.











#### **COVID-19 Relief Efforts**



Non-medical Helpline: Along with Sewa National team we established One exclusive helpline for Cleveland which handled about 12 calls per week

Food & Groceries: Helped 6 local families who lost their job due to COVID, to buy groceries for 3 months

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**Senior Citizens**: Helped 12 senior citizens with delivering groceries during the local COVID surge

International Students: Helped 14 local international students with shelter, food, help with immigration and answering travel related queries

**Case Management:** Provided Case Management for 2 individuals and families requiring long term assistance

Webinars: Collaborated with National to conduct periodic webinars conducted by physicians, therapists, immigration attorneys and other professionals – More than 35 webinars and over 75K viewers

Family Services: Helped 2 Needy Homeless students of Indian Origin with their rent

#### **COVID-19 Relief Efforts PPE Distribution**

Sewa distributed over 1100 N95 masks, 1000 KN95 masks, 20,000 Surgical masks, 500 face shields, 1600 gloves, 500 gowns, 60 hand sanitizer bottles and 7 infra-red thermometers. **Cleveland Chapter** Sewa Cleveland distributed these PPEs to local doctors, Clinics and nursing homes with the help of AIPNO, local businesses, homeless shelters, temples, fire and Police stations, Rotary Club, restaurants & grocery stores

The value of all these PPEs estimated to be over \$25,000















# PPE Distribution Police and Fire Stations









Restaurants









## PPE Distribution Temples







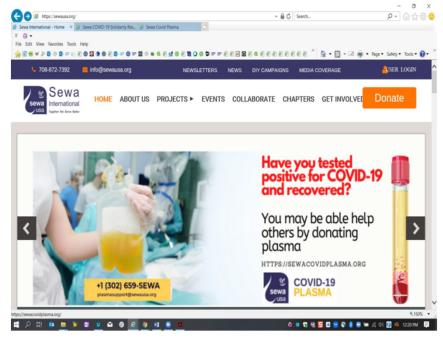
Rotary Club, Bhutanese Refugees, Grocery Stores







## COVID Plasma Registry – March to May



https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/continuingcoverage/coronavirus/local-coronavirusnews/nonprofit-group-sewa-international-launchescovid-19-plasma-registry Sewa launched a 24/7 COVID-19 Blood Plasma Registry with Cleveland chapter collaborating with AIPNO (Association of Indian Physicians of Northeast Ohio).

The Sewa Plasma Registry

(www.sewacovidplasma.org) was the first 24/7 service that offers a national registry for both donors and recipients with live phone and social media support. It is a mobile enabled fully functional, self-registry service that offers both pre-screening and donor-patient matching services.

These services adhere to HIPPA medical data protection laws, and protects the privacy and confidentiality of the registered users (donors and recipients).

Cleveland chapter actively participated in phone bank and registering potential donors and recipients for over 3 months.

Our efforts resulted in Registering over **100 Donors**, over **40 Recipients**, **6 Plasma Donations and 3 Patients Recovered**. The local ABC TV Channel 5 recognized our effort by featuring a story for the local viewers.



#### 3D Face Shields for Frontline workers –Youth Engagement Program

- To help the local frontline workers, Sewa Cleveland initiated a six-week youth engagement program using 3D printers to make face shields with 3 high school kids with a Sewa volunteer as a mentor.
- The students created more than 500 face shields and distributed to local nursing homes, assisted living, doctors and businesses. The local ABC TV Channel 5 recognized our effort by the youth by featuring a story for the local viewers.

https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/continuing-coverage/coronavirus/local-coronavirus-news/local-teenagers-3d-printing-hundreds-of-face-shields-for-frontline-workers



Menorah Park Nursing Home Beachwood



Antonio's Pizza, Solon, Ohio



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Subway, Solon, Ohio

### Music event with Kailash Kher - May 16, 2020



- In order to show our appreciation to the hardworking frontline medical personnel, Sewa Cleveland in collaboration with AIPNO and National team organized a virtual concert program by world-renowned singer, lyricist, and music composer Padma Shri Kailash Kher.
- This concert, "Music is the Medicine of the Mind", brought-in several thousand viewers all over the world and was a monumental success in destressing healthcare workers.



## International Yoga Day – June 20,2020

- Sewa Cleveland Collaborated with University Hospitals Avon Health Center and organized the 6th Annual Virtual Summer Sun Salutations yoga.
- More than 120 people attended the event through Facebook Live.
- Special thanks to yoga teachers Renee Barret and Stacy Teter for another successful yoga event.









## Sponsor Food for Homeless Shelters

Sewa Cleveland along with AIPNO has been sponsoring food for a number of local homeless shelters for the past several months.

The volunteers have visited several shelters to meet with the administrators and residents, To distribute food and PPEs for their use.



Sewa also distributed 150 pairs of new sneakers with the help of TANA



Laura Homeless Shelter



Catholic Charity



Front Steps Shelter



Zelma Homeless Shelter



Norma Herr



Family Promise Shelter



Norma Herr Shoes Donation



St.Herman's shelter

#### **ASPIRE**

#### (Achieving Student Progress, Instilling Resilience and Excellence)

 Sewa started the ASPIRE program in Cleveland, OH with the help of generous donors and the I Way of Cleveland in 2016.



- So far Sewa has tutored around 200 students for inner city students (Euclid High School and Garnero Heights High School)
- Conduct classes for high school students in English, Math and science
- Helping students develop and improve their academic and social skills
- This year we tutored 40 Students from South Euclid School and 30 students from Garfield High School.
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=Jwq0kd9N5WQ&app=desktOp







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#### Teacher Testimonial

A letter from Jeff Rotsky Euclid High School

"Just grading some quizzes Davian S got 50/50!!! I have had Davian for 2 years now (different courses) and I am so proud of him because it is by FAR his highest test score. Davian has always struggled in Math but he is showing that if you just put in little work day by day the results come on their own:) Just thought I would share some classroom success with you. Again for making sure these students don't forget the "student" part of being a student athlete"

## Students that got scholarship from Euclid after improving their GPA

- Reese Worship
- Jaylen Jacobs
- Ashawn Berry
- Omari Howard
- Drevon Lindsay
- Christopher Parker
- Vincent Jackson
- Darrius Johnson
- Raylan McGuire
- Deandre Williams
- Jalen Jackson
- Brandon Wright
- Octavious Hardy

## Collaborators



AIPNO- Association of Indian Physicians of Northern Ohio	FICA - Federation of India Community Associations
TANA - Telugu Association of North America_	SAGA
Project Seva	Helping Hands
HAF – Hindu American Foundation	HSS – Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh
IndiafestUSA	Community Relations Board, City of Cleveland
Rotary Club of Bay Village ,Westlake and Cuyahoga Falls	Jewish Family Services
Grief Counseling Center; Mission 4 Maureen; Center for Integrated Therapies	Mental Health: The Gathering Place
International Institute of Akron; Catholic Family Services	Northeast Ohio Translators Association