

NEWS UPDATE

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"There is nothing more beautiful than someone who goes out of their way to make life beautiful for others."

- MANDY HALE



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INTRODUCTION

HISTORY OF M S INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Manu and Rika Shah founded MSI in 1975, in the basement of their home in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. MSI is now the largest importer and distributor in the world of Premium Surfaces including granite, marble, porcelain and ceramic tiles, slate, travertine, limestone and other natural stone products from 37 countries. Most notably, MSI provided the granite for the Vietnam Memorial in DC.

Manu and Rika Shah established Sarva Mangal Family Trust (Sarva Mangal means 'let all be happy' in Sanskrit) over 20 years ago with compassion as their driving force for philanthropy. Manu's vision for SMFT is to act as a catalyst, challenge status quo, nurture passionate change-makers and support leapfrogging ideas that are scalable and sustainable. Today, all members from the Shah family are involved in social impact initiatives that are undertaken by SMFT. Manu supports VOSAP – Voice of Specially Abled People, which has created over 10,000 change makers and rated over 18,000 buildings rated for accessibility. He also supports Lend a hand India, which provides digital vocational training to over 300,000 students in 20,000 schools.

In 2007, Mr. Manu Shah was named Ernst & Young's national Entrepreneur of the Year in the distribution, manufacturing, and security category.

ABOUT SARVA MANGAL FAMILY TRUST

Established in 1994 by the Founders of M S International, Inc. The mission of the Sarva Mangal Family Trust is to improve and strengthen the health, education and theyllness of communities and help them prepare for global jobs of the 21st century. Sarva Mangal is a Sanskrit word which means Goodness to All.

To advance this mission, the Sarva Mangal Family Trust has donated to and is continuing to work with various organizations and programs in health promotion and prevention, assisting victims of domestic violence, empotheyring seniors, entrepreneurship, technological literacy, community activism, and children's education.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS



SHAHS HONORED AS VISIONARY DONORS AT ACC'S ANNUAL GALA

Manu and Rika Shah, founders of the Sarva Mangal Family Trust, were celebrated as major donors at Anekant Community Center's Annual Volunteer and Donor Recognition Gala, a recognition of their transformative contributions to the community. Their unwavering support has been pivotal in driving ACC's mission, enabling life-changing initiatives such as health fairs, medical missions, surgical camps, and disaster relief efforts. The Shahs' dedication to service exemplifies the profound impact of philanthropy in uplifting lives and creating lasting change. **(Continued on Page 4)**

EVENT – ANEKANT COMMUNITY CENTER ANNUAL GALA

On November 10, 2024, the Anekant Community Center (ACC) hosted its Volunteer and Donor Recognition Gala, the event marking a heartfelt return to celebrating the individuals and organizations whose unwavering support fuels ACC's mission of delivering humanitarian aid, healthcare, and disaster relief to communities across the globe.

The evening was filled with a mix of cultural performances, including Indian music and comedy. The event brought together volunteers, donors, community leaders, and supporters, both in person and via a live stream on YouTube, showcasing the far-reaching impact of ACC's work and the power of collective compassion.

The event featured a presentation given by ACC director Dr. Nitin Shah that gave insight into ACC's various projects, including health fairs, medical missions, surgical camps, and disaster relief efforts. Dr. Shah emphasized the critical role that volunteers and donors play in the organization's success while also highlighting the organization's milestones and future goals. The presentation spotlighted the Tender Care Community Outreach Program (TCCOP), a subsidiary of ACC that involves a network of volunteers that prioritize providing support, assistance, and educational services to people facing challenges, including minority, senior, and underserved groups. TCCOP has been operating since 2008 and has served thousands of people. The Nalini Shah Cancer Fund was also featured, as it was set up with ACC to spread cancer awareness, education, and prevention, including early detection. It has established multiple seminars, lectures, self-examination training, and early-detection cancer camps in both the US and India.

The Volunteer and Donor Recognition Gala not only celebrated the contributions of ACC's supporters and rewarded 4 major donors, including SMFT, but it also inspired new partnerships and increased engagement. With the success of the 2024 Volunteer and Donor Recognition Gala, ACC has set the stage for another impactful year of service, demonstrating that through unity, compassion, and dedication, meaningful change is possible.



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About the Nonprofit

Anekant Community Center (ACC), established in 2005, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to providing humanitarian services worldwide. Its mission is to address critical needs in healthcare, education, and disaster relief for underserved communities by offering free support globally. With a vision to become a multi-service, multi-ethnic resource center ACC fosters resilience and well-being in underserved communities across Southern California and globally. It also actively supports young adults in launching impactful nonprofit initiatives, fostering the next generation of social entrepreneurs who aim to create positive change.



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About the SMFT Funded Project



SMFT-funded initiatives have been key supporters of ACC's core programs, including vision and anemia screenings, surgical and medical missions, natural disaster interventions, and community health fairs. These projects aim to provide essential and accessible healthcare services, improve health literacy, and offer timely disaster relief for marginalized populations globally. SMFT's funding enables ACC to deliver critical interventions that enhance community health, reduce preventable diseases, and restore hope and stability to those affected by crises.



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Project Location/Geography

The SMFT-funded projects are conducted in diverse locations; including Southern California, Zambia, Kenya, Uganda, Cameroon, Nigeria, Ghana, Jamaica, India, Nepal, and others. ACC has also served in Haiti, India, Turkey, Syria, Nepal, and other countries after natural disasters. These projects have reached both local and international communities in need.



Recent Project Updates



SMFT-funded initiatives have made a significant impact through multiple programs over the past year. Medical missions were conducted in 10 countries, benefitting 156,150 people. These missions addressed vision impairments and anemia (focused on young girls and women). Surgical missions also have been a priority this year, with over 4,100 free surgeries provided in multiple countries to address various health issues; including hernias, hysterectomies, cysts, and cataracts. Recent natural disasters that ACC has contributed to the aftermath of include this year's Nepal floods and last year's Turkey-Syria

earthquakes, assisting by traveling to and arranging help in the affected areas. ACC provided tents, blankets, and prosthetics as a means of damage control in Nepal. ACC has been consistent with its annual health fairs in Anaheim; offering free medical consultations, screenings, and health education; serving hundreds of underserved individuals in local communities as well as internationally.



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Overall Impact

With SMFT's support, ACC has conducted over 888 missions in 27 countries, facilitating healthcare access and disaster resilience initiatives in underserved regions worldwide, impacting hundreds of thousands of lives. ACC's medical missions provide early detection and treatment along with preventive care education that significantly improves health outcomes worldwide. ACC also prioritizes surgical care, restoring health and independence to patients who lack access to critical medical services. ACC additionally plays a pivotal role in disaster relief, responding to major crises, including earthquakes, floods, pandemics, cyclones, tsunamis, and wildfires over the past nearly 20 years. The organization raises and distributes funds, coordinates relief efforts, and delivers essential supplies to affected communities. Locally, ACC continues its annual health fairs, offering free consultations and health education to hundreds of vulnerable individuals. These initiatives not only address immediate health and disaster recovery needs but also empower communities with the necessary tools and support for long-term well-being. Through these comprehensive efforts, ACC and SMFT make a lasting impact on the health stability and resilience of the communities they serve. SMFT's ongoing support is instrumental in ACC's ability to serve as a global beacon of hope and healing.



MISSION COUNTRIES

- USA
- India
- Zambia
- Albania
- Malawi
- South Africa
- Kenya
- Nigeria
- Ghana
- Nepal
- Turkiye
- Pakistan
- Canada
- Haiti
- Jamaica
- Afghanistan
- Iran
- Syria
- Morocco
- Libya
- Fiji
- Mexico
- Japan
- Philippines
- Uganda
- Malaysia
- Cameroon

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Highlight of the Month

On November 10, Anekant Community Center held its volunteer and donor recognition event, done after many years. It was an event with entertainment that commended our volunteers and sponsors while also familiarizing the audience, both in person and on YouTube Live, with ACC and its goals and accomplishments. The event was very successful, as volunteer and donor appreciation is highly valued, and the event resulted in greater awareness about what ACC is and its annual ventures!

Awards

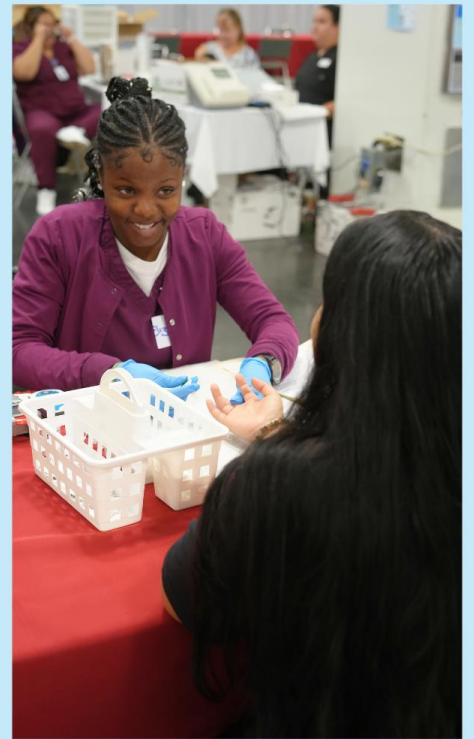
Donor recognition rewards were given to ACC's president, Kantibhai Shah, and directors Mahesh Wadher, Harkishan Vasa, Ramesh Doshi & Nitin Shah. Major donors were also recognized, including GBS Linens, Tarsadia Foundation, SMFT, and Ashok & Madhu Patel.



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In the News

- [Anaheim Health Fair November 2022 Coverage by Michelle Valles on NBC](#)
- [2022 AHF CBS Coverage](#)
- [2022 AHF NBC](#)
- [Medical Mission](#)



SUCCESS STORY – ANEKANT COMMUNITY CENTER

In 2015, a young girl from Jamaica was brought to our attention. Born with congenital cataracts in both eyes, her ability to see was severely impaired, and her world remained shrouded in darkness. Local ophthalmologists in Jamaica hesitated to perform surgery, citing the complexity and risks involved. This left her and her family without hope for a better future.

Then, during our annual cataract surgery mission, everything changed. Dr. Prajapati, with his expertise and compassionate care, stepped in to perform life-changing surgeries under general anesthesia. The first surgery, conducted in 2015, focused on one eye. A year later, in 2016, the second eye was operated on with equal precision and care.

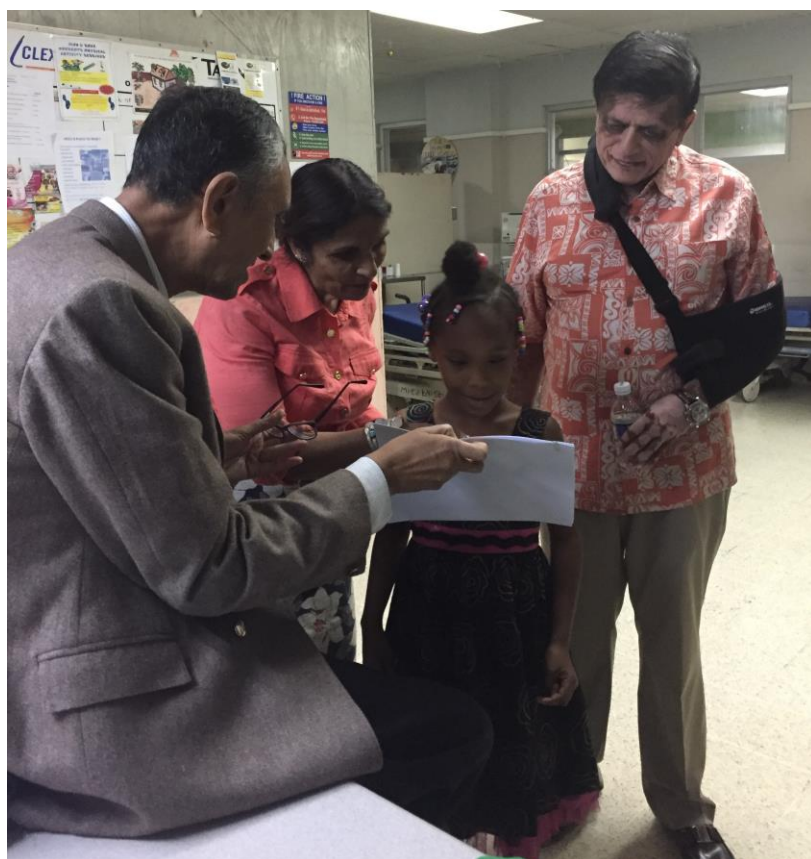
The results were nothing short of miraculous. For the first time, this brave young girl could see the vibrant world around her. From the lush green landscapes of Jamaica to the faces of her loved ones, her life transformed in ways that words cannot fully describe.

Today, her journey of recovery and growth continues to inspire us. Not only has she regained her vision, but she is also thriving in her education. With the ability to see clearly, she has unlocked new opportunities and is making remarkable progress in school, setting her on a path toward a brighter future.

This success story underscores the profound impact that vision restoration can have on a child's life. Thanks to the dedication of our team and the support of our mission, one young girl's dreams have been reignited, and her future has been illuminated with endless possibilities.

Together, we continue to change lives—one vision, one child, one future at a time.

Name: Anonymous
Location: Jamaica
Project: Health Mission



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In 2009, a 45-year-old man from India faced a daunting challenge that threatened his livelihood and his family's well-being. He was diagnosed with a bilateral inguinal hernia, a

Name: Anonymous

Location: Jamaica

Project: Health Mission

condition that caused him significant pain and discomfort, making it impossible for him to work and provide for his loved ones. With limited access to medical care, his prospects seemed bleak.

Through our outreach efforts, he received the help he desperately needed. In 2009, the first hernia was successfully repaired, followed by surgery for the second hernia in 2010. Both procedures were carried out with precision and care, ensuring a full recovery for the patient.

The impact of these surgeries was life-changing. Freed from the debilitating effects of his condition, he was able to return to work and resume his role as the primary provider for his family. His restored health not only brought financial stability but also renewed his sense of purpose and dignity.

Today, this resilient man continues to support his family, a testament to the transformative power of timely medical intervention. His story is a reminder that even a single act of care can ripple through an entire family and community, restoring hope and building a brighter future.



This success story exemplifies our commitment to addressing critical health needs and empowering individuals to reclaim their lives. Together, we can continue to make a lasting difference, one life at a time.

We have many stories of impacting people, from children to adults to seniors, one at a time. Our Tender Care Community Outreach Program (TCCOP) works with seniors who have no support. TCCOP impacts one life at a time by visiting them at home and/or hospital and assisting them with their individual needs.

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