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**40 YEARS OF SHARE & CARE**  
A New Era – Steeped in Tradition



Dear Patrons,

As Share & Care commemorates its milestone of **40 years of humanitarian service**, we celebrate YOU — our donors.

**YOUR invaluable support is our legacy**, and as we maximize the impact of your donations, YOU inspire our work. **Together we have distributed nearly \$80 million dollars of aid throughout India since 1982.** Having provided critical support, in India and locally, during the Covid crisis, we have now resumed our ongoing projects. As the prices of the most basic necessities rise throughout the world, many are rapidly falling below the poverty line. Our work is more urgent than ever, and YOU can help.

Delving in to meet the challenges of our next 40 years, Share & Care is adapting to the needs of a rapidly-changing future. We are empowering our own young adult volunteers and children as we build on the legacy of our past while establishing a bridge to our future. **Together we can create a bright future for those who dare not wish for one.** Can YOU help us make their dreams a reality?

Saumil Parikh, *President* • Aditi Vyas, *Secretary, Board of Trustees*



**“Oh, the places you’ll go; oh, the things you’ll see is technology.”**

With the support of our donors and sponsors, Share & Care will unveil a brand-new computer lab for underserved students in Uttar Pradesh.

## The Bridge to the Future

The Young Professional Committee (YPC) kicked off Share & Care’s 40th year with a virtual poker night fundraiser. Players of all ages from around the nation competed for prizes in a riveting tournament. Thanks to our wonderful sponsors and participants, **we raised more than \$28,000!** With an increasing need for digital literacy in our modern world, a generous donor has matched up to \$15,000 to fulfill our goal of building a computer lab for underserved students in Uttar Pradesh.

Through a partnership with Y4D foundation, **this lab will provide vital technical resources and digital literacy education to more than 1,000 students and teachers.** Entry into the modern job market is contingent on these skills, and equipping both students and teachers at government schools will bridge the digital divide between the opportunities available to private school students and those given to public school students. **And it was all made possible by you.**

**To learn more or join, contact [YPC@shareandcare.org](mailto:YPC@shareandcare.org).**



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# Kids Helping Kids Reach Their Full Potential

Share & Care's Kids4Kids (K4K) program is a group of more than 65 hard-working students between the ages of 12 and 18 in the New York and New Jersey areas. **K4K members are passionate about making a difference by supporting other children in the pursuit of education.** Their work funds our Educate 2 Success (E2S) Signature Program, which provides resources to students in rural India who are most at risk of dropping out and not finishing their schooling.



K4K members generously donated their time during a volleyball tournament to keep score and sell Share & Care merchandise, with all proceeds going to the E2S program.



Take a look at what the K4K team has been up to in the first half of 2022:

- **Super Bowl Raffle:** The K4K committee organized a 50-50 raffle for the Super Bowl, and half of the prize pool was donated to educational efforts in rural India.
- **Volleyball Tournament:** K4K members volunteered to score volleyball matches, during which they sold merchandise to raise money and awareness for children at risk of dropping out of school in India.
- **Chipotle Spirit Night:** During K4K's Chipotle fundraiser, 33% of all sales were given to fund the E2S program.
- **Social Media Activism:** K4K is always working to raise money and awareness for educational efforts on their social media platforms! Check them out on **Instagram (@SCFkids4kids)** and **TikTok (@ShareandCareorg)**.

## Get Involved

The Kids4Kids team has worked diligently over the past few months to raise money and awareness for underprivileged children, and they have great things in store for the remainder of 2022! Their motto is "one child for one child," and a \$130 donation provides lifetime membership into K4K and **will immediately impact a child's life in India by covering the cost of their classes, books, supplies, uniforms, counseling, family visits, and empowerment workshops for an entire year!** A one-year membership costs \$35 and includes a K4K t-shirt (while supplies last). Everyone ages 12 through 18 is encouraged to become a member of K4K to **have fun, connect with other service-minded youth, and truly make a difference.** To join or learn more, contact [Kids@shareandcare.org](mailto:Kids@shareandcare.org) ●

**THE 2022 KIDS4KIDS COMMITTEE** ▶ **Aagam Kothari**, President; **Anika Gandhi**, Vice President; **Shlok Jhaveri**, Treasurer; **Yana Mehta**, Marketing Director; **Nysa Kothari**, Marketing Assistant; **Rishin Shah**, Secretary; **Shivam Modani**, Liaison; **Rhea Shah**, Newsletter Secretary; **Krishi Shah**, Volunteer Coordinator



# Providing Life-Saving Cancer Education and Screenings



## HEALTHCARE 2 UNREACHED



Through the support of Share & Care, Nitaben's cancer was detected and treated early.

**“To be honest, I didn’t even know about the Pap smear test, and I wasn’t serious about it. After participating in the Cancer Awareness Program, I came to know about this test, and I took the Pap smear test as per the suggestion of the staff of this institute. The test, followed by a colposcopy and biopsy report, confirmed my cervical cancer. Without any delay, we started cancer treatment. Today, I am cancer-free.”**

—NITABEN VIPULBHAI KAKASANIYA, SHARE & CARE BENEFICIARY AND CERVICAL CANCER SURVIVOR

**BY THE NUMBERS —**  
with the support of Share & Care, the following have been completed in the first half of 2022 alone:

**239**

cancer awareness programs conducted

**73,000+**

individuals educated about cancer, screenings, and treatment options

**2,012**

women screened for breast cancer

**1,748**

women screened for cervical cancer

**1,944**

girls vaccinated against the human papillomavirus (HPV)

### Making Care Affordable & Accessible

With the support of Share & Care, partner NGO the Rajkot Cancer Society (RCS) operates a cancer education and prevention project in all areas of Saurashtra and Kutch in Gujarat, India. Launched in 2019, the goal of the project is to spread education and awareness about preventable forms of cancer and to encourage screenings. Prevention and early detection of cancer are critical for ensuring the best medical outcomes, so the program prioritizes educating women about lifestyle choices that can lower the risk of developing cancer as well as teaching them to recognize the early symptoms and seek screening immediately. **All screenings and vaccinations are performed at no or at a subsidized cost to their patients.**

The program empowers patients to achieve their best possible quality of life regardless of income and believes that no patient should be turned away for lack of money. ●



With the support of Share & Care, RCS was able to provide HPV vaccinations for an additional 678 girls.



In the first half of 2022 alone, RCS has provided 239 cancer awareness sessions educating more than 73,000 people about cancer, detection and prevention, and treatment options.



## EDUCATE 2 GRADUATE

# Breaking the Cycle of Poverty Through Higher Education

Share & Care's Educate 2 Graduate (E2G) program makes college education a reality for underprivileged but brilliant young scholars. For many of these students, **the cost of attending college is higher than their family's entire yearly income.** E2G, working with NGO partners like the Higher Education Support Trust in Gujarat, provides up to \$1,000 of scholarship funding annually to a bright college student in

financial need. These funds are issued over the course of 4 to 5 years as they pursue a professional degree in engineering, medicine, information technology, pharmacy, or another discipline. Students in the E2G program not only receive that financial support, but they also receive mentoring and career coaching opportunities that **help them continue to excel even once they have graduated from university.**

To date, Share & Care has supported more than 1,750 students, of which 1,200 have graduated and are now gainfully employed, drawing handsome salaries, and excelling in their chosen fields. E2G is making a phenomenal financial impact on these graduates and their families. Data collected from more than 800 working-graduates shows that, with an average annual salary of Rs. 400,000 per year and an annual salary ranging from Rs. 200,000 to 5 million per year, they have increased their family incomes tremendously. **These employed graduates have liberated their families from the vicious cycle of poverty and transformed them into middle- or upper-middle-class members of society.** This resulting economic impact not only brings generational change to their families, but also ripples through to their communities, creating sustainable improvements for all. ●



**TOP:** Our Educate 2 Graduate program supports underprivileged but brilliant young scholars as they pursue higher education. In addition to financial support, they receive mentorship and career coaching opportunities to ensure they continue to excel once they have graduated.

**BOTTOM:** Jayant Shah, (HEST) center, attends an awards ceremony for graduating students who received support from Share & Care while pursuing their degrees.

## MEET KULDEEP PATEL

Kuldeep Patel, from Mehsana, finished his secondary course of study with high grades, and through Educate 2 Graduate funding provided by Share & Care, he was able to successfully complete his education in Information and Communication Technology. His father had separated from the family and his mother did not work, so the family's income was just Rs. 12,000 per year, provided by his sister. After graduating in 2017, he secured a job with Amazon, initially earning Rs. 2.7 million. After 4 years there, he began working with Google, earning an annual salary of Rs. 10 million. **Kuldeep is an example of a student from the poorest segment of society, with the least amount of access and opportunity, rising up through the life-changing power of education.**



# Creating Life-Changing Educational Opportunities

## Meet Ankita

Ankita Waghmare, an academically excellent student, was born into a tribal community and lived in a home environment that was not conducive to her education. Despite these circumstances, supported by Share & Care and partner NGO Light of Life Trust (LOLT) in Maharashtra, Ankita was able to complete her secondary education with high marks and pursue higher education. In 2021, while still pursuing her Arts degree, she was appointed as a police constable and now earns a salary of Rs. 25,000 per month. **Ankita was not only able to carve out her own academic and professional future, but also grow in her confidence, communication skills, and career-oriented mindset.** Her hard work, desire to succeed, and willpower to overcome all of the challenges she faced are truly an inspiration.



**EDUCATE 2  
SUCCESS**

**“With support from the Share & Care Foundation, I was able to develop my personality and get exposure through various activities. I was also financially supported to study at Amravati and given guidance from time to time. My parents were not supportive of my education, but the LOLT team convinced them to send me to Amravati for a better future. I am eternally grateful to be a part of the SCF and LOLT family.”**

—ANKITA WAGHMARE, SHARE & CARE BENEFICIARY



## Making Brighter Futures Possible

One of the many initiatives supported by Share & Care’s Educate 2 Success Signature Program is Project Anando. Since the partnership began in 2015, it has **impacted more than 1,700 students and their families** across a dozen cities and 4 districts in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. Beneficiaries are members of families who make less than Rs. 4,500 per month and whose parents are daily and seasonal wage earners. Additionally, of the individuals served, 56% are female students for whom education is often not a priority in their families.

This project supports first-generation learners aged 11–16 who are at risk of dropping out due to their family and economic circumstances by providing the students with financial assistance as they complete their schooling and by motivating and **guiding them as they forge their paths and break the generational cycle of poverty.** The students who have received support through Educate 2 Success and finished their studies are now role models in their

**“She is the first girl in my family to get educated and become a police officer.”**

—BABURAO WAGHMARE, ANKITA’S FATHER



Students participate in a morning meditation. With the support of Share & Care, more than 1,700 students have benefited from Project Anando, receiving financial and emotional support as they complete their schooling.

**“Education Is the Key To Unlock the Golden Door of Freedom.”**

—GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

communities and inspirations to younger generations, illustrating the transformative power of an education, individually earning between Rs. 5,000–15,000 monthly upon graduation. **They have become torch bearers, showing others the path to achieving what they once thought to be impossible.** ●



## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

# Protecting Children Through Intervention and Education

Supported by Share & Care, partner NGO Arpan in Maharashtra is India's largest nonprofit working to address the problem of child sexual abuse. **Half of all children in India experience sexual abuse, but it often goes unnoticed and underreported.** Trauma from this type of abuse frequently has lifelong impacts, and survivors can experience post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, and substance abuse issues.

To combat the alarming prevalence of abuse, the Personal Safety Education program takes an innovative approach to address child sexual abuse through a prevention and intervention lens. **The program trains adult caregivers on how to keep children safe while training children to protect themselves from abuse and seek support if an incident occurs.** Along with age-appropriate, classroom-based group training sessions, counselors work with each child individually to provide a safe place for disclosure and support. If abuse is disclosed, a counselor intervenes to stop ongoing abuse and provide trauma counseling to the victim, checking back in as the victim ages to **ensure they receive the ongoing support they may need.**

Since its inception, the project has provided training to more than 240,000 children and adults through the Personal Safety Education program across 3 districts in Maharashtra. In the 7 years that Share & Care has supported the program, more than 7,900 children and 2,800 adult have benefited from the Personal Safety Education program. **Together we are working to create a world free from child sexual abuse.** ●



Arpan provides individual counseling services to offer students a safe place to disclose situations in which they were unsafe and seek support.



With the support of Share & Care, Arpan's Personal Safety Education program offers age-appropriate, classroom-based trainings to students to help them identify and prevent child sexual abuse.

## Every Child Has the Right To Be Safe From Abuse.

### Working Together With Parents to End Abuse

During the pandemic, the Personal Safety Education program continued through online sessions. One fourth-grade student felt reluctant to attend his individual session with a counselor, but his father was able to encourage him to attend and even to speak out about an incident in which he felt unsafe. This father's support of his son was an important collaboration with the counselors, and it shows how **parents and community members have the power to protect children from sexual abuse.**



# Transforming Society Through Community Care



**Sometimes, we simply need a friend.** Lokmitras (or “friends of the people”) offer assistance, education, and mentorship in 12 villages of Gujarat by raising awareness about and offering solutions to the issues that affect the villages they serve. With the support of Share & Care and our NGO partner Environmental Sanitation Institute (ESI), these **Lokmitras have been in place for the past 3 years, serving through the entirety of the coronavirus pandemic.** The 4 women and 8 men, all college graduates dedicated to nurturing their villages, have touched thousands of lives and transformed their communities. ●



A Lokmitra gathers with children in his village to plant trees. With the help of youth in their villages, ESI Lokmitras planted 10,000 trees in more than 15 villages to increase levels of oxygen in the area.

## Read on for just a few of the wide-ranging ways these Lokmitras are creating opportunities and improving lives in their communities:

- Conducted a Karuna Care Yatra initiative, using 3 dedicated vehicles to host coronavirus vaccination drives across 27 villages, benefitting 60,000 people. In the 12 villages they serve, the **Lokmitras achieved an astounding 98% vaccination rate.**
- Arranged health check-ups for women, inspired 30 youth to donate blood, facilitated cataract operations for village elderly, and distributed N95 masks, health kits, groceries, and oxygen cylinders to those in need.
- Provided basic education to village children while schools were closed.
- Introduced a new initiative to identify and recruit 9 Shikshak Mitras (“teacher-friends”) to provide supplemental education to children experiencing learning gaps.
- **Prompted the Education Department of Gujarat State to commit to building and running a model school in one of the villages,** bringing infrastructure support worth more than Rs. 1 crore.
- Initiated an awareness campaign for adolescent vaccinations and booster shot availability.
- Earned recognition as a model for service from the Governor of Gujarat.
- Spurred thousands of youth attending National Service Scheme camps to replicate the Lokmitras programs in 75 villages, even across state lines, and **planted seeds of love, kindness, and community service.**
- Facilitated the set-up of 5 sari libraries in their villages and opened a Khakhara center, employing 15 widows.
- **Planted 10,000 trees** in more than 15 villages to increase levels of oxygen.
- Spread awareness on the importance of water harvesting through well recharging, and in doing so, **inspired the State Bank of India to commit Rs. 2.5 million of Corporate Social Responsibility funds for water harvesting** in one of the villages.



Two men build a rainwater harvesting structure. Inspired by the work and commitment of Lokmitras, the State Bank of India committed Rs. 2.5 million for water harvesting in one of their villages.

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