“There is no greater joy nor greater reward than to make a fundamental difference in someone’s life.”

- MARY ROSE MCGEADY
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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 wellness 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, empowering seniors, entrepreneurship, technological literacy, community activism, and children’s education.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

MS INTERNATIONAL AWARDED AS THE TOP COMPANY FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH BY ASSOCIATION FOR CORPORATE GROWTH

The Association for Corporate Growth Awards honored the highest performing and extraordinary top middle-market companies in Orange County and the Inland Empire. This award was to identify an established company that exhibits distinctive strategic positioning, as well as sustained growth and profitability. (Continued on Page 4)
The Association for Corporate Growth organized its 27th Annual Awards which honored the highest performing and extraordinary top middle-market companies in Orange County and the Inland Empire. The theme of the event was, "Symphony of Success".

More than 100 nominees were submitted for the competition out of which a total of 27 finalists were recognized and celebrated. The honorees of the event were group of past winners, and each nominee of the awards has significantly contributed to the economic growth of Orange County and the Inland Empire. The companies recognized have created jobs and pioneered products and services that have helped the region become a national powerhouse of growth and innovation.

The various categories of the awards were Start-Up, Green Sustainability, Innovation, Corporate Responsibility, Reinventing, Emerging Growth and Sustained Growth.

The Award for Sustained Growth was to recognize an established company that exhibits distinctive strategic positioning, as well as sustained growth and profitability. Under this category, MS International received the Top Company for Sustainable Growth Award by Association for Corporate Growth.

MS International’s President, Mr. Rup Shah was present along with the senior leadership of the MSI team at the event to receive the award.

MSI is honored to be recognized as the Top Company for Sustainable Growth.
MSI Team at the ACG Awards

Rup with Mr. Allan Siposs - President, ACG Orange County Board
ANEKANT COMMUNITY CENTER

Anekant Community Center is a nonprofit in Southern California that provides charitable education, culture, training, economic development activities (employment and job linkages) health education and, prevention services to adults, children and senior citizens. They plan to evolve into a multi service, multi-ethnic community resource center. The activities proposed by the organization are efforts to bridge the gap in health access, education and training to the minority and disadvantaged. Sarva Mangal Family Trust donated to ACC for the upliftment of tribal population in Southern Gujarat.

INDIASPORA

Indiaspora, a nonprofit organization, is a network of global Indian origin leaders from diverse backgrounds and professions who are committed to inspiring the diaspora to be a force for good by providing a platform to collaborate, build community engagement, and catalyze social change. Their members are committed to building stronger communities with a culture of giving and inspiring social change. By sharing insight, hosting events and connecting people, Indiaspora aims to bring together the professionally, geographically and religiously diverse Indian diaspora toward collective action worldwide. SMFT has donated to support Youth Essay Competition 2022.
**NGO VISIT – SMFT DIALYSIS CENTER**

**May 26, 2022** - Sarva Mangal Family Trust team visited SMFT Dialysis Center in Dharavi, Mumbai.

The Dialysis Center is set up in Aayush Hospital, which has been in operation for over 9 years and is known as one of the finest private hospital in the Sion-Dharavi area of Mumbai. The hospital is a 50 bedded multispecialty hospital having a diagnostic unit with X-Ray, Pathology, Two Ultramodern Operation Theatres, Intensive Care Unit, Executive Wards etc. The hospital mainly provides services to the poor, needy and underserved patients from Dharavi area and neighboring slums.

The hospital has done more than **10,000+** Dialysis. They have recently taken over adjacent Sai Hospital which is a 50 bedded multispecialty hospital. The SMFT Dialysis Center in these hospitals are operated by Jivan Jyot Trust with the support of Sarva Mangal Family Trust.

Jivan Jyot Trust is a nonprofit working for providing better and affordable healthcare opportunities and medicines to the poor and underprivileged since 1996. The trust mainly concentrates on distribution of expensive medicines in cheaper price/free to the poor and needy patients suffering from illness like kidney illness, cancer, diabetes and many other. They also distribute medical equipment and costly machines like dialysis at various hospitals and organization so that they can help and reach out to more and more people.

The Trust has carried out various successful health camps, treated many patients with cataract and helped those having a vision problem. They have also set up an eye care hospital at the Shahapur district, Maharashtra, to serve tribal and poor people. Jivan Jyot Trust has conducted **2000+** cataract operations in the hospital.
NGO VISIT – SMFT DIALYSIS CENTER

SMFT Dialysis Center

Aayush Hospital

Sai Hospital

Sai Hospital

Jivan Jyot Drug Bank

Drug Bank Staff with Customers
May 27, 2022 - Sarva Mangal Family Trust team visited Akshaya Patra Foundation Panvel Kitchen.

The Centralized Kitchen is a part of the government’s mid-day meal program. It has been set up in compliance with international standards when it comes to food safety and hygiene.

The kitchen can provide food for 10,000+ students at local schools. The purpose is to encourage underprivileged families to send their children to school to obtain a free meal. The project combines and embodies two essential pillars for the future: nutrition and education.

The kitchen premises is very clean and hygienic where all the staff members and visitors have to compulsorily wear gloves, mask, cap and shoe covers before entering the premises. The vessels in which the mid-day meal is cooked are sanitized before being used. The jacketed food delivery vessels in which the mid-day meal is packed maintains delivered food temperature at 65+ degrees. The kitchen has modern equipments with controlled inner environment, drainage and ventilation system. They have 7 food delivery vans.

The kitchen was partially operational during COVID-19 and plans to start complete operations from June 2022. During COVID-19, 39,016 meals were served. Under their COVID-19 relief work they distributed 17,000+ grocery kits and 5,000+ cooked meals to the underserved people.

Starting June 2022, the plan is to initially prepare 10,000+ meals on everyday basis for the school students covering 60+ schools. The count of the meals prepared will keep increasing with time as and when students start coming to school regularly.
NGO VISIT – AKSHAYA PATRA FOUNDATION - PANVEL KITCHEN
NGO IN FOCUS FOR MAY’22 – SRH DHARAMPUR

A plaguing concern in rural India is providing affordable health care solutions in remote areas. Shrimad Rajchandra Hospital (Dharampur)- SRH is a charitable, multi-speciality hospital offering a wide range of services employing high quality medical technology rarely seen in rural areas; free of cost and also ensures the last mile delivery of services.

Despite a steady growth in India’s per-capita income, Anemia due to nutritional deficiency remains a significant health concern.

Nutritional Deficiency Anemia affects more than 600 million people in India.

Anemia is characterized by low hemoglobin (Hb) levels and is a significant public health problem; particularly vulnerable are pregnant women and children aged 1-5 years.

Severe Anemia can cause extreme fatigue, weakness, dizziness, and drowsiness and can also lead to postpartum depression and even cause maternal death.

Severe Anemia during pregnancy increases the baby’s risk of being born premature, putting the baby at risk for lifelong issues involving subnormal cognitive development, low physical growth, and physical or neurological disabilities.

In order to combat this public health problem, Shrimad Rajchandra Hospital (SRH) has initiated a holistic, time-bound plan to manage and significantly reduce the incidence of Nutritional Deficiency Anemia at the community level in October 2021.
Updates and Achievements:

- **July – September 2021: Prep Pilot Phase** - ERBA Sysmex Analyzer for testing Hemoglobin levels is the Gold Standard. 5000 test results generated by the Strip-type analyzer were compared with corresponding results, generated simultaneously on the same blood sample, by the highly accurate ERBA Sysmex Analyzer used routinely in the Lab, to establish the accuracy of the Strip-type analyzer, and thereby validate it for mass screening in the field, at the community level. After the success of the Pilot Phase, the project was initiated in October 2021 for mass screening.

- **October 2021 onwards: Project Initiation** - 3-Pronged Strategy to execute the action plan as below:

  **Promotive Strategy through Immersive and Pictorial Charts**
  - Enhance awareness of health-related issues, relevant to Anemia, at community level.
  - Special attention to adolescent girls and school children.

  **Preventive Strategy using Strip-type, Portable Haemoglobin Analyzer**
  - Mass screenings for diagnosing Anemia with due importance to quality & accuracy.
  - 100,000 patients per year and thereby, half a million patients in 5 years will be screened.

  **Curative Strategy through Appropriate Treatment Protocols**
  - To treat and follow-up systematically with persons affected by Anemia.
  - Motivating patients to complete their course of treatment until successful, satisfactory outcomes are achieved, constitutes one of the most important and critical components of this project.
Key Highlights of Anemia Mitigation Project Oct 2021 to March 2022

- Out of the total 46,000 persons screened for Anemia so far, 35,000 persons treated for Anemia.
- Health awareness sessions were imparted to 36,500 beneficiaries.
- Due to health education and awareness sessions, gradual change in dietary consumption of iron and nutrient rich foods is already being observed in the community.
- More than 13,200 school children screened and treated for Anemia and common illnesses
- Dedicated Anemia camps in villages supported by NGO partners JNPCT were carried out

Screening and Treatment for Anemia in Medical Outreach
Health Awareness Session in School on Anemia - Educating them on Diet, Hygiene, Prevention

Many old tribal don’t have phone or mobile, so calling them up for follow up is a challenge. To address this, SRH collaborated with local government health workers for Anemia Awareness session from ASHAs, Anganwadi workers and Arogya Sahelis of partner NGOs.
Health Awareness Education Session on Anemia in a Tribal Village

Checkup and Hemoglobin Test in Medical Outreach
A 15 year old tribal boy Mehul studying in class 9th was screened by SRH medical outreach team during school health check-up camp as a part of Project Anemia. He was severely pale and had easy fatigability, breathlessness. The paramedic checked his hemoglobin and was found to be 5.4 gm/dl.

He was immediately referred to SRH in view of severe anemia, where he was admitted and received treatment under Physician. He was also found to have Sickle Cell trait and infection for which he was given injectable antibiotics. He was given blood transfusion to make up for the Severe Anemia and help recuperate faster. He was discharged with hemoglobin of 9.5 gm/dl and much better clinical condition.

Mehul was given iron and folic acid supplementation and also advised to consume iron rich locally available foods like ragi(finger millet), green leafy vegetables after discharge.

When Mehul came for follow up, it was observed that he did not have any pallor. His hemoglobin at present is 12.4gm/dl. He has no breathing difficulty or fatigue, is able to do his chores and studies with better focus, and has given his exams. All this was possible due to the teamwork at SRH.

Mehul is now healthier, happier and able to study with better concentration. We wish him good luck for a healthy and bright future ahead.
SMFT supported nonprofit Voice Of Specially Abled People is tirelessly working towards making life better for Specially Abled People and those who need help. Enablement with Surgical Intervention is one of their mission that is changing the lives of many people.

One such transforming story is of Mr. Merubhai Chamanji Thakor and his family whose life changed for the better due to VOSAP’s surgical intervention aid.

Merubhai is an auto-rickshaw driver in the Kankariya region of Gujarat. He is the sole bread owner of his family of six. Things were comparatively smooth for the family unless Merubhai started experiencing issues with his vision. Being a driver good eyesight was very important for him. But, cataract started to blur his vision around a year back. This weakening of eyesight not only hindered his daily activities but also restricted his earning capabilities. 45 years was neither the age of retirement nor could his family afford to lose the only source of income.

Merubhai came to know about VOSAP’s surgical intervention program through one of his friends. The team of one of VOSAP’s associate NGOs got in contact with Mr. Merubhai Chamanji Thakor and provided all the required help. The surgical intervention helped him gain back his vision and go back to his work of driving an auto-rickshaw. This one small surgery saved an entire family from drowning in destitution.
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