

NEWS UPDATE

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"There is no greater joy nor greater reward than to make a fundamental difference in someone's life."

– SISTER NIVEDITA



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INTRODUCTION

HISTORY OF M S INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Rika and Manu Shah founded MSI in 1975 in the basement of their home in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Today, MSI is the America's largest importer and distributor of premium surfaces, offering a vast portfolio of natural stone and tile sourced from 37 countries worldwide, serving residential, commercial, and hospitality markets with high-quality products.

About 30 years ago, they began their philanthropic journey with the Sarva Mangal Family Trust and later founded the Shah Happiness Foundation in 2022. Together, the Shah Family Philanthropies support over 70 million people across 9 countries through 51+ nonprofit partners, serving individuals across diverse communities from prenatal care and maternal health initiatives to compassionate end-of-life support and palliative care services.

Their vision is to drive scalable, sustainable innovation and empower changemakers who challenge the status quo and create long-term social impact. Rika and Manu Shah have received numerous honors, including Ernst & Young's National Entrepreneur of the Year (2007), The Migliore Award (2024), and induction into the Asian Hall of Fame (2025). MSI also proudly supplied the granite for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., reflecting its enduring legacy, global leadership, and lasting impact across generations.

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 health, education and the illness 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



ADVANCING A SHARED VISION FOR SOCIAL IMPACT

A meaningful engagement between Rika & Manu Shah and Sri Madhusudan Sai took place at MSI's headquarters in Orange, California, on 2 May 2026. The interaction highlighted the value of collaboration and strategic partnerships in advancing sustainable solutions across healthcare and community development. The engagement was complemented by participation in the One World One Family (OWOF) Annual Gala, reflecting a shared commitment to creating meaningful and lasting impact.

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EVENT – ONE WORLD ONE FAMILY

May 2026: Collaboration and shared purpose remain essential to creating sustainable social impact. Reflecting this commitment, Rika and Manu Shah met with Sri Madhusudan Sai and members of the One World One Family (OWOF) team, along with MSI's Leadership Team, at MSI's headquarters in Orange, California, on 2 May 2026. The engagement was complemented by participation in the OWOF Annual Gala, an event that brought together partners, supporters, and changemakers committed to advancing sustainable solutions and improving lives through service.

The gathering provided an opportunity for meaningful dialogue around community development, philanthropy, and approaches to addressing social challenges through collective action. Discussions highlighted the importance of partnerships in advancing initiatives that improve access to healthcare and other essential services for underserved communities.

The interaction also reinforced the value of bringing together organizations and leaders who share a commitment to service and community well-being. Such engagements foster collaboration, encourage knowledge exchange, and strengthen networks that contribute to long-term and sustainable social impact.



NGO VISIT – SHRIMAD RAJCHANDRA MISSION DHARAMPUR

May 2026 – On 21 May 2026, Social Impact Team conducted a field visit to a Vision Screening Camp organized in Bilpudi village under the Vision Care Project to assess on-ground implementation, service delivery, and beneficiary outreach. The visit provided an opportunity to observe the screening process, interact with the field team, and understand how vision care services are being delivered at the community level. The camp reflected ongoing efforts to improve access to essential eye care services and ensure timely support for individuals requiring vision correction.

During the visit, a total of 45 vision screenings were conducted for community members. Following the screenings, 43 beneficiaries were provided with eyeglasses on-site, enabling immediate access to corrective vision support. In addition, one distance-vision eyeglass order was placed and will be delivered to the beneficiary upon completion. The screening camp was managed by a dedicated team comprising two optometrists and one registration staff member, who ensured smooth coordination of beneficiary registration, vision assessments, and eyeglass distribution.

The field visit also highlighted the use of the QuickSee Free device during the screening process. The ground team regularly utilized the device to support vision assessments, contributing to an efficient and streamlined screening experience. The integration of such tools helps strengthen service delivery and supports timely identification of vision-related needs within the community.

Overall, the visit demonstrated the continued effectiveness of community-based vision screening camps in expanding access to eye care services. By providing screenings and corrective eyewear directly within the community, the initiative helps address vision-related challenges and supports improved quality of life for beneficiaries.



Vision Screening Using QuickSee Free Device



Near Vision Screening Using Snellen Charts



Beneficiary Receiving Eyeglasses



Distance Vision Screening Using Snellen Chart

About the Nonprofit

Anekant Community Center (ACC) works to improve the well-being of communities around the world by providing healthcare services, health education, preventative care, and opportunities for education and economic development. Guided by a commitment to expanding access to essential services, ACC supports underserved populations through initiatives that address both immediate needs and long-term community well-being.

Between 2024 and 2026, the organization conducted international medical missions in over 12 countries, delivering vision screenings, surgeries, and medical services to underserved communities. ACC also organized health fairs throughout Southern California and other states, providing access to medical, vision, and dental care. In response to major natural disasters, including the Los Angeles Wildfires, Nepal Floods, and Myanmar Earthquake, the organization extended disaster relief support to affected communities, helping address critical needs during times of crisis.



About the SMFT Funded Project

SMFT supports Anekant Community Center (ACC) in increasing access to essential resources for underserved communities in Southern California.

The initiative focuses on volunteer-run programs that promote health, nutrition, and community well-being, while also supporting Health Missions that provide essential medical services to underserved communities around the world.





Through initiatives such as the Tender Care Community Outreach Program (TCCOP), the Hot Meals Program, and health seminars, ACC provides meals, groceries, health education, and other critical support to local populations. The Hot Meals Program alone has provided over 26,000 meals in 2026 so far, while health seminars equip attendees with vital information on topics such as diabetes and heart health.

By expanding access to essential services and preventative health education, the initiative helps address healthcare inequities, promotes informed health decision-making, and contributes to improved quality of life for underserved communities.

Project Location/Geography

LOCAL ROOTS. GLOBAL REACH.

Based in Southern California, USA, ACC extends its services to communities across:

- India
- Kenya
- Uganda
- Mexico
- Zambia
- Nepal
- Nigeria
- Cameroon
- Fiji
- Jamaica
- Ghana
- Tanzania



Recent Project Updates

Between 2024 and 2026, ACC conducted over 838,000 vision screenings and provided more than 80,000 eyeglasses through its healthcare initiatives. These efforts expanded access to essential vision care services for underserved communities, helping individuals identify and address vision-related challenges that can affect daily life, education, and overall well-being.

By delivering preventative eye care and corrective eyewear at scale, ACC helped improve access to healthcare services for populations that may otherwise face barriers to care. The organization's continued focus on community-based healthcare contributes to improved health outcomes and supports greater quality of life across the communities it serves.



Overall Impact

ACC continues to expand access to healthcare, community support, and disaster relief services through its programs in Southern California and across several countries worldwide. Through its health fairs, international medical missions, community partnerships, and relief initiatives, the organization works to address critical needs and improve quality of life for underserved communities.

Between 2024 and 2026, ACC supported over 959,000 vision-related clinic visits through vision screenings, eyeglass distributions, and eye surgeries, contributing to an indirect impact on more than 4,795,000 people. Through its support of the Light and Hope Initiative (LAHI) in the Mathare community of Nairobi, Kenya, ACC also helped provide training, education, and health-related services that have contributed to technical skill development, financial independence, and improved health outcomes. In addition, ACC supported disaster relief efforts following the 2024 Nepal floods, 2025 Myanmar earthquake, and 2025 Los Angeles wildfires, providing affected communities with essential resources, including food, blankets, and tents.



Highlight of the Month



A recent Kenya Vision Screening Mission conducted by the Light and Hope Initiative (LAHI) took place in Nyamira County, Kenya, from May 4–9, 2026. Through this initiative, 30,606 children and adults received vision screenings, while 3,314 individuals were provided with eyeglasses.

The mission expanded access to essential vision care services in a rural area where barriers such as transportation, limited access to health professionals, and medical costs can restrict access to care. By bringing vision services directly to the community, the initiative helped address unmet healthcare needs and improve access to vision care for residents of Nyamira County.

Awards

ACC and Dr. Nitin Shah were recognized with a commemorative plaque on April 19, 2026, for 20 years of providing annual three-day free surgical camps at Kalidas Hospital in Vyara, Gujarat, India.



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BUENA PARK, CA- Over 175 Southern California residents received free medical screenings and professional consultations at the 34th Annual Community Health Fair held at the Jain Center of Southern California, here. Hosted in partnership with the Anekant Community Center, the event aimed to improve access to healthcare services by offering free screenings and consultations to community residents.

Attendees received access to primary care physicians and medical and surgical specialists. The fair also provided diagnostic screenings, including 175 hemoglobin tests, 170 blood glucose checks, 155 cholesterol screenings, 73 bone density assessments, 67 HgbA1c tests, and 55 EKGs.

SUCCESS STORIES – ANEKANT COMMUNITY CENTER

Name: Violet Awuor

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

Project: Franchising Training Program

Violet Awuor, a resident of the Mathare community in Nairobi, Kenya, runs a tailoring business to support herself and her family. She aimed to enhance her skills and business.

Through the LAHI Franchising Training Program, she received franchising training, support, and tailoring materials designed to strengthen her skills and enhance her business operations. The program provided her with practical knowledge and resources that helped her improve her services.

With the support received through the program, Violet has been able to expand her tailoring business and work with more customers, strengthening her livelihood and economic independence.



SUCCESS STORIES – ANEKANT COMMUNITY CENTER

Name: Sarah Kemunto

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

Project: Hairdressing Program

Sarah Kemunto attended LAHI's hairdressing program in 2025 with the goal of developing practical skills and creating new livelihood opportunities. Through the training, support, and hands-on practice provided by the program, she gained valuable hairdressing skills, strengthened her technical abilities, and built the confidence needed to work independently with clients.

The program provided her with an opportunity to learn in a practical environment, helping her develop both professional skills and the experience required to serve customers effectively.

As a result of the knowledge and experience gained through the program, Sarah has been able to begin working with customers independently and continue progressing in her career. The training not only enhanced her technical capabilities but also increased her confidence in applying her skills in a professional setting.

Her journey highlights the positive impact of skills-based training in creating pathways to economic opportunity, self-reliance, and personal growth. Her experience reflects the role of vocational training in empowering individuals to achieve greater financial independence and career development.



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