

NEWS UPDATE

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“The great aim of education is not knowledge but action.”

- HERBERT SPENCER



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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



CSR EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY CONDUCTED AT MSI INDIA
Corporate Social Responsibility Team at MSI Bangalore conducted Clothes Donation Drive in June 2023 under their employee engagement initiative. The initiative aimed to collect and distribute clothing items to support underprivileged communities and contribute to their overall well-being. The Drive witnessed enthusiastic participation from employees, who generously contributed their gently used clothes. The drive received an overwhelming response. [\(Continued on Page 7\)](#)

NGO VISIT – BHANSALI TRUST

June 2023 – Sarva Mangal Family Trust team visited SMFT's Vision Care Project with Bhansali Trust in Radhanpur, Gujarat.

Vision Care Project Implementation has already started in Radhanpur, Dang and Bihar. Bhansali Trust has identified a team for training in Assam to start implementation.

With the help of autorefractor device one can test **250 - 300** patients a day and provide eye glasses on the spot in less than 5 minutes. Over **90K** people have been diagnosed, out of which **40%** needed refractive correction.

In the case of cataract patients, if eye condition blocks signal received by autorefractor, then it will not be able to measure refractive efforts.

SMFT team also met and interacted with Bhansali Trust's Self Help Groups, Manav Rahat, Supplementary Nutrition and Mamta Project beneficiaries.

Bhansali Trust team has centers in Gujarat, with total **492** villages, **35** supervisors and **563** part time volunteers.

Self Help Groups – Groups of socially and economically backward women in which each group starts with small savings from all members every month, then get some loan from the bank and adding it to the saved amount.

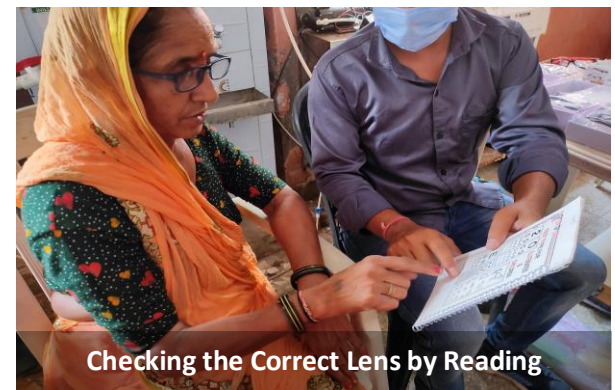
Manav Rahat – Monthly Aid is provided to underserved people without any discrimination on the basis of Caste, Creed and Religion.

Trust provides supplementary nutrition to preschool children, pregnant and lactating women. Food supplements such as protein powder, drumsticks, medicine, and syrup are provided to anemia patients.

Overall, it was a wonderful experience to meet the entire Bhansali Trust team and beneficiaries in Radhanpur.



Diagnosis Using Autorefractor



Checking the Correct Lens by Reading



Beneficiary After Receiving the Eyeglasses



Beneficiaries After Receiving the Eyeglasses

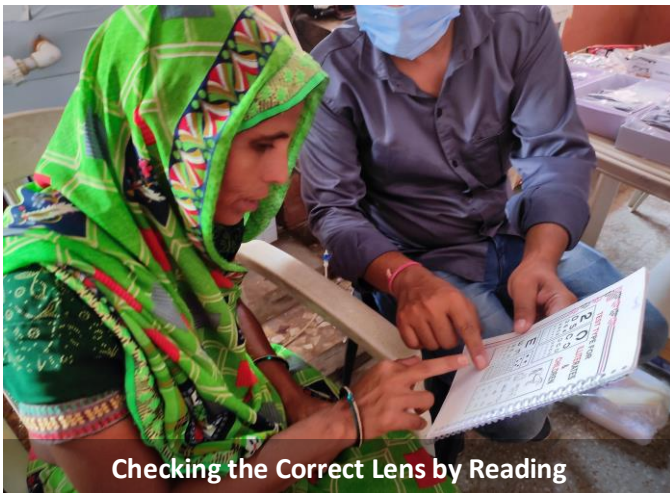
NGO VISIT – BHANSALI TRUST (Cont.)



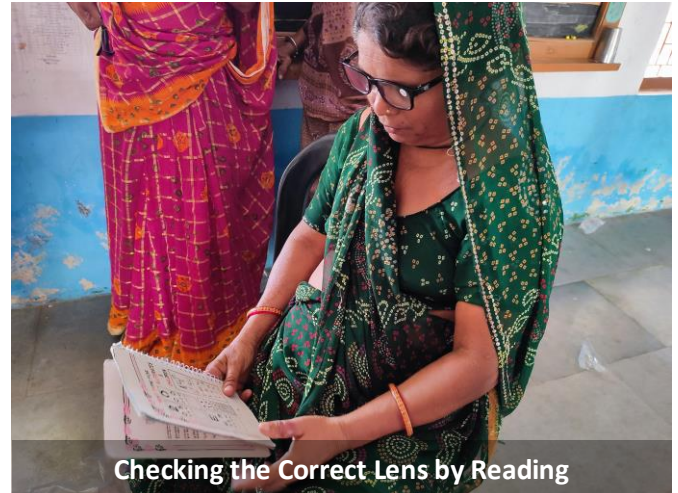
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NGO VISIT – BHANSALI TRUST (Cont.)



Self Help Group Beneficiaries



Supplementary Nutrition Beneficiaries



Prenatal, Perinatal and Postnatal Health Checkup



Anganwadi Kids Reciting Poem



Garments Training and Production Center Beneficiaries



Manav Rahat Project Beneficiaries

EVENT – CSR EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

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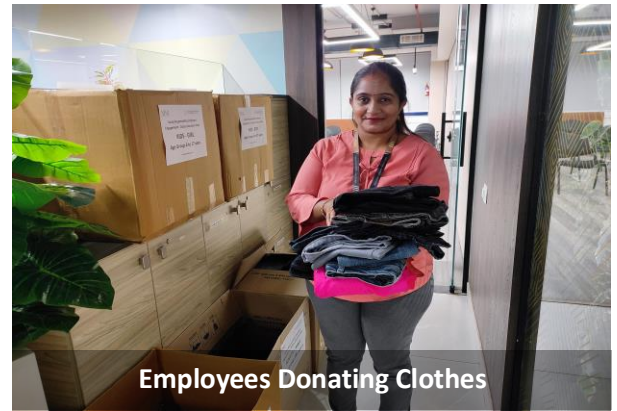
The Drive witnessed enthusiastic participation from MSI employees, who generously contributed their gently used clothes. The drive received an overwhelming response, with a large number of employees actively engaging in the noble cause.

MSI employees showed immense compassion and solidarity by donating a wide range of clothing items, including shirts, t-shirts, pants, dresses, skirts, jackets, sarees, suits and more. The donated clothes were collected and sorted by MSI Social Impact and Admin team, ensuring that they were in good condition and suitable for reuse.

To maximize the impact of the initiative, MSI donated clothes to its nonprofits partners in Bangalore. Social Impact team personally visited Mathrushree Manovikasa Kendra center in Nelamangala and Sheshadripuram to donate clothes to mentally challenged and specially abled children.

Additionally, MSI also donated clothes to the students at Sparsha Trust's residential development centers Nisarga Grama and Makkala Dhama and also for the children of construction labourers in their Mobile Crèches. These organizations work tirelessly to uplift marginalized communities and have a deep understanding of the needs of the underprivileged.

The Clothes Donation Drive aligns with MSI's commitment to social responsibility and sustainability. By reusing and repurposing clothing items, the company aims to reduce waste, promote responsible consumption, and contribute to a more equitable society. It also reflects MSI's dedication to giving back to the communities in which it operates.



Employees Donating Clothes



Employees Donating Clothes



Clothes Donated by Employees



Clothes Donation at Sparsha Trust

EVENT – CSR EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY (Cont.)



Employees Donating Clothes



Employees Donating Clothes



Clothes Donation at Mathrushree Manovikasa
Kendra Sheshadripuram



Clothes Donation at Mathrushree Manovikasa
Kendra Nelamangala



Clothes Donation at Mathrushree Manovikasa
Kendra Sheshadripuram



Clothes Donation at Sparsha Trust

NGO IN FOCUS FOR JUNE'23 – RESOLUTION PROJECT

Resolution Project works with young people to build a lifetime of impact, starting today. At the core of their work is the Resolution Fellowship, which provides seed funding and lifelong support to promising young leaders on the path of social entrepreneurship. They identify these leaders early on, help them launch their first social impact ventures, and stick with them as they grow. This proven model has supported the



Sparky Thermal Dehydrator - Uganda

growth of over **500** Fellows across six continents and over **80** countries. Through Resolution, social entrepreneurs who are just starting out receive unmatched guidance and wisdom from a team of partners, volunteers, and innovative peers around the globe.



Fellows Pose for a Group Photo at Resolution Project's 2023 Resolve Gala

NGO IN FOCUS FOR JUNE'23 – RESOLUTION PROJECT (Cont.)

Resolution's Africa Regional Social Venture Challenges select young leaders looking to improve their communities across sub-Saharan Africa to receive the Resolution Fellowship. In addition, Resolution operates two Hubs in Nairobi, Kenya and Kigali, Rwanda that conduct networking events and panel sessions to connect Fellows to other local leaders and entrepreneurs. By identifying young leaders who are passionate about making an impact on their communities, Resolution gives those who are in the best position to make a difference the tools they need to get started. Many Resolution Fellows would not have been able to start their ventures without the support provided by their organization.



Resolution Fellow Meet-up in Uganda



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NGO IN FOCUS FOR JUNE'23 – RESOLUTION PROJECT (Cont.)

While Resolution's offices are based in New York City, their Fellows work in **85** countries and **22** U.S. states. MSI Charitable Trust supports Resolution's work in sub-Saharan Africa and the operation of their Hubs in Nairobi, Kenya and Kigali, Rwanda.



NGO IN FOCUS FOR JUNE'23 – RESOLUTION PROJECT (Cont.)

The 2023 Africa Regional Social Venture Challenge was held May 5th - 6th. It resulted in **3** new ventures led by **6** Fellows, and they are now beginning their work to improve their communities and create lasting positive change. Agro-Boost, led by Jennah Kiyuba, is a venture dedicated to the restoration of better soils through vermiculture in Lugolole A Village, Uganda. Eshet, led by Yohannes Bimrew Simeg and Mekdes Gelete Tikuye, aims to empower smallholder farmers in Ethiopia by providing them access to training, agricultural inputs, and a marketplace. SBE Aquafarm, led by Syliah Kagiiga, Ochaya Emmanuel, and Bruce Mike Nasasira, is a social venture that aims at converting open ditches left after clay mining for brick making into fish ponds for fish farming in Rukungiri District, Uganda.

Our Impact

600+ FELLOWS

6+ MILLION LIVES IMPACTED

370+ VENTURES



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There are over **600** current Resolution Fellows that received seed funding and mentorship throughout the launch of their ventures. They have collectively impacted over **6 million** people since the launch of the Fellowship. Resolution has conducted two Africa Regional Social Venture Challenges, sponsored by MSI Charitable Trust. These resulted in **11** new ventures led by **21** Fellows and awarded **\$48,000**. These ventures have so far impacted over **2,300** people through their work across sub-Saharan Africa. Resolution Fellows in Africa have already impacted over **425,000** people through their work.

NGO IN FOCUS FOR JUNE'23 – RESOLUTION PROJECT (Cont.)

On June 8th, Resolution held their 11th annual Resolve Gala in NYC, their first since 2019. Over **280** people came together to celebrate the work of their Fellows and hear from them about what Resolution's support has empowered them to do. Featuring art installations highlighting the work of several ventures, a silent auction, and DJed by Questlove, the event was a great success!





Awards:

- Dozens of Resolution Fellows became **Rhodes Scholars, Schwarzman Scholars, and Forbes 30 Under 30** honorees.
- One fellow earned **Mark Cuban's investment on Shark Tank** for her venture Six Foods while another gained **national distribution at Whole Foods** for her venture which has a valuation of over \$39MM.

In the News:

- [CEO and Co-Founder George Tsiastis was featured in Forbes magazine alongside other leading non-profit experts.](#)
- [One Resolution Project venture, A Girls' Dream, was featured in Detroit Free Press for their work in providing STEM resources to young girls in the Detroit area.](#)
- [MS International Founders honored at Resolution's YLN Dinner](#)

SUCCESS STORY – RESOLUTION PROJECT

Proof Made Ltd, led by Resolution Fellow Ange Clarisse Gusenga produces soy biscuits and tofu in Kigali, Rwanda. Proof Made Ltd expands the affordability and accessibility of healthy products in the marketplace while creating jobs for local farmers. Since launching the venture in 2022, Proof Made Ltd has helped 20 farmers secure markets for their products.

Founder's Name: Ange Clarisse Gusenga

Project: Proof Made Ltd.

Location: Kigali, Rwanda



Ange Clarisse Gusenga, founder of Proof Made Ltd

SUCCESS STORY – RESOLUTION PROJECT

Touch One Reach All (TOORA), Co-Founded by Resolution Fellows Ruth Ainebyoona and Levi Napoleon Tukundane, addresses unemployment in Kampala, Uganda through hands-on skills training for women in weaving, crocheting, and sewing high-demand products. Once trained, TOORA supports them through capital and insights on how to get their product to market.

Co-Founders Name: Ruth Ainebyoona and Levi Napoleon Tukundane

Project: Touch One Reach All

Location: Kampala, Uganda

Since winning the Fellowship in 2022, the venture has successfully launched and trained **50** women who are already earning income from their products. In addition, the venture has provided access to clean water to **400** people in vulnerable communities in the project's region and is continuing to look for areas to expand this work.



The Touch One Reach All Team with Some of Their Beneficiaries

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