

Community Outreach and Environmental Sustainability

Background:

I co-founded the 'Gift of Giving' social initiative in 2017. It focuses on helping the underprivileged in my locality and spreading awareness about environmental issues and doing our part to combat it.

I have also been involved with other organizations to empower the underprivileged.

Gift of Giving Activities:

- Bedsheet to Bag initiative: Collecting old, but clean bedsheets and stitching them into bags. Distributing the bags to vendors in my locality to give to their customers as an alternative to plastic bags. The bags were stitched by underprivileged women in my locality, which also helped them earn a livelihood (2017, 2023)
- Gift a smile initiative: Donating stationery, school equipment and clothes to the municipal school in my locality. (2018)
- Milk Pouch recycling initiative: Spreading awareness on how to dispose off/recycle milk pouches to reduce plastic waste. (2019)
- Donating sanitary kits and masks to the underprivileged in my locality during the pandemic. (2020)
- Co-ordinating the supply of oxygen-concentrators (on a rotational basis) for those in need in the local community during the second wave of the pandemic (2021)

Katalyst (2023):

- Teaching young, underprivileged girls STEM concepts
- Taking them on a factory visit and organizing a talk from an industry leader for them to understand the real-life applications of STEM.

DownToEarth (2022-23):

- Teaching underprivileged children in my locality (Std 6-9) mathematics.
- Creating mathematical models to facilitate easier learning.

Earth Angels Welfare Foundation (2020):

- Raising funds to feed underprivileged families during the pandemic.
- Helping with their social media to spread awareness for the organization.

United Nations Global Compact Network India and ENPower Entrepreneurship and Sustainability Course (2020):

- Learnt concepts of sustainable entrepreneurship while keeping the UN sustainability goals in mind.
- Made a business plan for a sustainable organization that would help connect volunteers to NGOs.