



Grassroot Projects

"Small projects, big dreams"

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Founders Corner

Grassroot Projects was formed as a result of multiple phone conversations between two friends wanting to redefine their altruistic purpose in life. As first-generation immigrants we realize how lucky we were to have had the social and financial support necessary for a successful transition to a new country. Unfortunately, there are many families that are either forced to flee their countries to save their lives or to attempt a shot at economic freedom. Children continue to be the most vulnerable population affected by such a move, and hence are the focus of our organization.

We help any deserving child in need in the US; irrespective of their origin, religion, color or creed, so long as they belong to a low income household and we see that there is a genuine need. Every project we choose has a story attached to it and a promise given to the child that we care and that they are not alone. We also extend our services to children who have not moved countries but have a genuine need for help based on their economic status. Given that we live in 2 different cities, we are lucky to have an outreach in Indianapolis as well as Seattle with the same intent and focus!

This year has been a whirlwind of events and a great learning opportunity for us. It has filled our hearts with joy as we know that we are helping make a difference in some lives. Needless to say, we would not be able to do what we do without the support of our generous donors and our wonderful volunteers! Wishing everyone a happy, peaceful and fulfilling 2018!

Ever Thankful,
Priya and Nimisha

2017 in Review

We've been busy!!

-Feb 2017, decided to act upon our plan and received our nonprofit exempt status in May!

-Since then, provided customized care packages of food and clothing to 32 children from 7 countries.

-Provided diapers and wipes to 12 babies.

-Sponsored 3 kids so they could pursue their passions and take up cheerleading and violin lessons.

-The generous community of Carmel, Indiana supported us by eating over \$300 worth of ice cream at Handels at our fundraiser!! 😊

-Distributed over 100 blankets to children of refugee families living in low income housing complexes in Indianapolis.

-Distributed over 100 blankets and warm clothing to families at a homeless shelter in Renton and to refugee families through ReWA in Seattle.

-Artazzle raised funds for us at their stall at the Children's Business fair in Seattle.

-The folks of Sammamish, Washington showed up to eat for a cause at Chipotle.

Community Partnerships

- Immigration Welcome Center (Indianapolis, IN)
- Handel's Ice Cream (Carmel, IN)
- Columbia Bank (Bellevue, WA)
- Chipotle (Sammamish, WA)
- Artazzle at Children's Business Fair (Bellevue, WA)
- REACH Center of Hope Family Shelter (Renton, WA)
- ReWA- Refugee Woman's Alliance (Seattle, WA)



Plan for 2018

- Diaper Run
- Backpack drive
- Blanket/Winter Clothing Drive
- Sponsor Passions
- Provide Care Packages
- Books and Sports equipment drive for schools in need

Here's how you can help!

- Donate via website – one time or recurring donations at <http://grassrootprojects.org/>
- Check if your company matches your donations. Microsoft does!!
- Add us as your charity of choice at <https://smile.amazon.com/>
- Like & Follow us on FB, Share our story <https://www.facebook.com/grassrootprojects>
- Volunteer with us - fill out volunteer form on our website or reach out to us at nimisha.grassrootprojects@gmail.com or priya.grassrootprojects@gmail.com