



Grassroot Projects

“Small Projects, Big Dreams”

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Newsletter – December 2018

Founders Corner

Just like that, a year has gone by and it's time for our annual newsletter highlighting what we have done this year and what we hope to accomplish next year!

When we decided to embark upon this journey early last year, we were overwhelmed, yet excited! Slowly, yet surely we have consistently seen the power of giving, and are filled with gratitude each time we are able to make a difference in the lives of children in need.

Grassroot Projects continues to help any deserving child in the US, irrespective of their origin, color or creed, so long as they belong to a low income household and demonstrate a genuine need. We are a 100% volunteer run organization with financial assist only from the community, friends and family who believe in our mission. Our two primary programs involve- 1. Providing basic necessities, and 2. Sponsoring passions/extracurricular activities for kids. Our care packages are always customized to the specific needs of the child and involve diapers, wipes, toiletries, clothing, food, car seats etc.

This year has been special in the personal lives of the founders of Grassroot Projects. Priya was blessed with a baby boy 5 months ago and Nimisha now has a teenager and a tween in the house! Given that we live in two different cities, we are lucky to have an outreach in Indianapolis as well as Seattle. It has been an amazing journey and we look forward to continuing to give back to our communities to the best of our ability.

With much gratitude and best wishes for 2019!

Priya and Nimisha

2018 in Review

We've been busy!

- Provided a one month supply of diapers and wipes to 45 children.
- Sponsored 13 kids so they could partake in extracurricular activities.
- Provided car seats to 8 kids.
- Provided custom care packages of food and/or clothing to 51 children.
- Collected and distributed 1000+ books to 500 children for the summer.
- Completed a back to school supplies drive and gave loaded backpacks to 67 kids to start their school year prepared.
- Toiletries and hygiene products distributed to over 125 kids.
- Distributed 260 winter jackets and warm clothing to children so they could stay warm this winter.
- Assisted children from 12 different countries that now call the US their home.
- Giving Tuesday fundraiser on Facebook.
- DREAMS fundraiser event in Indianapolis.

Community Collaborations

- Immigration Welcome Center (Indianapolis, IN)
- Foxhill Elementary School (Indianapolis, IN)
- Outreach Indiana (Indianapolis, IN)
- REACH Center for Hope Family Shelter (Renton, WA)
- Babies of Homelessness (Bothell, WA)
- Sacred Heart Family Shelter (Seattle, WA)
- ERIC- Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition (Bellevue, WA)
- Lowell Elementary School (Seattle, WA)
- Overlake Hospital Rehab (Bellevue, WA)
- ReWA- Refugee Women's Alliance (Seattle, WA)
- Baby Boutique at Wellspring Family Services (Seattle, WA)
- TURKCHA (Turkish Women Charity and Aid Organization)
- Welcome Home Refugees- Washington State Group
- Samantha Smith Elementary & Evergreen Middle Schools (WA)

Plan for 2019

- Diapers and Wipes Drive
- Toiletries/hygiene products drive
- Backpack drive
- Winter essentials drive
- Provide custom care packages
- Sponsor passions
- Books and sports equipment drives for schools in need

Here's how you can help!

- Donate via our website- one time or recurring at www.grassrootprojects.org
- Start a fundraiser for us on Facebook or evite for your special occasions.
- Check if your company matches your donations. Microsoft, Boeing and PayPal do!
- Add us as your charity of choice when you shop via smile.amazon.com
- Like and follow us on Facebook, share our story www.facebook.com/grassrootprojects
- Volunteer with us- fill out the volunteer form on our website or reach out to us directly at priya.grassrootprojects@gmail.com or nimisha.grassrootprojects@gmail.com