



# Grassroot Projects

## "Small Projects, Big Dreams"

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Newsletter – 2019

### 2019 in Review

**Founders Corner**

2019 has come and gone in a whirlwind! We have been blessed to be able to raise funds to continue to help disadvantaged children in our communities with the help of dedicated volunteers. We continue to be 100% volunteer run in our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of existence and are lucky to have great community liaisons, all with the sole purpose of helping kids in need!

We have grown from helping 250 kids in 2017 to 960 in 2018 to almost 1600 this year! We hope to have made the lives of these children across the Indianapolis and Seattle areas a tad bit brighter in whichever little way possible.

This year we have a great addition to our team and are proud to welcome our Secretary- Lisa Freeman, who is a perfect fit in our team of self-driven and hardworking volunteers!

Looking ahead to a new decade of possibilities and hope for us as well as the families we assist.

With much gratitude and love!  
Nimisha and Priya

- Events**
- Artisan Bazaar, JCC- Indianapolis, IN
  - Care Day- Bothell, WA
  - GiveBig- Washington
  - Giving Tuesday- Facebook
  - India Day- Indianapolis, IN
  - National Night Out- Sammamish, WA
  - October Giving- Microsoft, WA
  - Refugees Welcome Week- Bellevue, WA

- We've been busy!**
- Provided a one month supply of diapers and wipes to 47 children.
  - Sponsored 4 kids so they could partake in extracurricular activities.
  - Provided car seats to 9 kids.
  - Provided custom care packages of food and/or clothing to 80 children.
  - Collected 2181 books and distributed amongst 957 children to promote summer reading.
  - Provided backpacks with school supplies to 12 children.
  - Toiletries and hygiene products distributed to 120 kids.
  - 135 blankets distributed to refugee and homeless families.
  - Distributed 357 jackets and warm clothing to children so they could stay warm this winter.
  - Holiday gifts given to 30 children.
  - Assisted children from over 10 countries that now consider the US their home.

- Community Collaborations in Indianapolis and Seattle**
- Babies of Homelessness
  - COIN
  - Dwelling Place
  - Eastside Baby Corner
  - Eastside Legal (ELAP)
  - ERIC- Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition
  - Foxhill Elementary School
  - Friends of Youth
  - Glasshouse Dance
  - IHC Sisterhood
  - Immigration Welcome Center
  - JCC
  - REACH Center for Hope
  - Refugees NorthWest
  - Refugee Women's Alliance
  - Resolution to End Homelessness
  - Samantha Smith Elementary School
  - Sammamish Police Department
  - Selma Carson House
  - Showalter Middle School
  - Thorndyke Elementary School
  - Tiny Houses
  - TURKCHA
  - Wellspring Family Services
  - Wheelers Mission

- Plan for 2020**
- Four annual community drives- Books for Kids, Back to School supplies, Toiletries and Socks, Winter Essentials.
  - Provide custom care packages
  - Sponsor passions
  - Increase our volunteer database to reach more families in need!

- Here's how you can help!**
- Donate via our website- one time or recurring at [www.grassrootprojects.org](http://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, PayPal do!
  - Add us as your charity of choice when you shop via smile.amazon.com
  - Like and follow us on Facebook, and share our story [www.facebook.com/grassrootprojects](http://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](mailto:priya.grassrootprojects@gmail.com) or [nimisha.grassrootprojects@gmail.com](mailto:nimisha.grassrootprojects@gmail.com)