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- Welcome **(Raj Patil)**
 - Brief history
- Financial Report 2018-2021 **(Ravi Athale)**
 - Report on activities funded in India
- Engagement with NOVA Foundation **(Sharayu Tulpule)**
- Volunteer activities in Virginia **(Smita Hastak)**
- Thanks **(Chanda Athale)**

Brief History



- ***Friends of Anandwan***, an informal organization was established in 2007 and ***Annual HEART & SOUL WALK*** was launched to raise money for ***Anandwan***, ***Hemalkasa*** and raise awareness about their activities.
- During first 12 years, supporters of all ages have participated in the walk. Over \$150,000 were collected and sent to **Maharogi Sewa Samiti** founded by the late **Baba Amte in 1949**.
- We had the honor of **Drs. Prakash and Manda Amte, Dr. Vikas Amte, Dr. Sheetal Amte-Karajgi and Mr. Gautam Karajgi** leading the walk.

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- **REACH IN US** was registered as a non-profit corporation in Virginia in December 2017 and received IRS tax exempt status (501.c.3) in 2018
- **Mission:**
 - Promote **education** and **community health** among underserved communities in **India** and the **US**.
- **Board of directors:**
 - Chanda Athale, President
 - Ravi Athale, Vice President and Treasurer
 - Sharayu Tulpule, Secretary
 - Raj Patil, Official Agent
 - **Ajit Gupte, Board Member (2022)**



How we Accomplish the Mission:

- Provide resources directly to institutions that deliver services to disadvantaged populations.
- Provide opportunities to the community for volunteering in a *flexible* and *collaborative* way
- Identify and support individuals and families that can benefit from a helping hand at a critical time in their lives.

Financial Report 2018-2022



YEAR	2018	2019	2020	2021	TOTAL
Donations Received	\$20,758.00	\$28,030.00	\$37,426.00	\$42,989.00	\$129,203.00
	COVID Relief for India			\$18,771.00	\$147,974.00

Donations Sent	2018	2019	2020	2021	TOTAL
Maharogi Sewa Samiti	\$14,420.23	\$9,000.00	\$9,656.64	\$30,221.51	\$63,298.38
Snehalaya		\$2,172.21	\$12,853.61	\$11,231.18	\$26,257.00
SEARCH		\$5,130.46	\$5,363.41	\$2,957.27	\$13,451.14
NOVA; Educational Aid		\$4,431.00	\$4,883.60	\$8,747.13	\$18,061.73
NHH, Facet, Cornerstone, Second Story	\$492.00	\$5,298.75	\$5,329.67	\$4,155.00	\$15,275.42
Administrative Expense	\$418.18	\$334.35	\$182.53	\$317.94	\$1,253.00
TOTAL	\$15,330.41	\$26,366.77	\$38,269.46	\$57,630.03	\$137,596.67

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Community Colleges play an important role in USA educational structure

Former senator, Barbara Mikulski said –

Community colleges are one of America's great social inventions – a gateway to the future for first time students looking for an affordable college education and for mid-career students looking to get ahead in the workplace

Our First Lady, Dr. Jill Biden, a Professor of English at NOVA says –

Because of the flexibility that community colleges afford, many students do not have to choose between an education and fulfilling other responsibilities – they can do both.

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At Northern Virginia Community College we offer:

- **2 Nursing Fellowships Beginning in 2022 Fall** – Competitively awarded to men or women. Will cover the cost tuition, books, and supplies for the entire two year program..
- **4 General Scholarships Beginning in 2019** - Competitively awarded to women / men who are returning to college after a gap of several years

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At Northern Virginia Community College

Some scholarship recipients are:

- Immigrants starting over a new life
- Have full time jobs
- A gap of 10 – 15 years
- Want to be role models for their children
- Have financial hardships
- Want to advance their career prospects

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Scholarship recipients for past 3 years

2019 – 2020

Hyunsung Choi

Sonia Ramyar

2021 – 2022

Renee Storey

Amanda Wisner

Yujin Choi

Stacey Parke



Volunteer Activities in Virginia

- Providing home made masks
- Tutoring children of low resource families
- Mentoring for residents of shelters
- Providing meals to New Hope Housing Residents
 - Hot Lunch
 - Lunch Sandwiches

Mask Distribution in early Pandemic (March-May 2020)



- There was a SEVERE shortage of masks all around.
- Commercial cloth masks were expensive
- **REACH IN US** volunteers made ~1,500 masks that were distributed to homeless shelters, nursing homes for residents and staff as well as to families of limited means

Tutoring for Children from Families with Limited Means



- **New Hope Housing** organized program in Sherwood Library:
 - **REACH IN US** volunteers (Ajit Gupte, Ulka Mantri, Madhuri Karandikar, Leena & Marissa Nadkarni, Chanda and Ravi Athale) helped 6-12 children ages 8-13 with math & reading for 2 hour per week. The program ran for about 15 months
- **Cornerstone** organized programs at Herndon Neighborhood Resource center and on-line during the pandemic:
 - **REACH IN US** volunteers (Smita Hastak, Leena Joshi, Sharayu Tulpule, Ulka Mantri, Parag Shukla, Shrikant and Nanda Sathaye, Chanda and Ravi Athale) provided tutoring and mentoring to children ages 8 to 12.

Mentoring Residents at Homeless Shelters

- Before the pandemic, Chanda and Ravi Athale visited Homeless Shelters operated by **New Hope Housing** (Kennedy Shelter and Bailey's Crossroads Shelter) once a month to meet with the residents. Chanda held information sessions on healthy lifestyle and managing chronic diseases. She also answered specific questions from the residents.

New Hope Housing – Hot Lunch!

▪ Who, When and How do we serve the hot lunch?

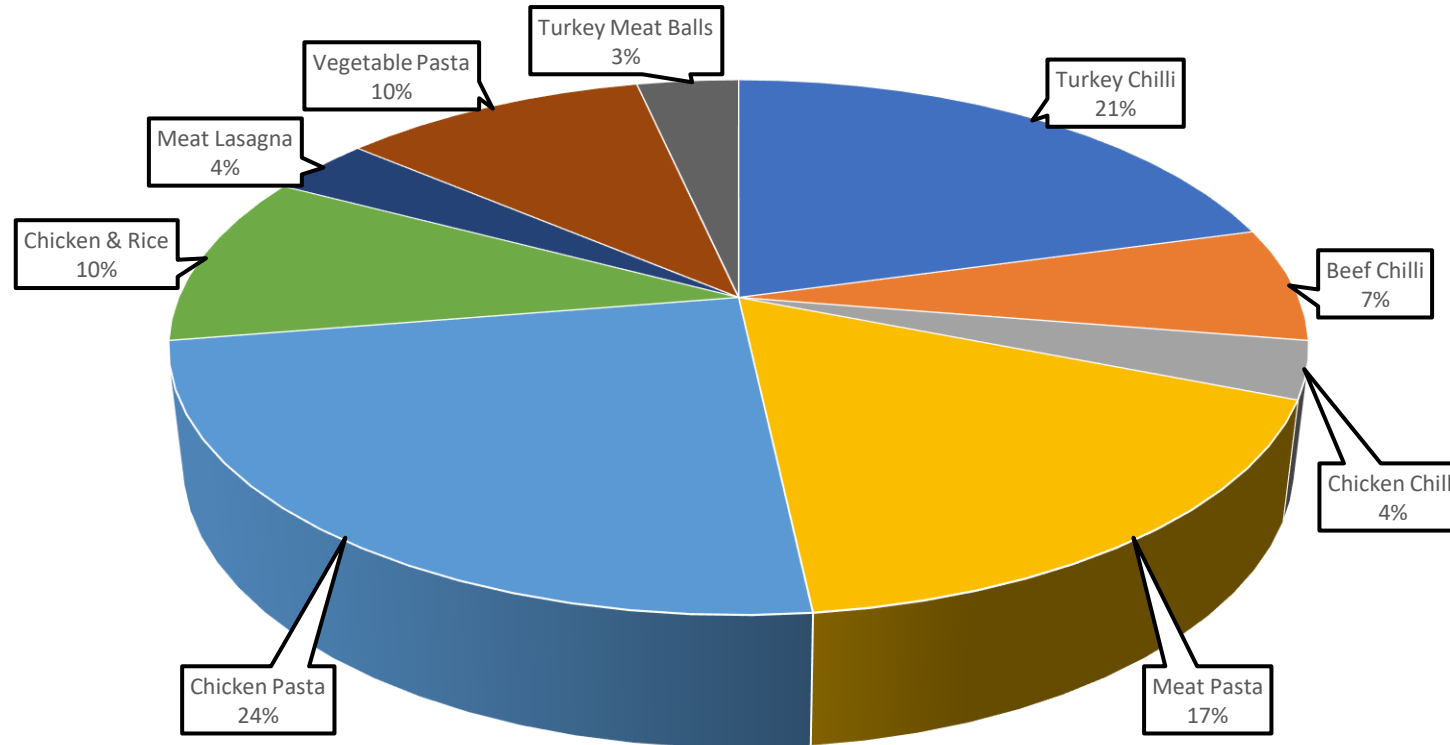
- Hot lunch for the residents of New Hope Housing
- Once a month -- Third Sunday of the Month
- Serving since **March 2018**
- Serving meals for 40 – 70 residents
- Served the lunch at New Hope Housing from October 2019 – April 2020
- Switched to Curb-side drop off from Summer 2020 to Present

▪ What do we serve?

1. Meat Main Dish
2. Vegetarian Main Dish
3. Side Dish
4. Green Salad and Dressing
5. Bread/Rolls & Butter
6. Cookies & Fruits

Some fun facts about the meals we make!

How often did we make each Meat Main Dish?



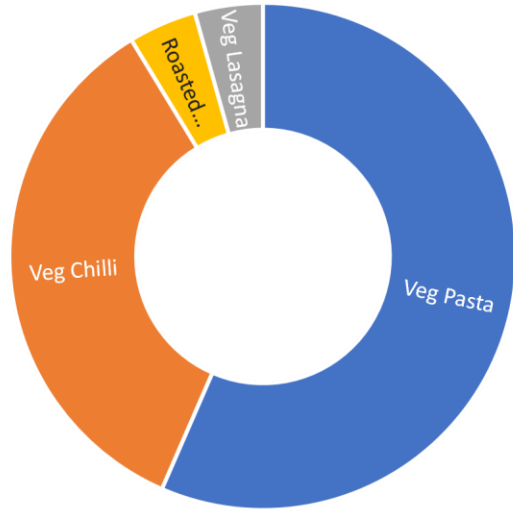
- Turkey Chili
- Beef Chilli
- Chicken Chilli
- Meat Pasta
- **Chicken Pasta**
- Chicken & Rice
- Meat Lasagna
- Vegetable Pasta
- Turkey Meat Balls

Winner – Chicken Pasta
Runner Up – Turkey Chili



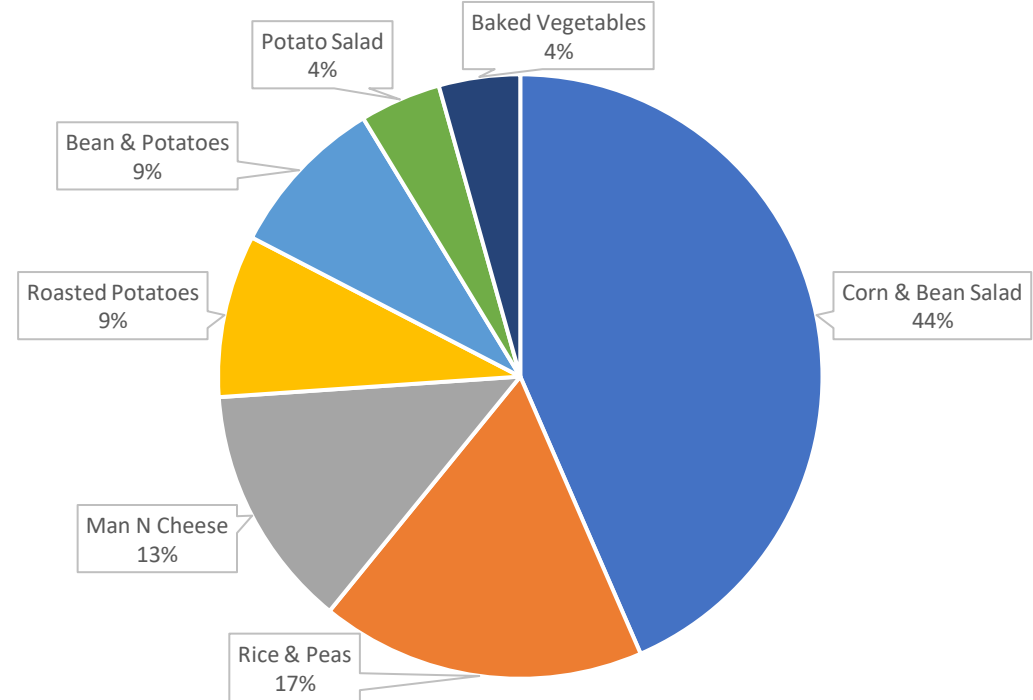
Some more fun facts about the meals we make!

How often did we make each Veg Main Dish?



■ Veg Pasta ■ Veg Chilli ■ Veg Lasagna ■ Roasted Potatoes

How often did we make each Side Dish?



■ Corn & Bean Salad ■ Rice & Peas ■ Man N Cheese
 ■ Roasted Potatoes ■ Bean & Potatoes ■ Potato Salad
 ■ Baked Vegetables



Veg Main Dish Winner – Veg Pasta

Side Dish Winner – Corn & Bean Salad

Most asked question! 😊

➤ What is a Medium Sized Tray?

➤ Answer –

One Medium Sized Tray = 2 Small Sized Trays



Something about the Sandwiches

- We started providing bagged lunches to the New Hope Housing residents during the pandemic
 - Have delivered ~ 2,000 lunches to date
- Typically provide –
 - 30 – 40 sandwiches (peanut butter & meat)
 - 30 – 40 bags of chips
 - 30 – 40 servings of cookies or bars
 - 30 – 40 bottles of water

Volunteer Support....



- Nothing that the volunteers do in helping make the meals and deliver them would be possible without the invaluable support from the family members
 - the spouses, the significant others, the children...and other extended family!

❖ **THANK YOU !**

- Here are few ways that you support the volunteers ---
 - Moral support
 - Hold the large pasta pot as she drains the out the water...
 - Make runs to the grocery store to get the ingredients...
 - Get those large volumes of Chicken, Turkey, Bread, Peanut Butter, Fruit, etc. from Costco...
 - Drive around to find just the right size of the Medium Tray...
 - Drop off the food item at the Driver volunteers house – that to on a Sunday morning before 10:00AM. Yikes! Awesome support!
 - Financial Commitment
 - ...and in many many more ways

The VOLUNTEERS!!

- Hot Lunch and Sandwich

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to these generous and kind hearts!!

- for cooking large quantity of foods
- for making the time to help our neighbors in the community
- for being part of this wonderful Reach In US community

Aditi Lonkar	Leena Ektare	Ravi Athale
Anagha Bajikar ★	Leena Joshi	Pradnya Shukla
Anil Joglekar	Leena Nadkarni	Reena Das
Anjali Kelkar	Madhumati Joshi	Rohini Adhikari
Anupama Palnitkar	Madhura Gurjar	Sachin Joshi
Aruna Seth	Madhuri Karandikar	Satya Boyapati
Asmita Pradhan	Manasi Deshpande	Smita Hastak
Beena Kurane	Manjusha Pandit	Sonavi Chitko
Bharati Shenolikar	Meenal Patwardhan	Sudha Aluri
Chanda Athale	Monica Godbole	Sujata Gupte
Deepali Oagle	Namrata Bhakre	Supriya Thomare
Geeta Gadre	Nanda Sathe	Sushma Patki
Jameela Desai	Neena Sawant	Swati Dandekar
Jyoti Kanitkar	Neha Bendre	Swati Deshpande
Jyoti Supnekar	Pallavee Amdekar ★	Usha Kalro
Kanchana Pavgi	Poonam Mainkar	Vaishali Takle

- Donations show a robust, consistent growth. Your generous and consistent support over past 15 years is **VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!**

- **REACH IN US** has established along term partnerships with outstanding organizations in India and in Northern Virginia.

- **We are fortunate to have a large and enthusiastic group of volunteers.**
 - **~ \$18,000** in-kind donation
 - **~ 2,800** volunteer hours

- Making a difference to individuals

THANK YOU