



# Newsletter

*The latest news from Akshaya Patra USA*

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**GIFT A YEAR OF MEALS:**  
**\$20** can feed a child for a school year



## **Support a child's dream**

In a small village, a young boy named Raj worked tirelessly in the fields to help his struggling family. His dreams of going to school and becoming a doctor have remained distant. One day, a ray of hope emerged as a local school served warm and nutritious meals, drawing Raj in. With each meal, his strength grew, not just physically but also mentally. He started attending school regularly, swapping long hours in the fields for the joy of learning. Today, Raj has transformed from a child laborer to a diligent student, all because of the meals that bridged the gap.

Remember that your contribution of just \$20 can provide a whole year's worth of nourishing meals to a child. Join us in rewriting stories, one meal and one child at a time.





# Akshaya Patra Kitchen Visit, India



During my visit to the Vasanthpura, Bengaluru kitchen of Akshaya Patra, in July 2023, I was truly impressed by the seamless and innovative processes they had in place to cater to 500 schools today! Witnessing the dedication and efficiency of the personnel working there was inspiring. I wholeheartedly recommend that everyone takes the opportunity to visit Akshaya Patra's kitchens to make an impact and contribute to their noble cause of providing meals to children. As we're all aware, investing in nourishing today's children is an investment in tomorrow's leaders.

[Schedule your visit today!](#)

## GALAS

Akshaya Patra USA proudly presents an array of captivating galas spanning diverse cities. These galas serve as inspirational platforms that bring together like-minded individuals, all driven by a shared mission: to alleviate hunger and nourish the future of young India. Amidst the grandeur and splendor of these gatherings, the true essence lies in the collective commitment to ensure that no child's education is hindered by hunger. We have philanthropists, community leaders, business stalwarts, financial experts, and advocates in attendance.

[JOIN OUR GALAS](#)



**Meet & Greet  
Chicago**

A heartfelt thank you to **Dipak Kapadia, Chair of the Chicago Chapter, Philadelphia chapter, our inspiring speakers, and dedicated attendees.** Your collective efforts at the Kendra Scott meet and greet have illuminated our mission for a nourished and educated India.



**Meet & Greet  
Philadelphia**

## NEWS FROM AP USA CHAPTERS



Thank you Maison Sisley for hosting Akshaya Patra USA's Meet & Greet High Tea. We thank **Kate Chichikashvili** for leading the panel "**Empowering Change through Giving**" with **Sanjiv Chopra, MD, MACP, Rakhi Agarwal, Dr. Steven V. Melnik and Maryn Ryan Soref.**

**Meet & Greet at  
Maison Sisley - NYC  
by Tristate Chapter**



A heartfelt thank you to the Houston chapter for their proactive initiative in **setting up the Akshaya Patra booth** at the Bollywood dance night. **Their efforts have played a pivotal role in raising awareness about our organization among the attendees,** fostering a deeper understanding of our mission.

**Booth by Houston  
Chapter at Bollywood  
Dance Night**



Akshaya Patra will have a booth at **Sevathon 2023** hosted by India Community Center. **Please join us for a half marathon, 10 K run, 5 K run, Yogathon, Dance-A-Thon,** and finish line activities either in-person or virtually..

**Sevathon by North  
California Chapter**

# Celebrating one year in Fremont

We relocated to Fremont a year ago. Some of you may still have our old address in Canoga Park, CA. Please be informed that the Canoga Park address is no longer in use. Kindly redirect your donations and communications to the address mentioned below,

**Akshaya Patra USA**

**PO Box 14220**

**Fremont, CA 94539.**

## YOUTH AMBASSADORS



We express our sincere gratitude to **Shanthi Balaram** for **orchestrating the 'Cracking Code to Elite College Admissions' workshop**, which drew an impressive attendance of 600 participants. **As President of Stanford University's Scientific Research Honor Society**, her leadership has brought invaluable insights to aspiring minds.

**Initiative by Akshaya Patra USA**



A heartfelt thank you to **Youth Ambassadors Aaditya** and **Ram** of the Phoenix Chapter for conducting the enlightening **3D Printing workshop at the Chandler Public Library**. Your dedication to knowledge sharing is deeply appreciated, leaving a lasting impact on the participants.

**3D printing workshop by YAs of Phoenix Chapter**



A big thank you to **APSD Youth Ambassadors** for their remarkable effort in crafting and selling the delectable Jai Hind Kulfis at the GASD event. **With a total of 350 kulfis sold**, spanning flavors like Kesari mango, White pineapple, and Green vanilla, **their dedicated work has raised an impressive funds to feed 75 students for an entire school year**

**Kulfis for Indian Independence Day by San Diego Youth**



“Through the unwavering efforts of Akshaya Patra, lives are being transformed away from hunger. A meal adds to a milestone. The dedication to making a positive impact is a true testament to the boundless potential of human kindness. I've had the privilege of being part of this cause in a big way and seeing their work in real time. The Cause itself is nothing short of inspirational. Every dollar donated and every minute volunteered creates a ripple effect of positive change that extends far beyond what we can all imagine. Together, in the initiative of CSR, we can continue to support this noble mission and be a part of something truly remarkable.”

**Rashmi Siravara**  
**Event Chair - Volunteer**  
**Bay Area Chapter**

## YOUTH AMBASSADORS

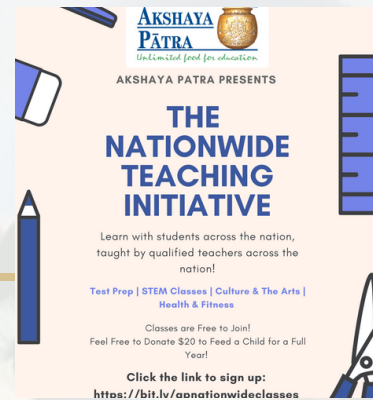


Meet **Yajat Deshpande**, a dynamic youth ambassador from our Bay Area chapter. As a skillful basketball mentor and music enthusiast, he shares his talents with young minds.

**Yajat's dedication extends to summer projects like selling curry leaf plants and crafting diya lamps.**

His enthusiasm stems from the belief that every effort counts, with gratitude to his mentors and fellow volunteers for their unwavering support.

**Bay Area YA Yajat  
 Deshpande Teaching  
 Summer Workshops**



Discover the **upcoming National Youth Ambassadors' Teaching Initiative!**

Help us spread the word and encourage sign-ups for a diverse lineup of courses..

**This initiative not only offers valuable knowledge but also underscores the importance of mentorship and peer-to-peer learning for kids.**

Secure your spot today by [clicking here.](https://bit.ly/aanationwideclasses)

**National YA  
 Teaching Initiative**

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## Upcoming Sep Events

- SEPTEMBER 8TH**      **DINNER WITH CHEF KAPOOR**  
Houston, TX
  
- SEPTEMBER 9TH**      **AUSTIN GALA**  
Austin, TX  
**CONCERT**  
Cleveland, OH
  
- SEPTEMBER 10TH**      **WEST FLORIDA GALA**  
Tampa, FL  
**CHEF KAPOOR IN SOUTH FLORIDA**  
Miami, FL  
**BAY AREA SEVATHON**  
San Francisco, CA
  
- SEPTEMBER 11TH**      **CHEF KAPOOR IN MINNEAPOLIS**  
Minneapolis, MN
  
- SEPTEMBER 12TH**      **CHEF KAPOOR IN KANSAS**  
Kansas City, KS
  
- SEPTEMBER 13TH**      **CHEF KAPOOR AT MICRON**  
Idaho, ID
  
- SEPTEMBER 14TH**      **LUNCH AT MICROSOFT**  
Seattle, WA

## Upcoming Sep - Oct Events

- SEPTEMBER 15TH**      **SEATTLE GALA**  
Seattle, WA
  
- SEPTEMBER 16TH**      **LAS VEGAS GALA**  
Vegas, NV
  
- SEPTEMBER 17TH**      **MEET & GREET WITH CHEF KAPOOR**  
**PORTLAND**  
Portland, OR
  
- SEPTEMBER 19TH**      **GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
Nashua, NH
  
- SEPTEMBER 23RD**      **SUMIR CHADHA & BARRON SEGAR**  
**AT BAY AREA GALA**  
San Francisco, CA  
**NAVNEET CHUGH AT SO-CAL GALA**  
Los Angeles, CA
  
- SEPTEMBER 29TH**      **RAGHURAM RAJAN AT CHICAGO**  
**GALA**  
Chicago, IL
  
- OCTOBER 6TH**      **CONCERT AT SACRAMENTO**  
Sacramento, CA
  
- OCTOBER 7TH**      **TRISTATE GALA**  
Newark, NJ



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