
Udayan Care USA Quarterly Newsletter

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**‘To do more for the world than the world does for you-
that is success’ -Henry Ford**

This month our sister organization, Udayan Care, turned 26 years old. For 26 years Udayan Care has been changing the lives of disadvantaged women and children throughout India, and in this issue we celebrate those many years of success--in which Udayan Care itself, as well as the women and children it serves, have done more for the world than it has done for them. You have been an integral part of this success by giving more of yourself. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts

and invite you to celebrate with us.

We also hope you'll join us in welcoming Rakhi Agarwal as the newest member of the Udayan Care USA board.

- **The Udayan Care USA Board:** *Rakhi Agarwal, Jesse George-Nichol, Shraddha Gupta, Anitha Kosanam, Dr. Kiran Modi, Ruchi Saran, Netoo Sethi, and Aneesha Wadhwa*



Meet Soni

A Shalini Fellowship student - New Delhi

Soni grew up in a shanty house in Mangolopur, Delhi. Working as a driver, her father barely made enough to support his family of 6, but Soni always dreamed of something bigger.

"I used to sit beside my window and see airplanes pass by," she says, "I used to wonder what it is like to travel the world, experience new cultures--if that was my job, my career in life. But the financial condition of my family was not good. My family could not invest [in] me...as I have 3 more siblings."

But determined on her dream, Soni found the Udayan Shalini Fellowship Program--which has enabled her to invest in her own future. She became a Shalini Fellow in

2015, and through this program she was able to continue her education and gain the skills and confidence she needed to pursue her goals. "Through the workshops, especially on career guidance and counseling, I got to know about becoming an air hostess," she explains. Now she is doing exactly what she dreamed of as a girl in the shanty towns of Delhi. She is studying to be an air hostess at the Frankfinn Institute of Airhostess Training in Delhi.

Still, Soni has not forgotten where she came from or how far she's come. In her spare time she teaches underprivileged students in her neighborhood, carrying on the tradition of giving back that is so important to the USF program. She is a shining example of how these fellows are making their own lives and the lives of those around them better--extending the reach of the program far beyond the ranks of the Shalinis.

Udayan Shalini Fellowship Alumni Meet



Earlier this month alumni of the North Delhi Shalini Fellowship chapter gathered for their 9th annual Shalini Alumni Meet. Shalinis old and new as well as supportive families and core committee members came together to celebrate as this year's Shalinis were awarded their fellowship completion certificates.

The exuberant crowd also celebrated the 90th birthday of core committee member K. P. Raizada by launching his joke book. An alumni stand-up comedian entertained everyone with her take on Indian weddings, and an impromptu Zumba session had everyone on their feet. The gathering highlighted the vibrancy of the USF program and the joy and camaraderie it brings to all those touched by it.

Jaipur Home Turns 10



In January the Udayan Ghar Family celebrated "10 Years of Sunshine" as the Jaipur home turned 10. The event was organized entirely by the children of this home, including group songs, dances, skits, and poetry readings. The day culminated with a mega cake cutting enjoyed by the children, local dignitaries, government officials, school leaders, and a host of enthusiastic members of the extended Udayan Care family. Here's to many more years of health and happiness in Jaipur!

Udayan Care USA's Mission

To provide a nurturing home for every orphaned child; an opportunity for higher education for every girl; and for every adult, the dignity of self-reliance and the desire to give back to society. To learn more about the Udayan Ghar (Home) and the Udayan Shalini Fellowship Programs, please go to www.udayancareusa.org

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