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**Udayan Care USA Newsletter**

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So far, 2022 has been a year of both uncertainty and hope. We face the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, but a new optimism also seems to be dawning. At the crux of this duality is a story of human resilience, and however uncertain the future might be, that is something we can celebrate. Udayan Care USA is fundamentally an organization focused on human resilience--especially the resilience of the young and the ability of the disadvantaged to rise above even the most profound hardships. Help us to celebrate the resilience of the amazing young women and children supported by Udayan Care USA. Through your donations, you have become an essential part of their stories. And for that, we celebrate you, too. Thank you for your support.

The Udayan Care USA Board: *Rakhi Agarwal, Jesse George-Nichol, Shradha Gupta, Anitha Kosanam, Dr. Kiran Modi, Netoo Sethi, Deepak Sharma, and Minnie Singh*



### **Meet Kirthika!**

*An Udayan Shalini Fellow*

Kirthika was born to a poor family in Tharampur, Chennai. Her father suffers from severe cataracts and is unable to work; as a result, Kirthika's family has been forced to get by on her mother's income alone. This meant that the family could not afford any kind of private education, and it seemed inevitable that Kirthika would have to leave school after 10th grade--the age at which free schooling ends in India. Still, she was an intelligent and determined student. She excelled at mathematics and dreamed of one day becoming a chartered accountant.

Becoming an Udayan Shalini Fellow has meant that Kirthika's family circumstances would not get in the way of her dreams. She finished 12th grade with excellent marks, ranking third in her class and securing a place in college. According to her mother, she slept only four hours a night during her final year of schooling, rising above the challenges of her situation to pursue her dreams. Kirthika credits the Udayan Shalini program with giving her the confidence and optimism to face all the challenges life has thrown at her. And that is all to the good, because she needed every tool at her disposal to weather the hardships of the coronavirus pandemic. Lockdowns severely strained her family's economic situation, and Kirthika had to figure out how to pursue her education and her dreams despite a host of new obstacles. With the help of generous donors like you, the USF program made sure she could connect digitally to her school and to fellowship resources, and it provided direct support and rations to her family. And in the true Shalini spirit of giving back, Kirthika has been directly involved in her USF chapter's distribution of rations to Shalinis in need. She has also taken advantage of the resources available to her to complete a course in MS Office.

She stands as model of a true Shalini--intelligent, hard-working, and empathetic--and she has shown that nothing will stop her from achieving her dreams.

[Click here](#) to learn more about how you can support young women like Kirthika.

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## **Going for Gold**



Just days before the Olympics began in Beijing, India's national Taekwondo championships were held in Goa. One of the stars of the competition was Badal, pictured above—who shines as one of the Udayan Ghar program's most dazzling successes. Arriving as a frightened 4 year old, Badal blossomed under the loving care of his Udayan mentors and caregivers. They encouraged his passion for Taekwondo, and with their support, he has risen to the highest levels of the sport.

He won a gold medal in Goa in January and qualified for the South Asian Championships. Whatever happens, one thing is clear: the future is golden for Badal. You can help him and other Udayan Ghar children reach their full potential by donating [here](#).

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## Giving Back Through Internships



Meet Shriya Duggal—a hard-working and talented MBA student at SBM NMIMS in Mumbai. Last month, Shriya completed an internship with UCUSA, helping us to increase our outreach to Universities and NGOs. "My time as an intern with Udayan Care USA was a great learning experience where I got to work under the best mentors," she says, "I would love to continue this association with UCUSA in the future as well!" We are so grateful to her for all she's done to support our work with disadvantaged women and children in India. [Click here](#) to find out how you can get involved!

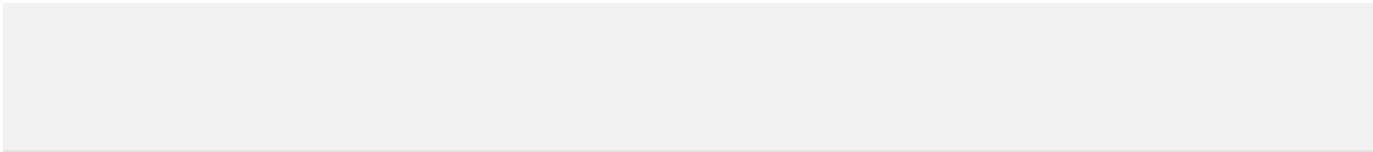
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### Udayan Care USA's Mission

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](http://www.udayancareusa.org)

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