



Be a part of our 25th anniversary stories + a celebration in Wash. DC 3/16

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Dear Friends,

We are turning 25 this year!! We want to start this important milestone by celebrating **25 stories about our SoCCstars** who are transforming their lives and their communities. As you read these, please know that **YOU** have made this possible through your generous support for our work- and we thank you!

Story #1: Dipanjali Pradhan upskilling her way out of poverty



Dipanjali Pradhan excelled at school. She lives in Shikharchado Nagar, a large informal settlement in the city of **Bhubaneswar**, where most women work as housemaids in adjoining wealthier areas. Once she became of high school age, there was pressure on her to quit studies and start contributing to family income

by becoming a house maid, as many of her school friends had done. Dipanjali knew that her family's financial situation was not good enough to cover her increased education expenses. That is when Dipanjali enrolled in the Digital Literacy program supported by **Asia Initiatives'** with our partner **VIEWES**. She excelled in this program also, and soon became the first person in her family to learn computer skills. She also taught them to younger children to earn **SoCCs** to continue her own learning. Today, she has a job as a computer operator and a patient manager at a local hospital. Her salary contributes to her family's income, and is also enough to pay for more advanced computer courses for herself. Dipanjali hopes that her own path to upskilling can be replicated for many more girls in Bhubashwar.

Story #2: Sagar's Journey Through Reading



"I am feeling energized with my new routine and I am loving the small practices like meditation, waking up early, and being compassionate in my actions. Reading Buddha gave me strength and curiosity to know more about life and how it can be made better." This is what Sagar, a Class 8 student in Azmabad said when he come to return the book Gautham Buddha he had borrowed from the new library that Asia Initiatives has established with our partner **Mera Gaon Meri Dayuni (Sparsh)**. Together, we have established **20 libraries** in rural **Madhya Pradesh** incentivizing children like Sagar to fall in love with books, and spread this love to younger children also to earn **SoCCs**, which can be used for other learning opportunities.

**Join us on March 16 in Washington DC
to celebrate our SuperNovas!**

JOIN US FOR OUR INAUGURAL EVENT

SUPERNOVA SUMMIT

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024 9 AM-2:30 PM
WASHINGTON DULLES AIRPORT MARRIOTT
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED, \$125 PER TICKET

AWARDEES

Susan Blaustein Novita Rumgangun Kylie Schuyler Kathy Matsui Reema Nanavaty Yvonne Aki-Sawyer

PANEL OF EXPERTS

Mary Grate Pyos (Keynote Speaker)

Kirsten Dueck CEO of NESST
Pamela Sams Behavioral Financial Advisor
Helen Yang New Horizons Consulting

HOSTS

Geeta Mehta Co-Founder, Asia Initiatives
Marianne Clyde Co-Founder, Isn't She Amazing
Lorna Magill Co-Founder, Isn't She Amazing

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We're excited to be co-sponsoring the inaugural **Supernova Summit** with our partner, **Isn't She Amazing**. This event will honor women who have made a significant impact on the world around them by helping other women. We are delighted that members of the Asia Initiatives family will be honored/featured at this event including **Kylie Schuyler, Susan Blaustein, Kathy Matsui, Reema Nanavaty and Helen Yang**. You can sign up [HERE](#) to join us at the Dulles Marriott in case you can be in Washington D.C. on March 16. Please also feel free to share this invite with friends there who may be interested. 🍷

Thanking you for your support, and wishing you a happy **Year of the Dragon!**

Geeta and the Asia Initiatives Team



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