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Dear Friends,

Asia Initiatives program director Surabhi Prabhu and senior technology manager Gowrish Ramesh are currently visiting our projects in India, and getting inspired!



Their first stop is **Gaya**, where Buddha attained enlightenment. With our local partner **Karunodaya**, we are working in 14 Government schools in under-served areas, establishing computer labs and our **Cascade of Learning** program. Children earn SoCCs by mentoring younger children and helping them with homework, etc. While only 35% of students could read at grade level

at the start of the program, 72% can do so at the end of our first year. Mentors have also been enlisted to help with conducting the morning assembly in their respective schools, helping students build confidence and leadership skills. Students redeem the SoCCs earned for attending digital literacy classes. The great interest and enthusiasm for learning digital literacy skills has resulted in substantial increase in school enrollment and attendance.

Summer Social Organized by our Junior Board



Asia Initiatives' **Junior Board** members (seated from right: Terrence Green, Devanshi Purohit (Co-chair), Annesha Chowdhury, Lynn Bernabei, Ishita Gaur (Co-chair), Alyssa Mehra and Katherine Georgios) hosted a wonderful get together on June 6th at a stunning art-filled event space courtesy of Marvel Architects in New York, employer of our Ishita. It was a great evening of meeting friends and sharing Asia Initiatives news. A big thank you to all who joined us, and those who sent greetings from afar!

Our summer interns helping with our New York projects



Right to Left: Aditya Shukla from **Columbia University's SIPA** (School of International and Public Affairs), Mercy Charway and Alia Kabbaj from **SUNY JFEW** (State University of New York Jewish Foundation for the Education of Women).

Our three interns this summer are helping Asia Initiatives in various projects, including the teaching of digital skills to women in our partner program **Hour Working Women** in New York. We are incredibly grateful for their programs' support and all of their hard work this summer.

Share in AI's "Share the Light" Oct 3 Gala

Please contact us if you would like to be a part of our Gala host committee, or can contribute your time and skills as we prepare to welcome Secretary General Ban Ki-moon again, and our wonderful honorees.



Save the Date

Share The Light Gala

Tuesday October 3, 2023 - At The New York Athletic Club



Chief Guest
Ban Ki-moon

8th UN Secretary General

Recipients of the Ban Ki-moon Award for Women's Empowerment



Kiran Mazumdar Shaw
Founder of Biocon



Dr. Mitzi Perdue
Anti Human Trafficking Advocate

Gala Chairs

Preeti Mattoo & Rick Murray

Host Committee Chair: A. Rama Krishna

Host Committee (in formation): Linda Filardi, Susan Gutfreund, Dr. Eva Haller, Urvashi Kaul, Alicia Kershaw, David Libertson, Arjun Mehta, Lisa Robins, Yue Sai Kan, Dr. Kylie Schuyler, Dr. Yoshiko Sheard, Kratma Sood, Shining Sung

Further information about our Gala: Info@asiainitiatives.org
See our work: www.asiainitiatives.org



More about our work can be found at our [Website](#) and our [YouTube Channel](#).

Thanking you for your support, and wishing you a happy Summer,

Geeta and the Asia Initiatives Team

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