



We Invite You to Help Us Celebrate 40 Years of Friendship and Service

This year marks 40 years of Share & Care — that's 4 decades of impact, with millions of lives touched by our Signature Programs. Together, we have distributed nearly **\$80 million** in aid throughout India since 1982, as well as through our disaster relief work locally. Your support has been vital in our efforts to uplift those who have been historically underserved. **Our programs have provided women with skills training and healthcare, educated children, and uplifted entire villages, all while adapting to shifting times and needs.**

On this International Friendship Day, we highlight a Share & Care project that has illustrated the transformative power of friendship. **Lokmitras**, or "**friends of the people**," offer assistance, education, and mentorship in Gujarat villages by raising awareness about and offering solutions to the issues that affect the villages they serve. **With the support of Share & Care, the Lokmitras have touched thousands of lives and transformed their communities, all by simply being a friend.**



A group of 12 Lokmitras have been active in their villages for 3 years, serving throughout the entirety of the COVID-19 pandemic. Here are just a few of their accomplishments:

- Organized a vaccine drive to achieve an astounding 98% vaccination rate in the 12 villages in which they serve.
- Arranged health check-ups for women, inspired 30 youth to donate blood, facilitated cataract operations for village elderly, and distributed N95 masks, health kits, groceries, and oxygen cylinders to those in need.
- Provided basic education to village children while schools were closed.
- Initiated an awareness campaign for adolescent vaccinations and booster shot availability.
- Prompted the Education Department of Gujarat State to commit to building and running a model school in one of the villages.
- Facilitated the set-up of 5 sari libraries in their villages and opened a Khakhara center, employing 15 widows.
- Planted 10,000 trees in more than 15 villages to increase levels of oxygen in the area.

The Lokmitras have been recognized as a model for social and community service by the Governor of Gujarat, and they have continued to create lasting change and advocate for investment in the education systems and infrastructure of their communities.

We invite you to honor friendship and support Share & Care programs like this one, creating a bridge of compassion and care that spans across the world. **This International Friendship Day, we ask you to reach across that bridge and help us continue our legacy of securing a bright, healthy future for those most in need in India.**

GIVE A GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP

“There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.”

— JOHN HOLMES



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