



A Message From Anika:

Anika, the Vice President of Share & Care Kids4Kids, recently visited the SPRJK Trust to see how K4K is making a difference for Indian students.

Growing up, my family took an annual trip to India. During these trips, my grandmother, a teacher, always stressed the importance of helping others and the power of education for all. I have carried her message throughout my childhood, inspiring me to join Share & Care Kids4Kids in 2019.

In December 2022, I visited the SPRJK Trust, an all-girls school in Ghatkopar, Mumbai. **SCF K4K has supported 200 girls there with computer classes, online learning, and athletics coaching.** During my visit, I met these girls and heard their stories.

Upon meeting the girls, they instantly showered me with gratitude for the work SCF K4K has done for them. Despite financial challenges impeding their education, these girls remain hopeful and eager to achieve their dreams. I talked with all of the girls, discussing where they wanted to be in the future, and each girl shared her lofty and ambitious goals. While talking to them, I understood that they are the true embodiment of the inspirational and empowering quotes that lined the walls of their school:

You cannot rise up without lifting others with you.

Little girls with dreams become women with vision.

Stay positive, work hard, and make it happen.

Hearing them dream aloud was heartwarming because I knew that these girls would be able to achieve their dreams. They were fascinated by life in the United States and wanted the latest American pop culture updates. It is amazing to discover that SCF K4K's funds are allowing these girls to stay in school and reach their full potential.

After my time at the school, I remembered my grandmother's words about how education has the power to change people's lives. Education is in crisis in India, especially among girls who often have to leave school to get married at astonishingly young ages. However, seeing the girls at SPRJK thrive made me ecstatic. Their determination will allow them to succeed, achieve their aspirations, and escape the cycle of poverty.

I often spend too much time complaining about my homework and studying, but the truth is that I am incredibly fortunate to go to a school with plentiful resources in the U.S., and I am lucky to have enough funds for my school materials, tuition, and meals, which are considered luxuries by the girls I visited. Meeting them highlighted this privilege, and this trip pushed me to continue my devotion to SCF K4K and our global community in India. Our goal is to end educational inequality and alter the course of students' lives for the better.

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A student shares gratitude for Anika and the rest of the Share & Care Kids4Kids team.



Anika joins the students in Garba, a traditional Indian dance.



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Get active while making a difference with the Kids4Kids team! **Join K4K on Saturday, June 3, at 11:30 a.m.** at CycleBar Closter for a workout that makes an impact.



To register for the event:

- Direct message a screenshot to @scfkids4kids on Instagram or email it to kids@shareandcare.org.

All proceeds from this event will go toward the Educate 2 Success program, which provides impoverished children in India with the resources they need to excel in their schooling. The K4K team hopes to see you at this exciting event!



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