



Unite & Inspire

...to make an impact!



From U&I world.....

We are proud to share the launch of our third initiative – RISE & THRIVE from Our Co-founder Dr. Banerjee 's corner.....

We are very excited and proud to announce that Unite and Inspire kicked off its third vertical - Rise and Thrive on May 18th with an internship orientation session at University Library, Sugar land, for our talented group of 2019 interns. Ms. Rajani, our Founder and President kicked off the orientation session by explaining the goals and objectives of the U&I internships. Myself, Dr. Banerjee, co-founder and lead for Rise and Thrive, presented additional details with the team structure, guidelines, expectations, deliverables and due dates for the projects. The project teams would be comprised of a team of 3-4 interns, one of them being the team lead, their young mentor from University of Houston and their professional mentor from a scientific, medical or technology field.

Unite and Inspire posted six internship opportunities for Summer 2019, that allowed for some flexibility for our prospective interns, in case their families had summer travel plans to India. We received numerous competitive applications, of which fifteen students were interviewed by a panel of interviewers. Eventually, twelve applicants were chosen as our summer 2019 interns.

The interns were introduced to key individuals that were associated with U&I and the internships. The interns met Ms. Shilpa (operations lead for Rise and Thrive), who is working closely with the project teams during the period of the summer internship; they met Dr. Srinivas, Dr. Vidya and Mr. Sankar Tangirala who are serving as the professional mentors. Dr. Sridevi, our fourth mentor could not be present at this event, due to prior commitments.

Among those present at the orientation were also Ms. Suchitra (co-founder, lead for Share and Grow and interim President of U&I during Ms. Rajani's absence). The six week internships began on June 17 and the final reports are due on July 31, 2019. The final presentations to the U&I board and mentors will be held on Aug 17, 2019.

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'Help & Impact' - Our Volunteers helped to impact our community through selfless service. Here are the snippets....



Arc of Fort Bend – Parents Night Out....

"Volunteering at Arc of Fort Bend is a great way to spend my Friday evenings. Not only does it benefit the kids with special needs, but it is also a lot of fun. After volunteering there a few times, I find myself getting closer to the kids there and looking forward to play games and interact with them. It melts my heart when I see smiles on their faces and it truly makes me happy to be a reason for their smile." says Anagha Natarajan.



Community Gardening at Urban Harvest – UMC Garden

We worked at community garden of UMC where a wide variety of vegetables are harvested to be used in kitchens that serve homeless people.



Star of Hope – High School kids help in Meals Prep

Our High school volunteers and Adults served and assisted the senior residents with meals.



First Colony Dream League -Baseball for Special Need Friends

"Playing with the kids and watching their joy after making a home run gave me happiness. Playing with them and talking to them at bases gave me to know a little more about them and over the games, I also made friends" says Saisri Nandepu

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Fort Bend Seniors – Assist in Senior centers

“First, we welcomed senior citizens into the building. Then, we waited for them to do the Pledge Of Allegiance and get ready for art. Next, we went to the art and helped the senior citizens and the art teacher on their art projects. Finally, we helped to serve lunch to them. Overall this was a wonderful experience because the senior citizens enjoyed us being there, and I had fun interacting with them.” says Abhishek Gadiraju



Lunches of Love – Food Prep & Packing



We decorated bags which are filled later with lunches for LOL kids.



Our Volunteers helped with food prep work and assembled the lunches. We also got to participate in the celebrations of LOL for winning 100k sponsorship.



Clothed By Faith – Sorting Donations

Our dedicated team of a Mom and her son spent a Monday afternoon sorting donated clothes at Clothed by Faith location in Katy, Tx.

“Share & Grow’ was volunteering at the below events and helping U&I’s collaborators and their efforts.



School Supply Drive conducted in collaboration with CCSL, Sugarland.

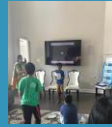
We joined CCSL in their effort of reaching out globally to children across the border. We hosted a drive for gently used/new school supplies at Katy and Sugarland.



Sorted School Supplies Loading in collaboration with CCSL, Sugarland.

Collected, sorting and packing activities were concluded by loading all the school supplies into a truck that would take the supplies off to Mexico.

We are really thankful to Christ Church of Sugarland for this great opportunity, thankful to our team of volunteers. May God bless us all, especially the kids who need these more than us.



Spreading the Awareness of Bone Marrow Transplant by Be The Match.

U&I joined Be The Match in spreading the awareness to a group of people interested in knowing and understanding the importance of bone marrow. We educated them with the details of BM transplant process Our school going kids shared what they understand about Bone marrow transplant.

“I learned a lot today about how someone’s life can be saved by registering and letting people know about Be The Match. If I can register, I would do it in a Nano second and save someone if I am a match.” says Pradyot Reka

Please do contact us if you are interested in hosting one such event.



School Supplies Sorting in collaboration with CCSL, Sugarland.

After collecting school supplies, U&I volunteered at the Christ Church sorting more school supplies to help the underserved kids in Mexico. Loved the enthusiasm and the determination our volunteers had.

“I enjoyed doing school supplies drive and sorting them out. Ms. Renee, told us kids who can’t afford school supplies are going to use them. I felt even more happy to be a part of the drive”, says Abhishek Gadiraju



We feel so proud to brag.....

Our collaborators CCSL mentioned U&I and our work in their quarterly magazine...

Thank you CCSL !!

Our Special Teams were busy....



Art Workshop Team



Our Art workshop team was busy with three workshops for the community at public libraries.

Ashwin and team conducted workshop to teach **Styro Foam Cup sketch** to young adult participants to complete a finished product at the end of 2 hr session.

Amogh Balachandra presented and taught **Pencil Sketch** to young adults and had a completed product at the end of the 2 hour session.

Zoya Sheikh and her team conducted **Calligraphy** workshop in Sugarland Sienna Library to the participants.

Coding Workshop Team



Our coders were busy teaching **HTML coding** to participants at Sienna Library, Sugarland.

Digital & Creative Team



Our Digital team volunteers created flyers for our collaborators for their events.

Glance at the Rise & Thrive launch & Our first Quarterly Organization Team meeting



Our First Quarterly Organization Meeting



Launch of U&I Summer Internship program through Rise & Thrive



► ***Lastly but most important..... We appreciate you all and your volunteer hours count !!!***



Total hours : 1,117 ..and counting....