



VILLAGE WAYS CHARITABLE TRUST



To Whom It May Concern

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Ms Saanya Anand

Saying that the second wave of COVID-19 hit India hard is a major understatement. With over 3 lac reported deaths, India became the new epicentre of the deadly pandemic. The combination of a sharp rise in cases and lack of facilities led to many patients losing their lives. Hospital beds were full, oxygen cylinders were unavailable and mutations had been discovered far too late.

Rural India was the worst affected, with very high numbers of daily deaths being reported from the rural districts of our country. Due to the surge in cases in rural areas and tier-III cities, over half of daily global cases happened in India on six days in May. The need to urgently support rural healthcare infrastructure was brought to the forefront in this time of crisis.

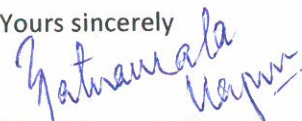
The challenge was greater in sparsely populated mountainous states such as Uttarakhand that had been heavily neglected during this time due to lack of resources, healthcare infrastructure, and restrictions due to COVID-19.

At this time of need, Saanya joined hands with the VWCT's Tulsi Tele-health Care Initiative which runs rural primary tele-health care centers across Ramgarh block (Nainital district) and Kapkot block (Bageshwar district) of the state. These regions are very remote and difficult to access part of the mountainous state.

Saanya supported by starting a fundraiser to swiftly procure 15 oxygen concentrators and to have them delivered in a timely manner at our Tulsi clinics located in remote rural areas. As a class X student from Delhi, it was truly commendable on her part to have conducted such an initiative. She led and designed the entire digital fundraiser on Ketto online crowdfunding platform including writing the content for the campaign. She very proactively promoted the campaign on WhatsApp groups, LinkedIn and other social media platforms.

Within few weeks, Saanya successfully raised funds through the support received from friends, family and acquaintances. She imported the concentrators to meet the needs of the rural, remote, and mountainous regions of Uttarakhand. Currently the oxygen concentrators have been provided to Tulsi Tele-health Care Clinics and also to the government health care facilities. They helped to create critical last mile health care infrastructure for COVID patients in rural areas.

Village Ways Charitable Trust would like to acknowledge Saanya's exemplary sense of responsibility towards humanity in its hour of need, supporting and strengthening the health care infrastructure of villages in remote and rural Uttarakhand.

Yours sincerely


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