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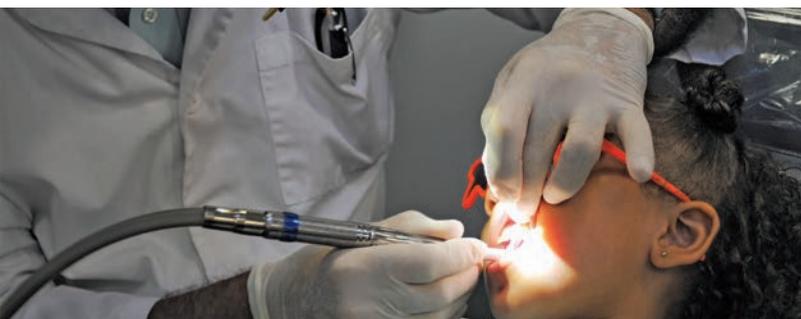
## CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF SERVICE!

### **This year marks the 25th anniversary of The PRASAD Project, which is a cause for celebration!**

Through our programs over the past twenty-five years, we have helped thousands of people in India, Mexico, and the US. In recognition of this milestone, the New York State Senate has adopted a resolution commemorating our 25 years of providing sustainable solutions to long-standing problems through healthcare and community development programs. We sincerely thank you for supporting our work. We could not have achieved this without your help.

### **In this banner year, we've made great strides with our programs.**

PRASAD Chikitsa's Tuberculosis Program has achieved a cure rate of 96% for this leading cause of death in India. Sixteen-year-old Teena came to the PRASAD Chikitsa Medical center, complaining of a lingering cough, fever and weight loss. Now cured of pulmonary tuberculosis, Teena says, "I would like to spread the message that Tuberculosis is curable because I have seen it."



In the United States, where tooth decay is the most common childhood disease, PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program has provided dental health education classes and dental services to more than 76,000 children. A grateful mother of two visiting the clinic admitted, "I haven't taken my children to the dentist. I'm glad there is someone here to look at their teeth." The New York State Dental Foundation honored the program for the fourth time with the Give Kids a Smile Award.

PRASAD de México's volunteer team has performed free eye surgery for more than 30,000 adults and children with cataracts and strabismus. A volunteer commented, "People attend PRASAD eye camps longing to see. With their vision restored, they go home happy, and they have a better chance for a fulfilling life."



PRASAD Chikitsa has developed a sustainable agro-forestry initiative, which continues to provide food security and job opportunities. For struggling farmers like Keshev, participation in PRASAD's Orchard Project makes guidance and support available. "What I have done on my farm," he says, "has only been possible with the help of PRASAD."



PRASAD Chikitsa's 245 women's Self Help Groups have empowered approximately 2,900 participants. Group member Lakshmi shared, "After PRASAD Chikitsa taught me the best methods for cultivating and marketing marigolds, my Self Help Group gave me a loan to start my flower-growing business. I have produced so many flowers that I am able to support my family and also hire other women. PRASAD provides great support for those who want to break the cycle of poverty."



Water scarcity is commonplace in the Tansa Valley, and most families do not have a toilet. The PRASAD Chikitsa clean water initiative helps families access potable water, and the sanitation program has helped more than 250 families to construct toilets.

One-third of the world's malnourished children live in India. PRASAD's Nutrition Program delivers more than 54,000 servings of milk and nutritious snacks to children and pregnant and nursing mothers each year.

Additionally, The PRASAD Project responds to the unexpected; we collected funds to support disaster relief to the communities affected by hurricanes and the earthquake in Mexico.

We've accomplished a great deal during our silver anniversary year. One way of measuring the organization's progress is to ask, "Are we making the world a better place?" The answer is yes. Our programs have made a tremendous impact by addressing some of the most pressing needs of the communities we serve—and your support has made it all possible! We are so grateful.

Now is the ideal time for you to commit to supporting PRASAD's programs by joining as a partner, or monthly donor. Help us reach our goal to gain 100 new partners. Please use the enclosed envelope or visit [www.prasad.org](http://www.prasad.org) and send your gift today!

With gratitude,

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