



It has been a busy year since you last heard about Uddami India Foundation. In 2020, we shared that the staff was healthy and making every effort to stay in contact with their students even while the school was physically closed. They maintained some online coursework, while also supplying food, medicine, and cash assistance to their students and students' families. The school opened and closed several times throughout the national lockdowns, whilst making their own and their students' safety their #1 priority.

In 2021, I was thrilled to report that Uddami India Foundation had made steady progress in expanding their offerings to disadvantaged youth in the area of job skills training, computer learning, life skills training, English language acquisition, mental health resources, feminine hygiene community outreach, and gender equality community outreach. And, they have paired with a local program to train nursing aides.



Graduates of the General Duty Assistant program,
successfully employed

Now, in 2022, in addition to the ground floor, UIF rented the top floor of their building, which accommodates their expansion of skills training. Their computer graduates are now trained to teach computer skills at other facilities, both in-person and online. UIF has hosted well-attended seminars on Cyber Safety, Poetry,

Job Placement, Yoga, Cancer Detection Screenings, to list just a few. The added space also allowed for the installation of four sewing machines and a new tailoring class, a skill set that women typically do in their homes to earn money.

Three recent extremely generous donations have paid for staff salaries and (much deserved!!) raises, as well as full tuition for in-process college degrees for two of the teaching staff. Moumita, director of the Computer Training Center, is going for her Master's in Business and Susmita, computer teacher and Project Manager for the Feminine Hygiene program, is attending college for the first time pursuing a Bachelor's in Social Work, mentored by Executive Director Harshamanjari Nanda, who is also degreed in Social Work. (The third computer teacher and Tally (QuickBooks) course teacher, Neha, previously rejected scholarship support in 2018 from a local non-profit, yet paid for her own Bachelor's degree in Finance.)



Moumita (left) and Susmita (right) accepting Rotary Governor's Special Recognition Award for Outstanding Contribution in the field of Youth Welfare and Development, June 2022

I can't express more clearly what a profound impact your donations have had on the incredible growth Uddami India Foundation is experiencing. The teachers are from as disadvantaged backgrounds as their students, yet by furthering their own education these young women are demonstrating to their students, particularly female students – and more importantly, their students' parents and communities – the importance of education and skills.

Look at what YOUR donations are doing!!



Uddami graduates from this and recent years - all successfully employed!

The world is a tumultuous and uncertain place these days. Constant, steadfast efforts like those of Uddami India Foundation are calm reassurance that good intentions, good deeds, and good will still have a place, and deserve our attention and support and I sincerely hope you agree. Please give UIF utmost consideration in your year-end assessment for donations. There are few places that you can witness such immediate, positive impact and results.

It is with deepest joy that I can finally return to Kolkata for the upcoming January/ February season after 3 years away. I can't wait to report back to you as I witness with my own eyes the outstanding accomplishments of this dedicated organization.

Until then, with deepest gratitude –

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Manu Radin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Manu" and the last name "Radin" clearly distinguishable.

Chairperson, Uddami (US)



Uddami India Foundation Graduates 2022

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