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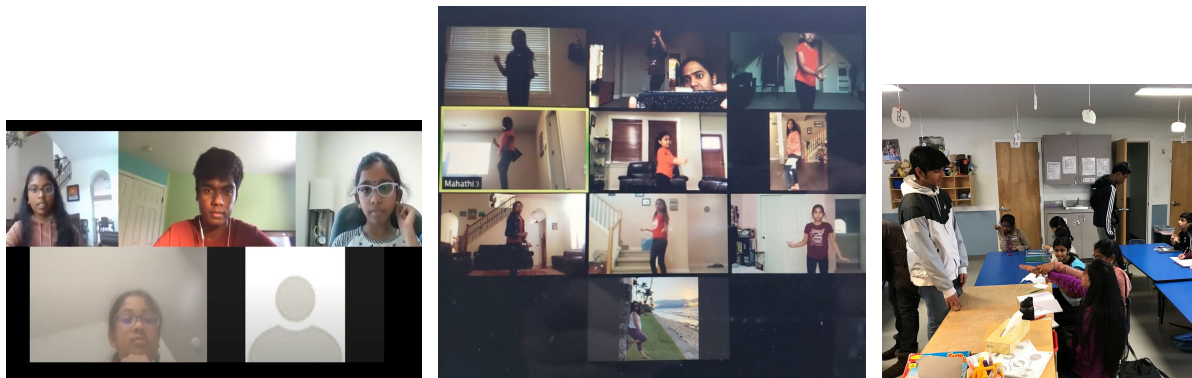
Monthly Newsletter

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Staying at home, sheltering-in-place, and physically-distancing practices have not slowed down the effort of the Shooting Stars Foundation to help youth achieve their dreams. Cancelled in-person programs have been swiftly and successfully adjusted to be delivered via online meetings, through the efforts of our creative and dedicated volunteers. We highlight some of our virtual projects in this edition of the monthly newsletter.

Oregon Shooting Stars Online Spring Camp

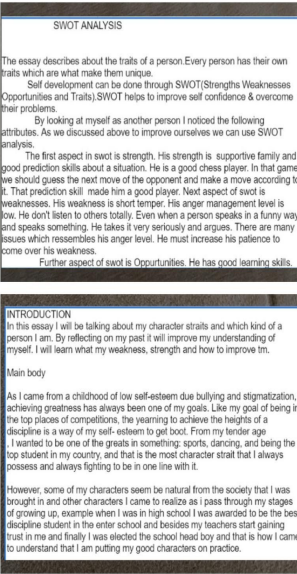
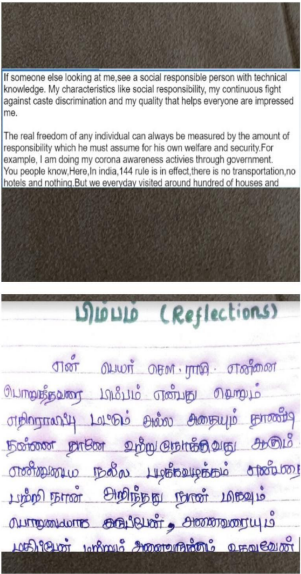
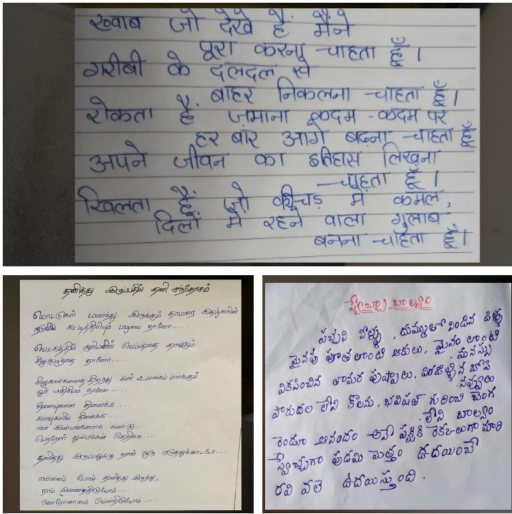
In response to Shelter-in-Place order, the Oregon Shooting Stars team adapted its Spring Camp to online classes. While it was not the best of circumstances, students had fun learning about topics in Science, Speech, Creative Writing, and Dance. In total, we had over 40 students participate and raised over \$1500 ! Here are a few snapshots from the online sessions, from before and after the shelter-in-place order. Going forward, the Oregon Shooting Stars team looks to provide more online events like this, as well as free tutoring in local schools. We thank Ramya Saravanan for leading this program to success! We also thank our student volunteers Adhithya, Karthik, Vedanth, Garison, Lokesh, Srishti, and Darsh.



Scholar Competitions during LockDown

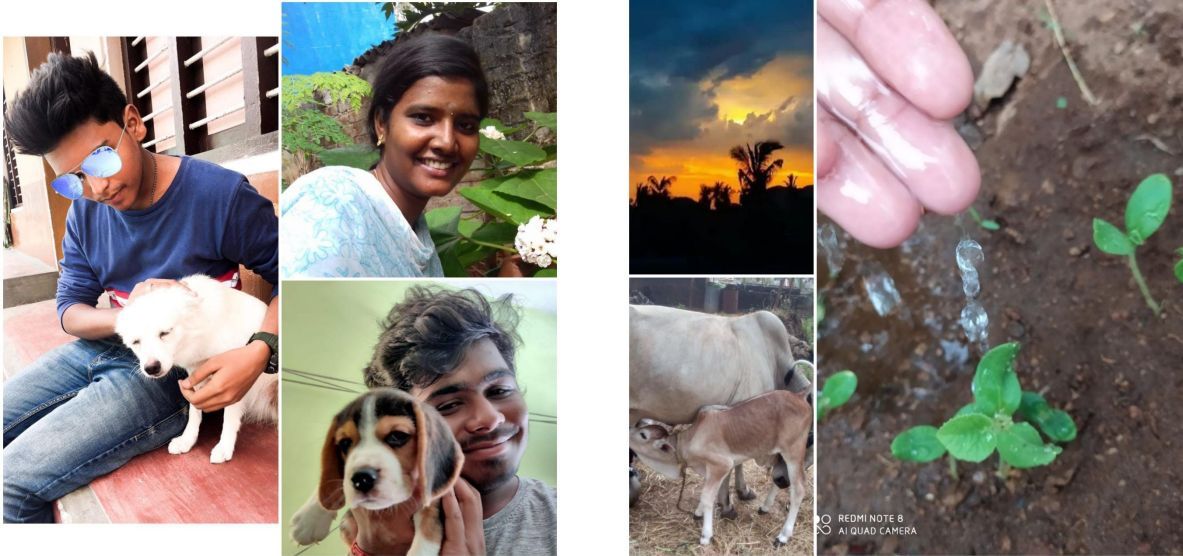
During the world lockdown, the Shooting Stars Foundation volunteers put forward challenges for our worldwide scholars to use their sharp minds and creativity. Four 24-hour competitions were launched within one week, and the submissions were overwhelmingly positive, encouraging, and thoughtful. We thank our 25+ volunteer judges, and organizers from different parts of the world !

In the 1st competition, scholars put forward insightful captions, poems and stories of a child frolicking in a pond full of lotuses. The winners were Komal (Gurgaon), Gowri Yokesh (Chennai), Aruna (Coimbatore), AnjiBabu (Telengana), Poovarasan (Vellore), Tharini (Karur), Srirakhsha (Bangalore), and Joy (Kenya).



Our 2nd competition was introspective. Scholars had to look at themselves from another person's viewpoint and critiqued their character traits, and came up with suggestions about how to improve themselves. The winners were Kases (Kenya), Ramu (Madurai), Sai Sandeep (Andhra Pradhesh), YogaBalaji (Coimbatore), Simran (Mumbai), Tharini (Karur), ShivaLeela (Bangalore), and Poovarasan (Vellore).

Our 3rd competition was to have our scholars capture a happy moment with a click of the camera. The winners were Rafiq Azharudheen (Chennai), J Kokilapriya(Coimbatore), Kotha Roopasri (Andhra Pradesh), Anji Babu Angadala(Andhra Pradesh), Atchaya N (Tirunelveli), and S Gowri Yokesh Kumar(Chennai). Enjoy the winning entries below.



In the final competition, we asked our scholars to express their view of the Coronavirus epidemic and its impact on them, their families and our environment at large. They had to use their artistic capabilities through posters, drawings and paintings, no digital artwork. Our winners were Aruna (Coimbatore), Ishwarya (Kumbakonam), Balasaranya (Tamilnadu), KothaRoopaSri (Andhra Pradesh), Mamta (Delhi), and Parkavi (Kumbakonam).



COVID-19 Initiative of our Scholar

COVID-19 affected the world. Our scholar Yoga Balaji, a second year Civil Engineering student at PSG Tech, Coimbatore, India, took the issue up close and personal in his hometown.

He was appointed as the COVID-19 special volunteer by the State Government of TamilNadu.



He visited 250 houses around Madurai, to deliver masks, sanitizers, and groceries, and teaching the residents on hygiene practices for a healthy lifestyle. He was appointed a Mentor for Samadhan Challenge by the Ministry of Human Resources Development of India. It is a platform to find solutions for COVID-19 in different categories. As a mentor, his job was to develop and implement the solutions for economical problems, personal hygiene, awareness, and other issues. One of his ideas to reach more people in rural areas was modifying the lyrics of some famous songs in Tamil to incorporate correct information about COVID-19. Shooting Stars Foundation is very proud of his

unparalleled and selfless service to humanity at this time of need !

Donor Spotlight

Raj Asirvadham, a donor from Fremont, CA met his sponsored scholar at Chennai, India during his summer visit. In his words, "It was so great to meet with Maruthamuthu after 2 years of sponsoring him. We had a wonderful time."

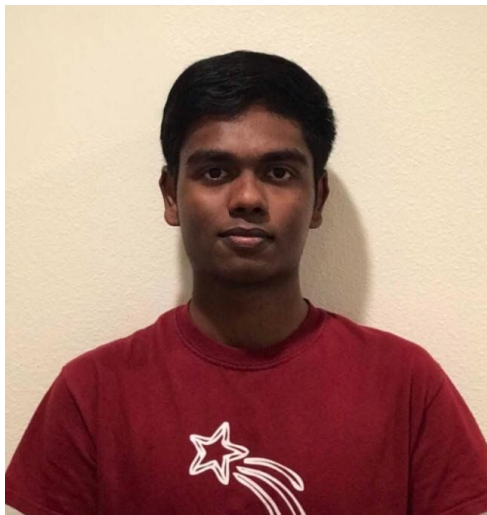
Maruthamuthu expressed how much he appreciates Raj's advice and support and being treated like a family member. Maruthamuthu is a final year medical student at Chengalpet Medical College. He will be the first graduate student in his family.



High School Officers Spotlight



Nikhita Nanduri is the President of our Scholars for America program, a division of Shooting Stars that offers tutoring for children from low income families. Nikhita formulated a program that would benefit children across the country at a local level. "What I like about my volunteer work is watching the growth of the students and seeing their confidence sky rocket after the program. It's worth it when you see the kids happy and satisfied."



Adhithya Ananthan served as the Oregon Shooting Stars President 2019-2020. "My experience in Shooting Stars Foundation has been meaningful because I know that our team's contribution not only helps the local community, but also the global community. In the camps that we organized, I loved teaching kids and it brings me joy to see their eyes light up when they learn something new. I strongly encourage other high schoolers to become a part of our organization because, trust me, you won't regret it. After all, your contributions make an impact on a global scale."

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