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Transforming Lives with
STEM

Pic: vivo Scholars Meet, Oct 2024, New Delhi



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A word from our Board

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Partners,

As we reflect on 2024, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude. This year, **the Shooting Stars Foundation** reached new heights—not only in numbers, but in the depth and breadth of lives transformed.

For the first time in our history, we crossed the **\$1 million mark in funds raised and reinvested it entirely** into programs that matter. With your unwavering support, we **empowered over 12,849 students** through STEM outreach, and **supported 386 scholars** across India with full scholarships and holistic training. Among these, 57% were women, many of them first-generation college students from families living on less than \$1,000 a year. Today, 95% of our scholars have graduated, and **90% are employed or pursuing higher education**—a powerful testament to the life-changing impact of education.

In the U.S., we tackled barriers not of cost, but of circumstance. Through hands-on STEM camps, tech immersion programs, and hackathons, we **reached over 2,000 youth**, primarily from underrepresented African-American and Hispanic communities. These programs didn't just teach—they ignited curiosity, built confidence, and opened doors to futures that once seemed unreachable.

Every story in this report—whether it's Pradeep working night shifts to support his education, Bhawana breaking barriers in AI, or Anup mentoring future doctors in rural Assam—reflects the heart of SSF: resilience, opportunity, and transformation.

I am also **deeply thankful to our corporate partners**, whose CSR investments helped build STEAM labs, fund scholarships, and create scalable impact in both India and the U.S. And to our volunteers—you are the bridge between potential and possibility.

As we look ahead, our mission remains clear: to break the cycle of poverty through access to STEM education. With your continued support, we can do even more—reaching students earlier, building stronger global partnerships, and ensuring that no brilliant mind is held back by circumstance.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we are not just changing lives—we are shaping futures.

With gratitude,
Latha Narayannan
CEO & Founder



Brian McCann
President
SSF Board of Directors

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We are so proud of the SSF organization building the processes and teamwork to continue to scale for greater impact. For the first time in our 12 years history, we raised over \$1Million, invested back over \$1Million in STEM scholarships and programs to create a life-changing impact to over 6,500 people this year.



Pic: Latha Narayannan



To empower communities to break the cycle of generational poverty through STEM education

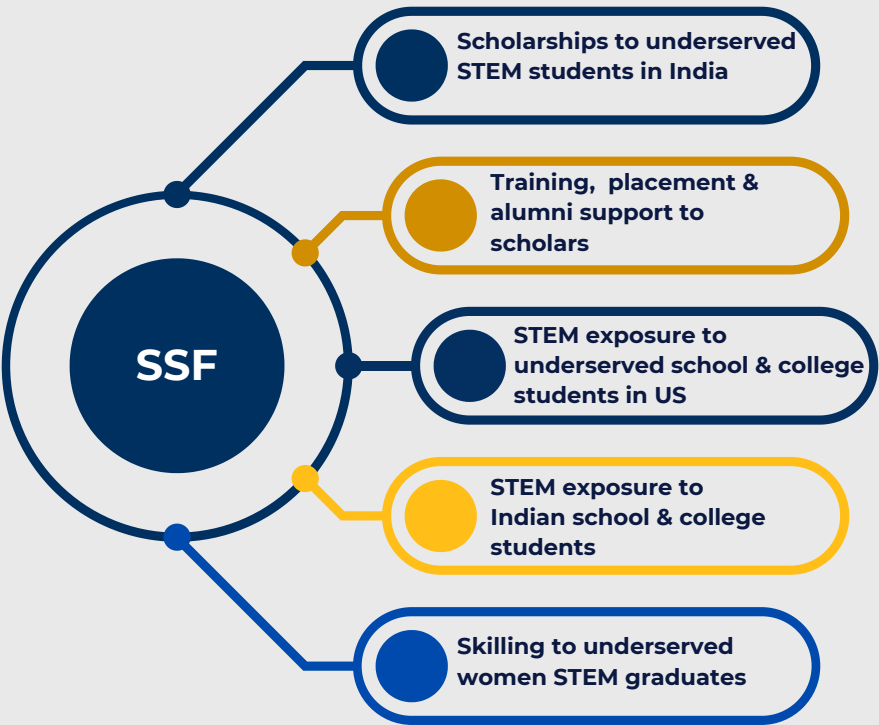
VISION

SSF envisions a world where every young person, regardless of background, has equal access to STEM education and skills—unlocking opportunities for academic success, meaningful careers, and long-term economic empowerment for themselves and their communities.

MISSION

SSF is on a mission to spark a lifelong passion for STEM for students across the globe. We aim to make STEM fun, accessible, and inspiring—encouraging students to pursue it as a career. In India, we further this mission by supporting underserved yet talented youth through scholarships, skilling programs, and mentorship—transforming lives through education and opportunity.

**Our Future-Ready Model
STEM Access, Skills, and Scholarships**



Pic: SSF Alumni

Why Shooting Stars Foundation

The Shooting Stars Foundation (SSF) was founded to tackle the deep-rooted issue of educational inequity, with a focus on empowering underrepresented students in STEM through context-specific interventions in India and the United States.

In India, SSF addressed the impact of economic disparity on education. Talented students from marginalized backgrounds—children of farmers, laborers, single mothers, or orphans—were earning seats in top government engineering and medical colleges but risked dropping out due to unaffordable tuition. SSF stepped in to provide full scholarships and free training in English, aptitude, and leadership, empowering them to graduate with confidence and compete on equal footing with their peers.



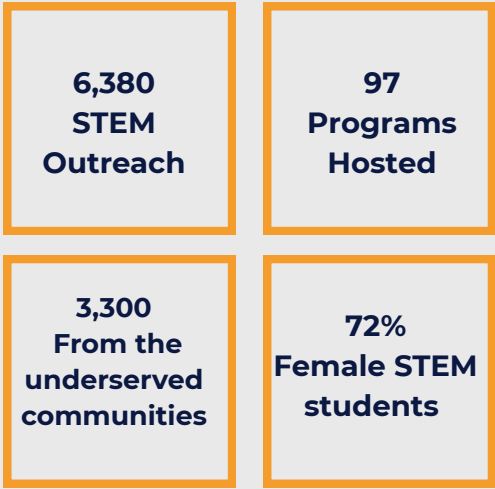
In the United States, SSF addressed barriers rooted in social and environmental instability rather than tuition. African-American and Hispanic youth in underserved communities were at risk of dropping out due to local violence, family disruptions, and low academic engagement. SSF tackled this by offering hands-on STEM camps and events that kept students motivated, made college feel attainable, and opened doors to promising STEM careers.

Across both geographies, SSF is not just addressing a challenge—it is opening doors for thousands of underserved students to break cycles of poverty, stay in school/college, and rise into leadership roles in science, technology, and society.

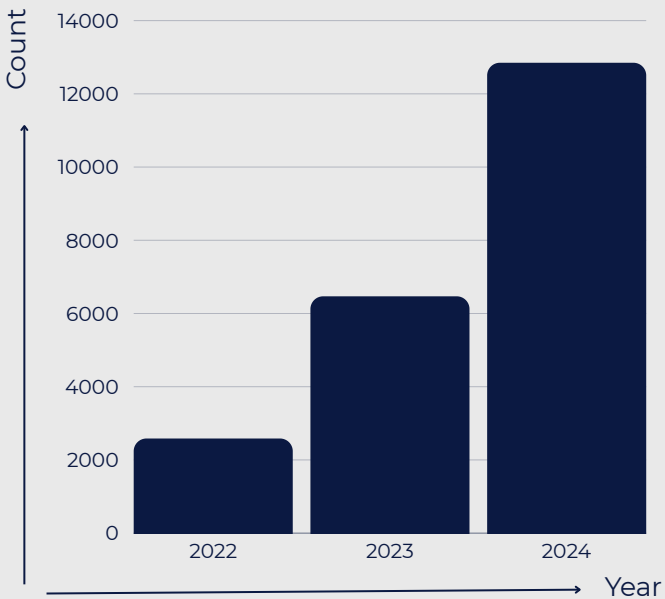


Pic: SSF Medical Scholars

STEM PROGRAMS IN 2024



Cumulative STEM Students Impacted

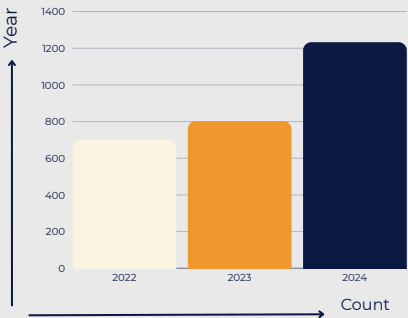


Our STEM outreach continues to grow globally, delivering hands-on education and empowering over 12,849 students till 2024 —igniting curiosity and inspiring the next generation of innovators.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS IN 2024

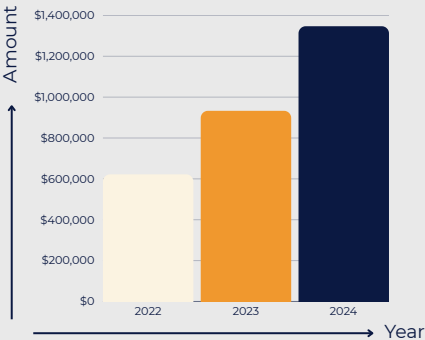


Scholars over the years



90%
Scholars are
employed in
companies
or
have opted
for higher
education

Cumulative Scholarship Amount



Our scholars come from families with an average annual income of just \$974, with 57% being female. Despite these challenges, 95% have graduated, and 90% are either employed or pursuing higher education—demonstrating the power of education to break the cycle of poverty. In 2024 alone, our scholars completed 2,404 hours of training.

We strengthened our commitment to empowering students, particularly underrepresented youth, through impactful STEM programs and camps across the U.S. and India.



Pic: SSF STEM Event Participant

Hackathons	Open for	Geography	Participants
AAUW All Girls Hackathon - Jan	Middle & High School Girls	USA	170
*vivo Ignite - Feb	Grade 8 - 12 Students	India	6,100
AMD Pervasive AI Developer Contest - March	Professionals & College Students	India	330
Western Digital All Girls Hackathon - April	Middle & High School Girls	USA	38
Western Digital All Girls Hackathon Online - April	Middle & High School Girls	USA	91
WWT All India Women Hackathon- Aug	College Women	India	600
IBM Datathon - Oct	College students	Global	5,200
Netscout TechBridge program	High School Students	USA	9

*Phase 2 ongoing



Pic: SSF STEM Event Participants

Camps	Open for	Geography	Participants
AMGEN Entrepreneurship Camp- July 2024	8-12 Graders	USA	260
SSF Congressional App Challenge- Sept 2024	6-12 Graders	USA	36
EAH Game Design- July 2024	6-12 Graders	USA	37
KAISER Financial Literacy Camp- July 2024	11 graders- College	USA	20
Detroit Hispanic Dev Corp Camp (DHDC)	High School Students	USA	40

Spotlight 1 → vivo Ignite

The 'vivo Ignite: Technology and Innovation Awards', organized by vivo India in collaboration with NCERT, iHub DivyaSampark at IIT Roorkee, and supported by Shooting Stars Foundation, received an overwhelming response with over 19,000 registrations and 4,000 innovative projects from students in Grades 8 to 12.



01

19k+ Registrations
Received

02

200 Innovators
Shortlisted

03

10 Invited to New Delhi
For The Grand Finale

04

Top 5 were awarded
STEM Scholarships



The competition aimed to foster innovation, creativity, and real-world problem-solving among India's youth. The winning project, "Smart Street – Where Innovation Meets Sustainability," earned a cash prize of ₹7 lakh, while other innovative solutions, including eco-friendly agro machines and STEM-based technologies, shared additional prizes worth ₹14 lakh. The top 25 ideas are now under evaluation for research, incubation, or startup opportunities by iHub DivyaSampark.

“We're delighted to have assisted students with their scholarships. The SSF team excelled in identifying these scholars at the grassroots level, employing a rigorous screening process. The heartwarming stories that emerged underscore our joy in supporting these talented students on their educational journeys”

Spotlight 2 → Detroit Hispanic Dev Corp Camp



“When we started the program, some participants didn't know quite what to expect but at the end of camp, we were proud to see them pitch their ideas and eventually make this camp a success. This camp helped youth improve their critical thinking skills, collaboration efforts, and public speaking abilities.”

Marisol Teachworth & Adrian Salazar,
DHDC Team

SSF hosted the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation (DHDC) STEM Entrepreneurship Camp, a dynamic week-long program focused on innovation, teamwork, and entrepreneurship. Held at DHDC's Teen Best Buy Center, the camp brought together over 40 high school students from 14+ metro Detroit schools, with 100% of participants from underserved minority backgrounds—highlighting our commitment to empowering underrepresented youth in STEM. Throughout the camp, students participated in hands-on sessions led by entrepreneurs and industry professionals. The program culminated in an inspiring award ceremony, where students left motivated to explore STEM and entrepreneurship pathways, with 60% expressing interest in pursuing a STEM major in college.



Spotlight 3 → TechBridge Program

“ I liked how panelists told us about how they felt different and the struggles they had to go through to get there, as well as how they connected with us knowing we are also LatinX - TechBridge Participant ”



SSF hosted the TechBridge program in San Jose, CA, providing high school students with an immersive experience in mobile app development, product design, and marketing. Participants gained hands-on learning through app development workshops, product design sessions, a LatinX in Tech panel, and on-site visits to companies like Gameheads, Intel, and Lucid Motors, equipping them with valuable real-world insights and skills.

The experience culminated in a Lucid Motors showcase, where participants received certificates, and those presenting mobile apps were awarded \$100 gift cards, leaving inspired and equipped to explore tech-driven opportunities for positive change.



SNAPSHOT 1 → AMD Pervasive AI Developer Contest



SSF was the outreach partner for the AMD Pervasive AI Developer Contest. Through outreach efforts, SSF engaged 100+ college leaders, conducted workshops at 17 colleges, and provided coaching with AMD-trained SSF mentors.

Registration	Submissions	Colleges
2,600	500+	100+

The IBM Z Datathon 2024, supported by SSF, was a global success, bringing together participants from 37 countries in a 24-hour hackathon themed Tech for Good. The event empowered participants to leverage IBM’s LinuxONE platform to solve real-world problems using coding and innovation.



SNAPSHOT 2 → IBM Z Datathon 2024



Registration	Participation	Countries
9,104	5,200	5

SNAPSHOT 3 → Amgen STEM Entrepreneurship Program



In July 2024, SSF and Amgen hosted the fourth STEM Entrepreneurship Program at Thousand Oaks, inspiring 175 students with hands-on learning. Over 150 Amgen employees and 11 student volunteers mentored participants, highlighting a shared commitment to STEM diversity. Thanks to the Amgen South Asian Network, six ERGs, and leaders like Brian D’Souza and Unamalai Krishnan for their support.

Registration	Participation	Females
260	180	96



Andira Fara
Senior Director, Marketing, ARC Facilities

Last summer, I had the opportunity to participate in the Tech Bridge Program, where I guided students in creating marketing plans for their business and app ideas. It was incredibly fulfilling to share my passion for marketing with such ambitious and curious learners, helping them bring their visions to life. Seeing their creativity and enthusiasm made the experience truly rewarding, and I look forward to mentoring again in the future."



Priya Arun
Product Manager at RobertHalf

Empowering Latino high schoolers to pursue STEM majors, I witnessed exceptional talent and potential. The two-week summer program at Latino Prep underscored the importance of access and equity in unlocking every child's gifts. I was proud to be part of this initiative, opening new perspectives and opportunities for the future.

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"My experience working hosting the SSF program was extremely rewarding. As a program manager, I was given the opportunity to work directly with students, introducing them to the STEM field and preparing them to succeed in higher education. It was inspiring to see their confidence grow as they overcame obstacles and developed critical skills that will serve them well in their academic and professional futures."

Yara Hassan
Data Science and Economics @ UC Berkeley

Our volunteers don't just give their time—they offer hope, guidance, and heart. At SSF, they are the bridge between potential and possibility.





The Presidential Volunteer Service Award celebrates exceptional commitment to community service. Our youth officers earn this honor through their dedication, logging hours that meet Bronze (100–249), Silver (250–499), or Gold (500+) levels. Their impact inspires us all, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements.

Dr. Elisa Muresan

Presidential Award Winners

Aksanaa Sakthi, Virginia

Vishal Swamy, Michigan

Anish Manda, Michigan

Eashan Daram, Michigan

Nirvnan Daram, Michigan

Amulya Kumar, Georgia

Sai Mahati Batchu, Florida

Srinjana Chatterjee, Illinois

Shreenidhi Kunta, Texas

Manas Rajkumar, California

Nivetha Subramanian, California

Ritika Appanagari, California

Kannan Ramakrishnan, California

Stella (Jiyeon) Lee, California



I am extremely honored to receive the Gold Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Grateful for the opportunity to lead the youth team along with organizing a variety of STEM camps nationwide. I am looking forward to continuing my community service journey in the future!

-Vishal Swamy - Gold Award



I am truly humbled and grateful to receive the Gold Presidential Service Award. This recognition inspires me to continue serving with dedication, and I am honored to contribute to my community in a way that makes a meaningful difference.

Kannan Ramakrishnan - Gold Award



I am honored to have earned the Gold PVSA with Shooting Stars Foundation. I've learned so much about what it means to be a positive leader in the community and making an impact. Thank you so much for this wonderful opportunity!

Ritika Appanagari - Gold Award



Throughout this journey, I've learned the power of service, the value of working within a team, and the impact of supporting underrepresented youth. I'm so thankful for the people I've worked with and everything I've learned along the way.

Aksanaa Sakthi - Gold Award

SSF Family Meet 2024



On October 6, 2024, the Shooting Stars Foundation hosted its much-anticipated SSF Family Annual Meetup, bringing together nearly 300 scholars, alumni, volunteers, and supporters for a day of inspiration, connection, and celebration. T



Nalini Padnabhaan



Kathiravan Sadasivam



Masthan Babu

The event was elevated by the presence of our Chief Guest, a pioneering Chartered Accountant who shared her remarkable journey of breaking gender barriers in the finance industry over three decades ago. Her powerful keynote struck a deep chord with our scholars — especially our women scholars — who left feeling inspired to pursue their dreams with courage and determination. We were also honored to welcome Mr. Kathiravan Sadasivam and Mr. Masthan Babu, Directors at Cognizant, as keynote speakers. Their sessions provided valuable industry insights, career guidance, and encouragement to our students, reinforcing the importance of resilience, continuous learning, and seizing opportunities in a competitive world.

Board Members & Senior Guests



SSF Family Meet 2024

In addition to the main program, a variety of thoughtfully curated sessions and activities were organized to create a well-rounded and enriching experience for our attendees. One of the key highlights was the Medical Panel on Residency, Fellowships, and Work-Life Balance, which featured esteemed professionals including Dr. Dinakaran Moses, Dr. Ravi Annamalai, and Dr. Ajmal Khan. Their candid insights into the realities of medical training, specialization options, and strategies for managing professional and personal well-being resonated deeply with our scholars pursuing healthcare careers.



Dr Ravi & Dr Ajmal



Dr. Dinakaran Moses



Engineering Panel

Simultaneously, our Engineering Panel on Skills for Success in Engineering provided practical guidance for those entering the tech and engineering fields. Industry leaders like Ms. Tharani Devi and Mr. Kumar Manoharan from Cognizant, and Ms. Jayashree Sundaresan from Freshworks, shared valuable perspectives on navigating the early years of a technical career, the importance of soft skills, and how to build a growth mindset in the workplace.

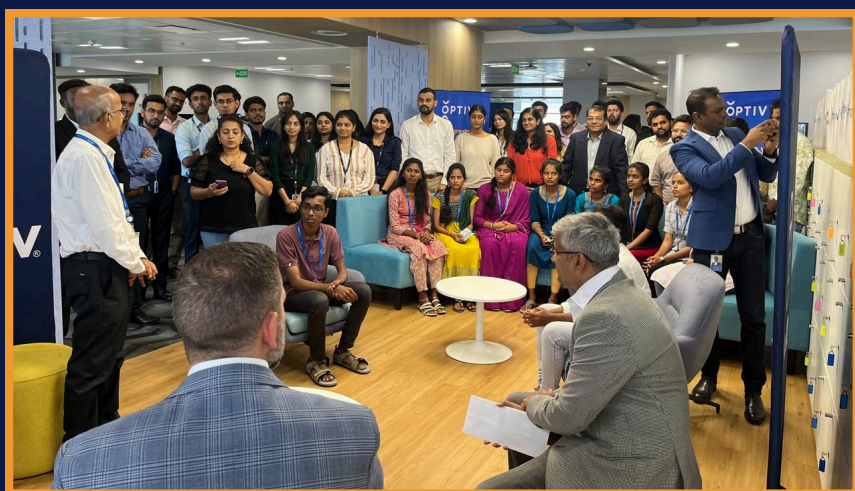
The day was also filled with engaging activities, including interactive games, a lively dance workshop, and delicious food that added to the vibrant and welcoming atmosphere.



Journey of Impact: CSR & Community Scholarship Events



SSF extends heartfelt thanks to vivo Mobile India Private Limited for their generous support in 2024. Thanks to their commitment, 183 women were empowered—150 through our Women in STEM (WIS) initiative and 33 via vivo for Education (VFE). On October 1, over 20 female STEM engineering SSF-vivo scholars were hosted at the vivo India office for a special empowerment event.



Optiv made a transformative impact in 2024 by sponsoring the education of 15 deserving students, helping them pursue their academic dreams with dignity and confidence. In addition, Optiv's generous support brought digital empowerment to Appareddy Palya Government School through the establishment of a fully equipped STEAM lab. This state-of-the-art space now features 15 laptops, dedicated furniture, UPS backup, complete wiring, and operational support—creating an environment where curiosity thrives and innovation is nurtured. Through this initiative, students are being introduced to the world of technology and STEM, opening doors to brighter futures and endless possibilities.



Journey of Impact: CSR & Community Scholarship Events

LUMINOUS

Thanks to the generous partnership with Luminous India, SSF was able to provide critical financial support to 28 deserving students, including 21 aspiring female engineers. This support not only eased their financial burden but also empowered them to pursue their dreams in the field of engineering with confidence and determination. Together, we are fostering a new generation of innovators and changemakers.



AI Insights Event Report: Exploring Tomorrow

On January 6th, 20 Shooting Stars Foundation (SSF) scholars and alumni gathered at Chennai's Hamsa restaurant for an engaging session on AI's transformative impact across industries. Featuring expert insights from Ganesh (former Apple and Microsoft AI leader) and Jayashree (Freshworks leader), the event explored AI's future potential and offered practical career guidance. Meaningful discussions over lunch inspired participants, equipping them with fresh perspectives on AI and professional growth.



At SSF, we are deeply grateful to our corporate partners whose generous contributions and continued CSR support play a vital role in advancing our mission to create equitable educational opportunities.



Bhawana Gupta, a dedicated B.Tech student specializing in Artificial Intelligence at Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University, exemplifies resilience and determination. Hailing from a modest background in Chanchal Park, West Delhi—where her father works as an electrician and her mother is a homemaker—Bhawana has overcome significant financial challenges, including a grueling 4-hour daily commute and covering her first-year college fees through loans and the sale of her mother's jewelry.

SSF's scholarship has allowed her to focus on her studies, excel in subjects like Java and EVS lab work, and grow personally by actively engaging in campus life—conquering even her fear of public speaking.

Driven and ambitious, Bhawana dreams of building a self-reliant India where women are empowered and independent. Her story is a powerful testament to how SSF's commitment to educational equity is transforming lives—one scholar at a time.



Bhawana Gupta
B.Tech, CS Engineering,
IGDTUW



Khushi,
B.Tech, CS Engineering,
IGDTUW



Khushi, a resilient student from South West Delhi, is pursuing her engineering education against the odds. Her father works as temporary catering staff and her mother is a housemaid—together, their modest and irregular income barely sustains their rented household. With no access to formal loans and a grueling 5–6-hour daily commute, Khushi juggled tuition jobs to cover daily expenses, all while applying for scholarships and education loans—often facing rejections.

Through the support of the Shooting Stars Foundation, her financial burden has been eased, allowing her to focus on what she loves—Computer Science and problem-solving. She thrives in practical classes, especially in Data Structures and Algorithms, and continues to grow despite the challenges.

Outside academics, Khushi channels her creativity through content creation, video editing, and event organizing—showcasing a unique blend of technical and artistic skills. Her journey is a powerful testament to how opportunity and support from organizations like SSF can fuel ambition and pave the way for a better future.



**Bhawna Gupta & Khushi
along with other vivo-SSF Scholars**



**Anup Kumar Yadav
MBBS Student
Guwahati Medical College & Hospital**

Inspired by those who helped him, Anup began mentoring underprivileged students in his district. He has guided NEET aspirants from over 10 government schools by sharing study materials, providing counseling, and motivating them through their academic journey. This experience has helped him grow personally, especially in building confidence and public speaking skills. Since 2022, he has also been volunteering every Sunday at a shelter home through the U&I Trust, teaching children from nursery to class 5. Many of the students he mentored are now pursuing MBBS degrees, and their heartfelt thank-you messages affirm his belief in giving back. Anup's journey is a powerful example of resilience, gratitude, and the ripple effect of empowerment.

Anup Kumar Yadav, a second-year MBBS student at Gauhati Medical College and Hospital, hails from the small village of Naojan in Assam's Golaghat district. A bright student from an underprivileged background, Anup completed his schooling at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya and earned scholarships from both Super 30 and Dakshana Foundation. Choosing NEET over JEE, he underwent residential coaching in Pune through Dakshana. Despite the COVID-19 lockdown, his preparation was uninterrupted. His journey home during the pandemic was marked by challenges—including a 5-day train ride with no food, a misrouted journey, and even a fire on the train. The timely help from Navodaya alumni, who were strangers to him, deeply moved Anup and became a turning point in his life. With support from Shooting Stars Foundation, which sponsored his college expenses, Anup could pursue his dream of becoming a doctor.



The SINGAR SKILLING Program, a six-month initiative aimed at empowering unemployed women graduates from underprivileged backgrounds. Focused on bridging the gap between education and employability, the program includes three months of intensive Full Stack Development (MERN stack) training followed by three months of industry internship.



40
Students
Enrolled



Cognizant's Interview Clinic Session



Daily Assembly



MILT Training Closure

37
Internships
secured



Cognizant Interview Clinic Closure



Group Project
Discussion



The Girls

450+
Total Training
Hours

6+
Industry
Connects

26
Students
Placements





Dr Vidhyashree MY

MBBS Intern

Mysore Medical College & Research Institute

Dr. Vidyashree M Y, from the village of Madhihalli in Tumkur District, Karnataka, faced significant financial hardships growing up as the child of a single parent. Despite the odds, her determination to pursue a career in medicine never wavered. A pivotal figure in her journey was her donor, Mr. Ashlesh Sharma, whose mentorship and encouragement helped her navigate the challenges of medical school. Now interning at Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, Dr. Vidyashree is preparing to pursue her MD. She's committed to giving back to her society. Her story reflects resilience, the impact of educational support, and the lasting power of kindness—a beacon of hope for other aspiring students.



Gunasekaran, a student of Computer Science and Engineering at GCT, Coimbatore (2019–2023) received scholarships from SSF for three crucial years, which helped him complete his degree without financial strain. Today, as he works at Deloitte in Coimbatore, Gunasekaran looks back with gratitude at the unwavering support his donor provided, crediting the foundation for helping him shape a successful and fulfilling career.



Gunasekaran G

Senior Analyst, Deloitte India



Pradeep's journey is one of extraordinary perseverance. After losing his father at the age of three, he was raised by his mother, a tailor who worked tirelessly to support their small family. Despite growing up in financial hardship, Pradeep remained focused on his academics, scoring an impressive 95% in high school. He earned admission to Sri Krishna College of Engineering and Technology—but even with an educational loan, he couldn't cover the full tuition.

As an SSF Scholar, Pradeep received critical financial support that allowed him to continue his education. Determined to make it work, he attended college during the day and worked night shifts at a gas station to support himself—all while caring for his ailing mother. Pradeep's relentless determination paid off. He not only completed his degree but also received job offers from top IT companies including Mindtree (LTI Mindtree), HCL, Cognizant, and Zoho.



Pradeep
Software Engineer
LTI Mindtree



Bhuvaneshwari
Software Engineer
FIS Global

Bhuvaneshwari's journey began at M. Kumarasamy College of Engineering, where tragedy struck in her first year with the loss of her father. The financial instability that followed brought immense pressure from relatives to abandon her education. However, with her mother's unwavering support, she continued her studies.

Despite suffering another devastating loss—the passing of her mother—Bhuvaneshwari remained steadfast. With SSF's continuous support, she graduated and secured a role as a software engineer at FIS GLOBAL, marking the beginning of a successful professional journey.



Bay Area Ambassador Appreciation Day | November 16, 2024



On November 16, 2024, the Bay Area celebrated a unique "Thanksgiving" with SSF's Ambassador Appreciation Day—a heartfelt evening honoring donors, sponsors, partners, volunteers, and the scholars whose resilience continues to inspire.

With hot tea and spicy Chettinad appetizers setting the tone, the evening opened with a moving welcome by Latha Narayannan. Emceed by Chris Gaebler, the event featured impactful speeches from Brian McCann, Kevin Lee, Malai Muthu, and heartfelt stories from donors and partners. Presidential Service Awards were presented to 15 youth officers, recognizing their volunteer contributions.

The night blended inspiration with fun, including a comedy segment by Bldg18 and a lively quiz game hosted by Jayashree Sundaresan. Emotional student videos and personal messages touched every heart, culminating in a powerful "chair" video symbolizing the hard-earned place of girls in higher education.

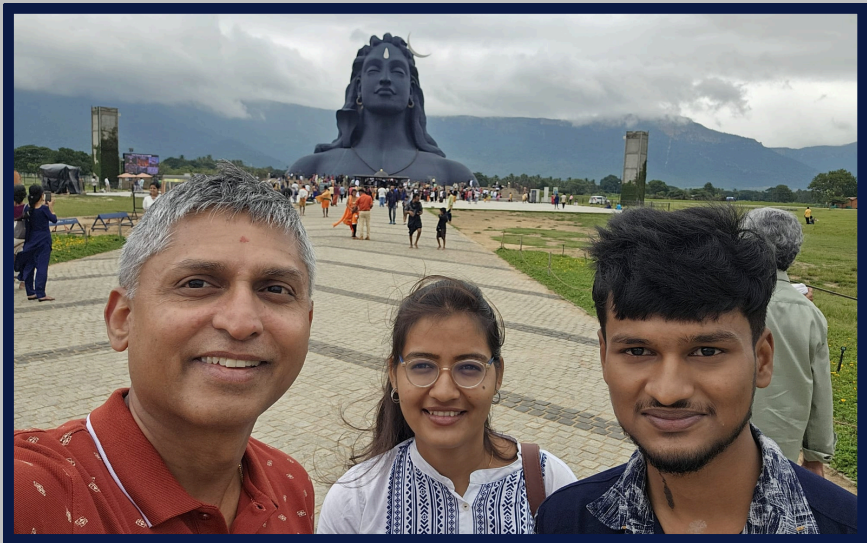
The highlight of the event was SSF Scholar Harika's powerful story of triumph, showing the life-changing impact of SSF. The evening closed with a delicious, authentic Chettinad feast from Anjappar, leaving everyone nourished in more ways than one.

RANGEELA PDX DONOR EVENT 2024

Our flagship donor event Rangeela continued to be successful with a vibrant gathering of supporters.



With a sold-out crowd of over 500 attendees, the event featured 20 spectacular performances from 150 talented dancers, spanning a range of vibrant cultural styles. A highlight of Rangeela 2024 was an SSF scholar's inspiring story, which moved the audience to generously contribute toward funding scholarships for students in need.



Rajesh Kallampampil, a donor of the Shooting Stars Foundation, meeting his scholars, Jayapriya and Abhilash, in Coimbatore, India, during the second half of 2024.



Sirisha Malladi captured a memorable moment with her scholar, Dr. Gopika Chowla, during her visit to India in November 2024. The meeting evoked a sense of nostalgia for Sirisha as she reflected on her own college days.



“Education is the most powerful gift you can give someone, as it unlocks the doors to a brighter future. Thank you, Shooting Stars, for giving us the opportunity to be part of your big mission. We truly enjoy connecting with our scholars, understanding their journeys, and celebrating with them as they graduate and become engineers or doctors.

– Donor Premi, in her video message to the Shooting Stars Foundation.

SSF successfully concluded a campaign that connected donors traveling to India with their sponsored scholars. These meetings provided a meaningful opportunity for donors to witness firsthand the impact of their support, fostering deeper connections and reinforcing the transformative power of education.

Endless thanks to our donors for making everything possible



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Jayanthi Alphons
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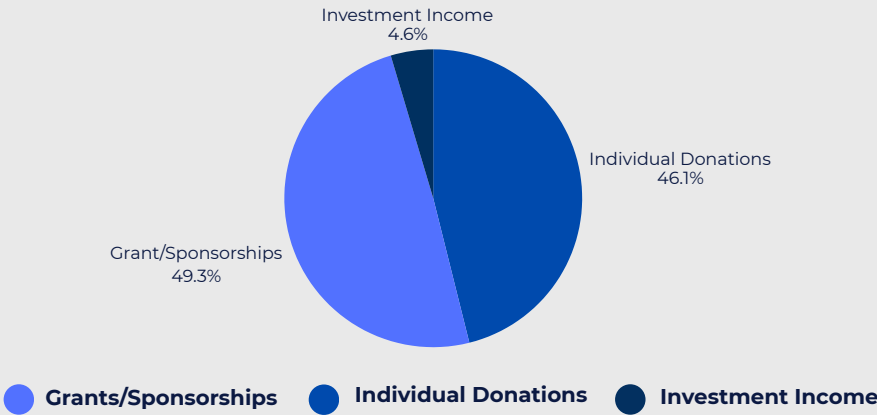


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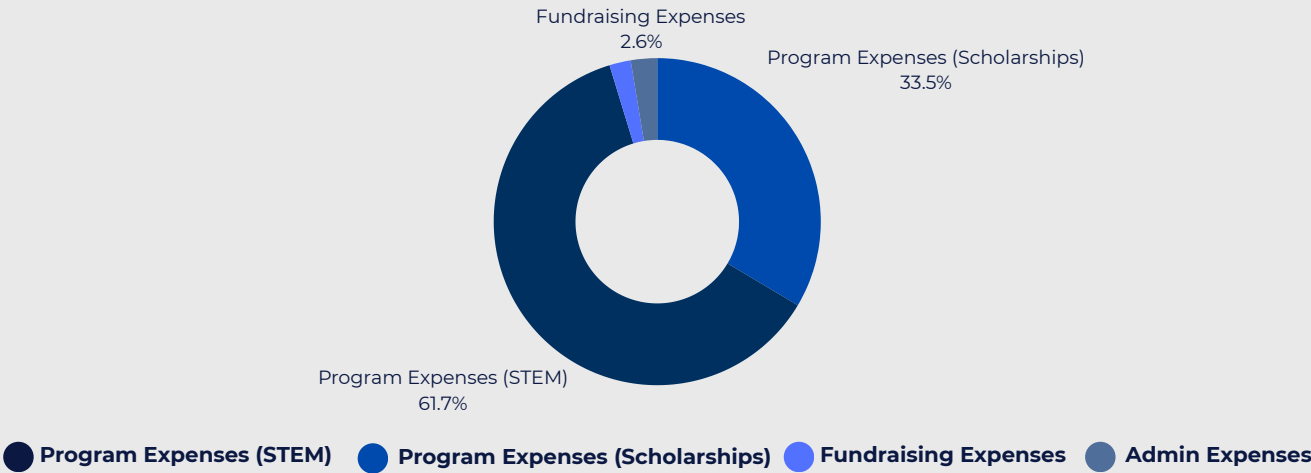
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Consolidated Income Breakdown	Individual Donations	Grants/ Sponsorships	Investment Income	Total Income
2024 Income	\$491,184	\$525,237	\$49,081	\$1,065,502
2023 Income	\$553,507	\$124,175	\$64,470	\$742,152



Expense Statement Disclosure

Consolidated Expense Breakdown	Program Expenses	Administrative Expenses	Fundraising Expenses	Total Expenses
2024 Expenses	\$1,135,108	\$25,117	\$31,053	\$1,191,278
2023 Expenses	\$525,128	\$19,215	\$9,568	\$553,911



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This year, your support has helped light up countless journeys— from remote villages to corporate boardrooms, from hardship to hope. But there are many more stars waiting to rise.

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