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San Antonio High School Student, Anushka Jain, Leading Change Through Her Non-Profit "Dream Donations"

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Dream Donations: A Student-led Nonprofit Tackling Food and Waste



Anushka Jain, a student at Health Careers High School in San Antonio, is making a significant impact on her community through Dream Donations. Founded in 2020 alongside two peers, Rishabh Jain and Aruj Khater, Dream Donations began with a simple mission of redistributing surplus food from local restaurants to homeless shelters. What started as a modest project during her college years has become an essential service and resource for San Antonio's underserved populations.

Food From Local Businesses Reaches Over 3,000 In Need

Dream Donations' mission has been to ensure that excess food from local businesses reaches those in need, especially through partnerships with shelters such as SAM Ministries Transitional Living Center to provide meals to people facing food insecurity. The organization has provided nearly 3,000 meals and raised over \$9,000 to support their cause.

Expanding to Medical Supply Waste Reduction



Photo Courtesy of the Jain Family

While addressing food insecurity, Dream Donations has expanded its reach to tackle another overlooked issue: the abundance of unused wound care and skincare products, the organization has initiated a project to collect these supplies from nonprofit clinics and shelters in need.

Dr. Jayesh Shah, CMO of Veterans Affairs is mentoring high school student Anushka Jain in organizing her work with healthcare providers like University Hospital, Christus Santa Rosa, and other private clinics, Dream Donations has been redirected to serve homeless and low-income populations.

The impact of these efforts has been substantial, as Dream Donations has collected more than \$1,500 worth of supplies and \$800 worth to local shelters. To ensure that their contributions reach the most vulnerable individual, they work closely with Seton Home, Corazon Ministries, and Broken Warrior Angels. Through this initiative, Dream Donations has extended its reach, addressing critical healthcare needs in underserved communities.



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How to Get Involved: Contact and Volunteering Information

Like all non profits, Dream Donations thrives on the support of volunteers and donations. The organization is active are willing to contribute unused and unopened wound care supplies. Volunteers can assist by connecting the non facilities that may have surplus medical supplies. Additionally, churches, community centers, and corporations are to gather donations.

If you are interested in contributing, donations can be dropped off at 11802 Warfield St #200, San Antonio, TX 7821 offers a pick-up service for donated items. Dream Donations are also still looking to serve more shelters in need an facilitate the transportation. For more information visit their website at <https://www.dreamdonations.org/>, by pho at anushkaj837@gmail.com or Dreamdonations2020@gmail.com.

Every Contribution Helps

Whether through volunteering or donating, every contribution helps continue Dream Donations impactful work in t their efforts, Anushka Jain and her peers have not only addressed immediate needs in their community but have a follow in creating meaningful change.

