

Soor Aur Saptak™ Event in Portland Raises \$24K

Restoring Eyesight to Hundreds of Indian Children

Seva is grateful to Soor Aur Saptak™ for organizing the incredibly successful 5th Annual Bollywood Karaoke fundraising event on the Intel campus in Hillsboro, Oregon earlier this month.

Heidi Chase, Associate Director of Seva's Innovation & Sight Programs, attended the Soor Aur Saptak 2016 program and described, "For me, the event was a lot of fun and a great opportunity to combine something that people thoroughly enjoyed and our love for Seva. It was evident that a lot of effort, preparation and practice had been put into the event with a lot of performers singing their favorite songs. I loved the chance to expand my Bollywood movie knowledge (I'm pretty limited but was really hoping Baahubali would have made the list as that was one movie I got to see last year when I was in India). I think my favorite part, though, was the time at the Seva table. Talking to people about the great work that we are able to do, thanks to their generosity was fantastic."

Deb Galardi Vice Chair of Seva Foundation

was delighted with the program initiation dance performed by Anwaya Bhide and Sneha Sinha and expressed, "What a lovely way to start the performance of "Melodies and Rhythms" with equally rhythmic dance performed by the two beautiful dancers on the melodious devotional song. I want to thank you once again for an incredible event yesterday at JFCC. As a first-timer at the event I was deeply moved by the enthusiasm, talent, and generosity of the performers and attendees. Seva's culture is all about doing good work and having fun, so Heidi and I felt right at home with Soor Aur Saptak™. I have already marked my calendar for the event in 2017!"

Soor Aur Saptak™ was started by a group of motivated & talented singers for the sole purpose of raising money for the needy causes through music, mainly for giving back to the society. "We were truly blessed to perform in front an enthusiastic crowd and we had fun doing this program. It is our privilege and honor to do raise funds to support Seva's programs to prevent pediatric blindness", commented the Soor Aur Saptak™ team represented by Mini Jairaj, Sai and Usha Prasad, Aseem Agarwal, Preeti Rao, Rupali Vidwans, Malavi Mudigonda, Abhinav Rastogi, Jyoti Veeramoney, Gidu Sriram, Ankit More, Naman Gupta and Sandhiprakash (Sandhi) and Anjali Bhide.

\$24,000 were raised during the event and Sandhi Bhide acknowledged that "this has all been possible because of kind and generous support from so many, Intel Corporation for allowing us to use the auditorium, the audience, all the donors, and a large number of dedicated and motivated volunteers and their selfless help in terms of effort and time. The entire Portland Indian Community came together with a common purpose and a vision that "giving vision to a blind or visually impaired child opens tremendous opportunities for the young life, provides prospects to become a productive citizen or whatever the child wants to be, get educated, and lead a normal family life we just assume."

Seva's Executive Director, Jack Blanks, thanked the group, saying "Incredibly talented performers Soor Aur Saptak™ and the fundraising efforts of entire Portland community are enabling Seva to restore sight to hundreds of blind and visually impaired Indian children. With last year's funds, Seva was able to provide the much needed anesthesia machine for Pediatric Ophthalmology Center in Chandi, West Bengal in India and we are very pleased that this machine will enable the hospital to safely offer pediatric surgery and also serve those adults whose surgical procedure requires full anesthesia." To see the program, please visit: [Part 1](#)

(https://youtu.be/V2_CTSkF_LU), [Part 2](#) (<https://youtu.be/AXr9LuNxn8>), [Pictures \(low res\)](#)

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