



## Thanks to Akanksha's community of supporters, our Building Resilience campaign raised over \$530,000 from over 200 donors.

- Addressing Vaccine hesitancy and access:** Your support has made it possible for Akanksha to embark on an ambitious program to address vaccine hesitancy among Akanksha families and surrounding areas. We are also expanding our impact to low-income communities across Pune, Mumbai and other parts of the State of Maharashtra in partnership with non-profits and local government.



Vaccine camps run by Akanksha inoculated 3,356 parents, alumni and staff members. 28% of Akanksha parents have now received the first vaccine. A report by McKinsey underscored the importance of addressing hesitancy and removing barriers to vaccine access before a potential 3rd wave. We also partnered with local organizations to conduct surveys and dialogues with urban slum communities to understand vaccine hesitancy and address it. Our work on vaccine hesitancy and access was also featured in the [Indian Express](#), a major national news publication. With these insights, we are continuing to address misinformation through our student ambassadors, door to door campaigns and local partnerships as a core focus area.

- Learning & Technology:** Akanksha is providing tablet and data access to all children from grades 3 to 7. Bridging the learning gap is our biggest priority for the next 12-18 months, while prioritizing foundational skills and core learning.



- Student well-being:** 99% of our students are in touch with Akanksha through well-being calls and feel confident enough to learn again.

These programs will go a long way towards helping our students and communities cope and start to recover. With your support, Akanksha will continue to be a trusted partner throughout.

## Read how our supporters came together for Akanksha

### Cricket for Akanksha

Our newest Board member, Sachin Jindal, organized a cricket fundraiser in New Jersey. The group enjoyed a morning of cricket while also learning about Akanksha's education model and efforts during the pandemic. The mission resonated with several who also credit a good education for their achievements.



### Color for India Event at Hudson Yards



[The Culture Tree](#) and the [India Center Foundation](#) organized *Color for India*, an event to celebrate the festival of Holi and to support Akanksha's Building Resilience Campaign at Hudson Yards in New York City. The cultural event was an opportunity for children to enjoy a traditional puppet show, dholi music and dance. Several young Akanksha advocates got involved, soliciting donations for tablets and helping to raise awareness about our work. The event also received [coverage on TV Asia](#).

### Akanksha's Board Celebrates

Akanksha's NY/NJ based Board of Directors met in person after a long hiatus during the pandemic and celebrated the success of our Virtual Building Resilience Campaign with Executive Director, Sejal Desai and team members Fareeda Ehtesham and Chandrima Poddar.



### Akanksha in California



Several Board members also hosted smaller gatherings at their homes to advocate for Akanksha. One such gathering was hosted in the Bay Area by Nathalie Joseph, one of our newest Board members. The intimate wine and cheese event was attended by our Bay Area based Board members, host committee members, Young Professionals, and we also welcomed some guests to learn about Akanksha.

**Thank you for supporting Akanksha.**

**We wish you a happy and safe summer and hope to see you at upcoming Akanksha events.**

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