

RHYTHMS OF CHANGE – A MUSICAL SOIREE



Friends of Prayas

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SCENIC KNOB HILL GOLF CLUB, ENGLISHTOWN



FRIENDS OF PRAYAS, US



Friends of Prayas, US, a newly established non-profit based in New Jersey, marked its official launch with a heartwarming event titled “Rhythms of Change – A Musical Soiree” on Sunday, 8th June, 2025, at the scenic Knob Hill Golf Club in Englishtown. The event brought together community members, supporters, and changemakers for an evening of music, meaningful conversations, and a collective commitment to service. With around 200 attendees, the event saw the presence of several prominent individuals from across sectors who came together in solidarity and pledged their support to the programs and mission of Friends of Prayas – US. Their collective commitment underscored the growing momentum behind this compassionate movement. Founded by a team of passionate individuals, Friends of Prayas – US is committed to empowering underserved communities through education, healthcare, legal, environmental initiatives, and economic upliftment.



The organization seeks to extend this mission of compassion and development both in India and among marginalized populations in the United States. This initiative was born out of a shared desire to give back not just to the communities its members came from, but also to the ones they now live in. Its programs reflect a belief that true progress happens when no one is left behind.

The launch event was graced by Mr. Amod K. Kanth, retired police officer and Founder of Prayas India, whose visionary leadership and lifelong dedication to child rights and social justice continue to inspire the organization's global mission. Mr. Kanth emphasized that the organization was established not for financial gain but to address the needs of marginalized communities. He highlighted the three pillars shaping India i.e., government, corporate sector, and civil society and underscored the importance of the latter in supporting those in need. Expressing deep gratitude to those who have supported Prayas through the years, Mr. Kanth concluded: "We believe in starting very small and sweet and simple. And that is what you are. It's not for the money that this organization is going to grow. It's for your love and compassion."

Speaking at the event, Mr. Abhishek Singh, President Friends of Prayas, emphasized that the core mission of Friends of Prayas – US is to meaningfully give back to society, beginning with support for underprivileged children, especially within the Indian-American community.



Referencing alarming statistics related to poverty and mental health, he highlighted the urgency of action while reminding the audience that the evening was not about despair, but about inspiring collective action and hope.

Renowned doctor couple, Dr. Kuntala Sinha and Dr. Anjani Sinha not only graced the occasion with their presence but when Mr. Amod Kanth complimented Dr. Kuntala for having introduced Prayas to the USA 25 years ago, she narrated her great experience of Prayas both in US and India. Dr. Anjani Kumar Sinha lauded the team's unwavering dedication, calling the initiative long overdue. He stressed that now that the movement has begun, it is imperative for all to come together to address the pressing issues faced by children and vulnerable communities.

Among the active participants were Amod Kanth, Rekha Kanth, Dr. Kuntala Sinha, Dr. Anjani Sinha, Harish Sahay, Priyanka Kanth Singh, Abhishek Singh, Nimisha Verma, Nisheeth Baxi, Satakshi Malik, Prashant Lamba, Shilpa Sahay, Nishant Sinha, Pankaj Singh, Priti Singh, Pankaj Sharan, Komal Sharan, Dr. Nisheet Prasad, Dr. Shilpi Singh, Shruti Thakur, Rajesh Thakur, Madhu Singh, Dilip Singh, Pratinav Kanth, and Laxmi Langlang.

Dedicated volunteers who helped bring the event to life included Shubhankar Singh, Anahita Singh, Radhika Lamba, Varnika Lamba, Pooja Baxi, and Ayush Baxi.



With 150 members and over 200 active volunteers, Friends of Prayas – US is already poised to make a meaningful difference. Its 2025 flagship programs include:

- **Sponsorship for children's education and basic needs**
- **Environmental sustainability and climate action**
- **Supporting entrepreneurship in underserved communities**
- **Initiatives such as Each 1 Teach 1 and Health to All**

The successful launch of Rhythms of Change marks the beginning of a movement built on empathy, equity, and action. All those who attended contributed wholeheartedly by participating in raffles, committing to child sponsorships, making generous donations, and pledging continued support for the cause.



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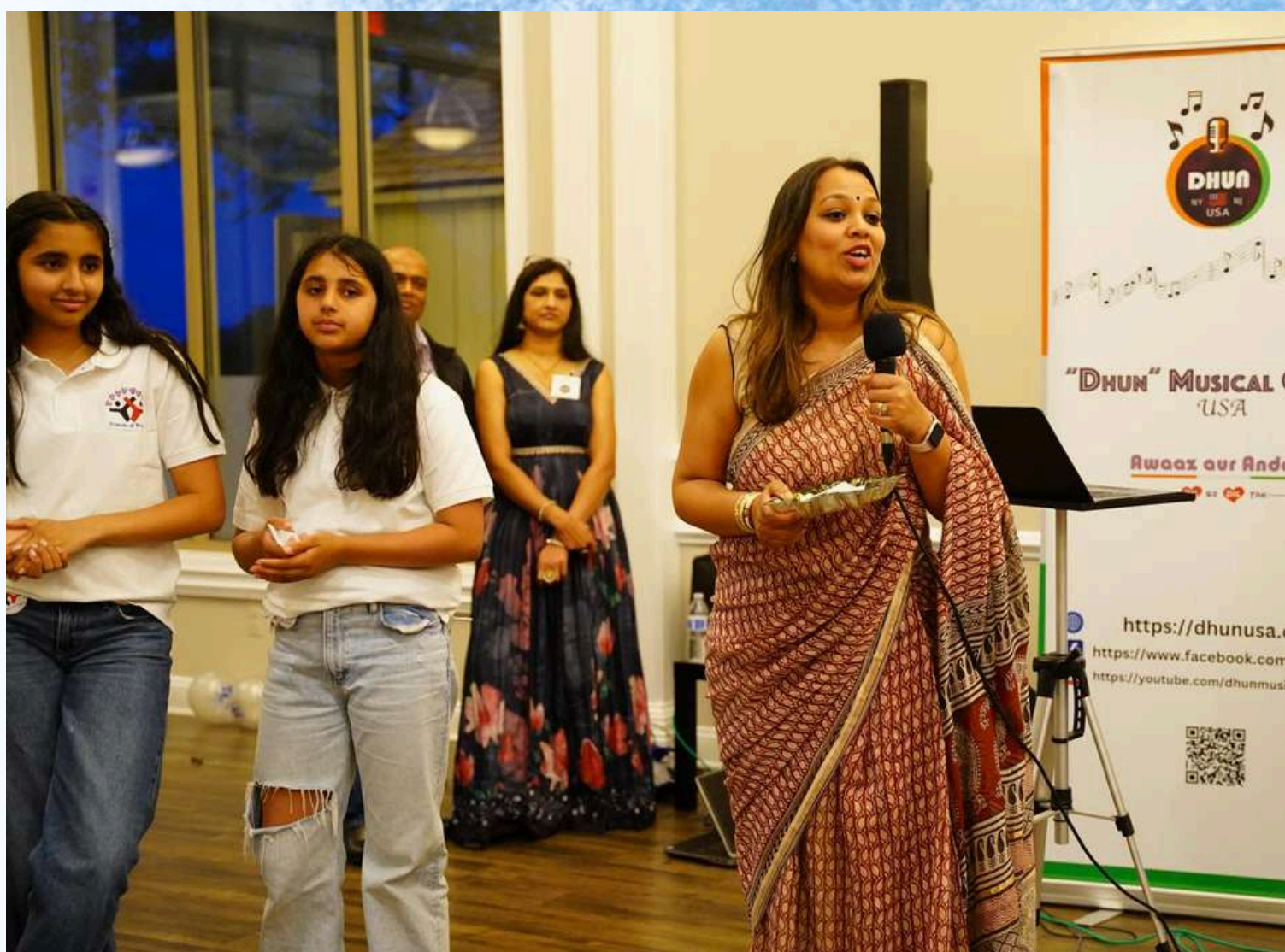




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