

Trustee Reaches Out, Helps Others During Pandemic and Beyond



Trustee **Susheel Bathla, DPM ('94)** is doing what she was raised to do: give to/work for/serve others. With private practices in Staten Island and Trenton as her base, during the pandemic she provided podiatric services to undocumented immigrants living in Trenton, and has provided podiatric services and shoes to native Americans in the northern part of the state.

When Covid struck and schools were closed in New Jersey, she helped to deliver meal kits directly to children in Newark and South Jersey who were primarily dependent on school meals; this effort will continue indefinitely. "Rather than contribute to food pantries," she has written, "meal kits are provided directly to families in need." She also joined the front lines last spring, working at the ICU/CCU SIUH on Staten Island.

When India got slammed very hard, she put teams of professionals together in New Delhi, New York and New Jersey who created webinars, zooms and taught online. She helped to raise funds in a coast-to-coast effort that sent oxygen concentrators and ventilators to India and sent the hundreds of bottles of hand sanitizer she received from NYCPM; she is now working on getting vaccine over there. Most recently, she collected for the victims of the volcano in St. Vincent, sending more sanitizers, food and clothing.