

# Vibrant South Asian

## 2017 Newsletter

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### *Letter from our President & CEO*

To Our Wonderful Supporters,

Let me start with a sincere thank you to our volunteers, donors, and friends. Without you, the success of this past year would not have been possible. I want to also thank the fantastic Board of Directors of Vibrant South Asian for giving me the opportunity to lead this initiative and volunteering their time to guide us in the right direction.

As I reflect on 2017, I am humbled by the support we received and the level of engagement we were able to generate. Our goal for the year was to raise awareness about South Asia and Vibrant South Asian. We accomplished this by hosting engaging events and partnering with local schools, businesses, and community organizations to showcase the cultures of South Asia.

In 2018, we aim to continue our efforts to increase awareness about Vibrant South Asian and its mission and to ramp up our focus on fundraising. We plan to host new and exciting events (but also keep some favorites, like cooking nights), partner with more local organizations, and continue to share inspiring stories about South Asia on our website. Through these efforts, we hope to enrich our communities with a deeper understanding of the various people, places, and cultures associated with South Asia. Next year we hope to build a foundation towards reaching the long-term goal of building libraries in South Asia. Access to education helps to build bridges between cultures, it drives inclusiveness and stimulates a dialogue to address the challenges we face in our world today. Vibrant South Asian wants to help create environments where such learning is possible.

This letter would not be complete without an acknowledgment of the generous support we received from our donors. Every contribution helps us achieve our goals. Please take a few minutes to look through this newsletter for the highlights of 2017. I urge you to consider donating to Vibrant South Asian to help us make 2018 a success.

I hope to see all of you at upcoming events. As always, feel free to reach out to me with questions, concerns, or comments. Check out our website, Facebook page and Instagram for new articles and for information on upcoming events. Once again, thank you for your continued support and for believing in our mission.

Sincerely,

Sagar Shah  
President and CEO  
Vibrant South Asian

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## THANK YOU FOR A FANTASTIC YEAR!

*Let's take a look back...*

### Flavors of South Asia Cooking Nights

We partnered with Stir Cooking School to bring two South Asian cooking nights! These events were full of energy and great food. Everyone had a blast. Some highlights from the menus included: Shrimp & Vegetables Coconut Curry, Lamb Vindaloo, Paneer Tikka Masala, and Momos from Nepal!



We also had door prizes donated by Trader Joe's and Spice Works. Attendees had the option to purchase Masala (Spice) tins donated by proud supporters of Vibrant South Asian. Special thanks to Stir Cooking School for their partnership in hosting these great events.

Check out more photos from our event on our Facebook Page

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## WE ARE A PART OF THE COMMUNITY

### Indian Nepalese Heritage Camp

The Vibrant South Asian Board volunteers at the Indian Nepalese Heritage Camp. We are thrilled to be a part of the amazing work this organization does.



### Johnson & Wales University

We love visiting Johnson & Wales students and showcasing many different attributes of South Asia. In 2016, we were part of their new student orientation program. This year, we were invited to engage students with activities and music for their Spring Event by the Campus Activities Board.



### Stapleton Farmer's Market

We had a great time at our booth at the Stapleton Farmer's Market. It was a great opportunity for us to gain awareness for our organization and have fun with our local community. We had rangoli coloring activities for the kids while our friends at Goodhart coffee kept us warm. We can't wait to be back next year! Thank you to the Stapleton Market for having us.



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### Meet our board



**Murugan  
Palani**

**Chairman**



**Surbhi  
Garg**

**Vice  
Chairwoman**



**Shivani  
Mohan**

**Treasurer**



**Monica  
Kumar  
Revare**

**Secretary**



**Sagar  
Shah**

**President &  
CEO**

## 2018 AND BEYOND...

### Events

Please check our website frequently and like us on Facebook and Instagram to learn about fundraising and free community events in 2018. We are working hard to put together, even more, programs where you can have fun and learn about South Asia. Stay tuned!

### Our Mission

Vibrant South Asian aims to build bridges between the people in South Asia, people of South Asian descent abroad and non-South Asians.

Education is our core focus. We will educate the Colorado community about South Asia through stories on our website and raise awareness through local events and programs. As we grow, we will enable education for those without access in South Asia by building libraries that serve as centers for learning. Through your support, we can achieve our goals.

### How you can help

Vibrant South Asian is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization. We depend on the support of our community to be able to fulfill our mission.

Please consider donating to Vibrant South Asian by visiting our website below. Your donations will help us host educational events in our community and allow us to reach our long-term goal of building libraries in South Asia.

We greatly appreciate you sharing about our organization with your friends and family. Please check out our website for new stories about South Asia and like us on Facebook and Instagram. Thank you for a fantastic year and we hope to have even more fun next year!

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