



Annual Report 2021

For the underserved, a chance to succeed
For the thoughtful giver, a chance to build a legacy

Off to a Great Start!

Tiyara launched in October 2020, in a time like no other, as the world found itself in the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic. The sounds of distress all around called for a deep dive into pragmatic solutions, resulting in the birth of higher education scholarships for disadvantaged students.

Why begin with India? Why scholarships for higher education?

India is home to the world's largest population of under 25s, 600 million in all, and 25% of the world's extremely poor – a situation further worsened by the pandemic.

Scholarships for higher education empower scholars who have persevered through adverse circumstances and secured admission into an institution of their choice – an opportunity they could not take advantage of without you, our generous supporters. Your gifts equip scholars with enhanced employability and the chance to elevate themselves, their parental families, and future generations. The scholarships put them firmly on the path to financial independence and self-fulfillment.

COVID-19 presented additional challenges for our scholars, with lockdowns and delayed classes, and academic timelines. Online classes presented additional difficulties to these scholars without adequate access to technology and appropriate technological devices.

Your trust in extending your support, together with our compassionate partners and committed interns and

professional volunteers, got our scholars off to a great start. Together, we celebrated our first graduate, providing her with a laptop to complete her senior thesis during COVID-19. Together, we committed to 76 multiple-year scholarships, distributing 118% of gifts designated to scholarships. You, our supporters, made what seemed like impossible dreams a reality for scholars stigmatized or oppressed by society and economically disadvantaged. And in so doing, your timeless legacy of impacting lives continues to grow – an immeasurable legacy.

The biggest challenge ahead of us is to keep pace with the growing number of worthy candidates aspiring for scholarships.

With special gratitude to our endorsers, angel donors and board members, who got us off to a start that exceeded expectations, and with your continuing support, we look forward to increasing our scholarship commitments in the years to come.



Tilly Samuel Sojwal, CEO



We Celebrated Our First Graduate

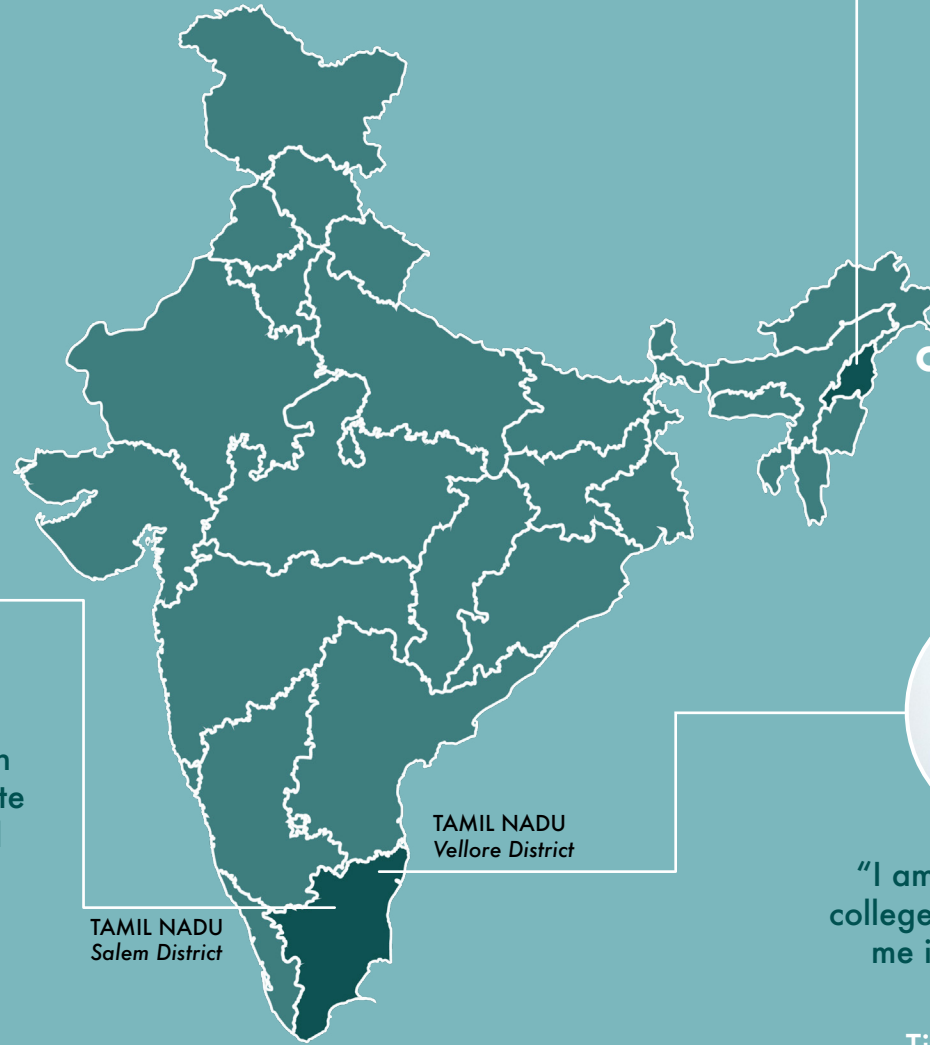
Tiala graduated with a B.A. in Sociology with honors. Tiyara donors not only made a senior year scholarship possible, but also a laptop to enable her to complete her senior thesis and graduate during the COVID-19 pandemic. Tiyara went on to support Tiala's pursuit of computer applications certification in her pathway to employment and financial independence.

Click on Tiala's photo to hear from her.

For 2022 Developments in Tiala's life, check out www.tiyara.org/employed

We Committed to 76 Scholarships

Serving students from vulnerable communities



NAGALAND

"I'll keep believing for someone like you."

Asula

Tiyara Scholar & An Aspiring Musician

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"My father has been in prison for 16 years. I want to complete my education, find a job and take care of my mother."

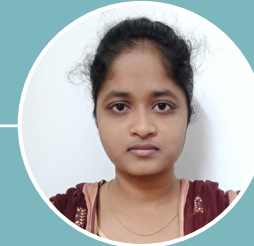
Madhushri

Tiyara Scholar & Pursuing a Bachelor's in Commerce

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TAMIL NADU
Salem District

TAMIL NADU
Vellore District



"I am so thankful for my college, which has moulded me in so many ways."

Mohana

Tiyara Scholar & Student of Nursing

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We Responded to COVID-19

A scholarship program was set up to begin processing applications from candidates who lost a parent to the pandemic.

For under-resourced students who lost one or both parents to COVID-19

75 MILLION

more Indians pushed into poverty

- Pew Research 2021

600,000 - 1.6 MILLION

likely deaths

- New York Times 2021

280%

increase in child labor

- Tamil Nadu State Government, India



We Worked Closely With Local Partners

Tiyara worked in close partnership with well established local partners. As a part of our commitment to excellence in stewardship,

- Our Partners established and authenticated scholarship candidates and their circumstances and checked their references.
- Our Partner organizations provided us with specifics of the institution the candidates had been accepted into, the program they were pursuing as well as a breakdown of the educational cost.
- Our Partners submitted quarterly financial statements for each scholar's education and the partners send us their organization's externally audited annual report.
- Our Partners kept us connected with our scholars.



We Set Up An Investment Fund

Dolly Samuel Scholarship Fund

A Memorial fund was set up for special annual scholarship awards.

Click link to learn more
www.tiyara.org/dolly-samuel-scholarship-fund





Our First 50 Supporters Made It Happen

Our glimmering **Garnets** who encouraged us through inspired one time gifts.

Our **Emeralds** whose recurring generosity incentivised possibilities.

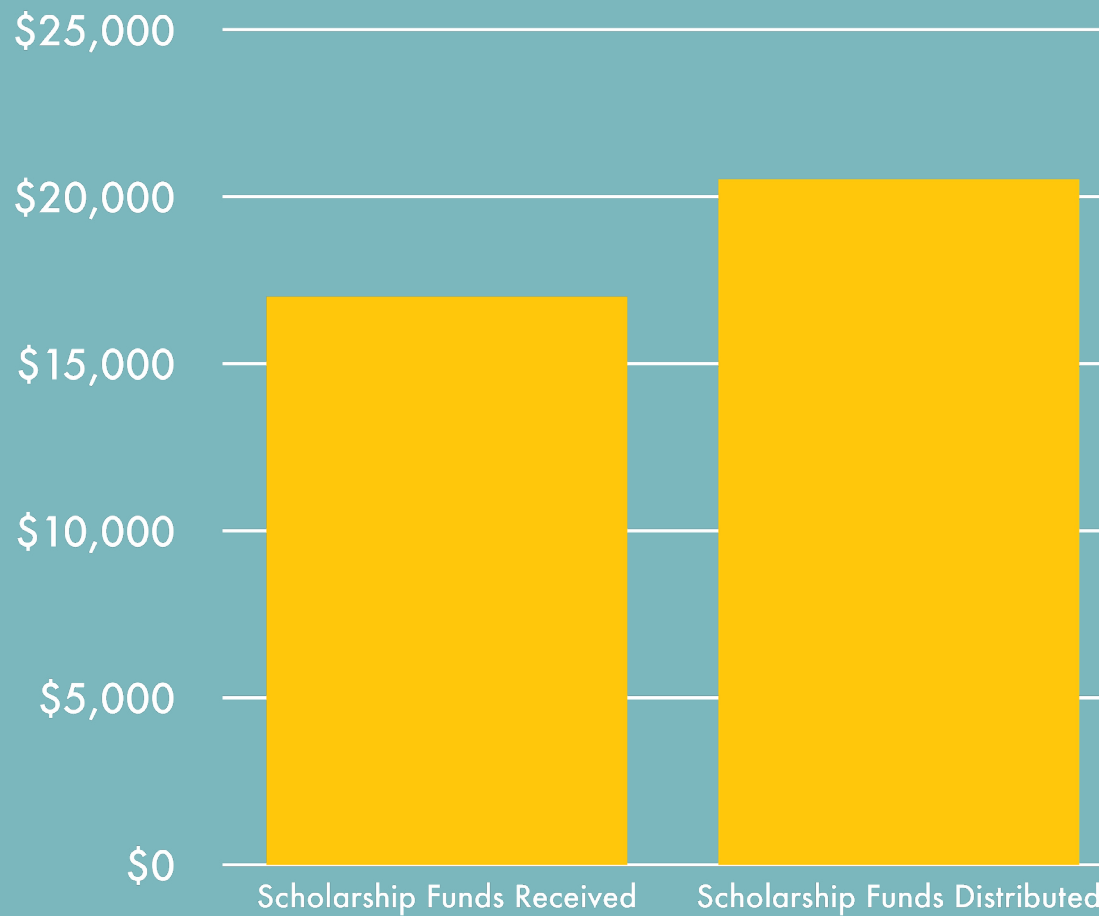
Our faithful, committed **Diamonds**, whose monthly giving made multiple year scholarships a reality.

Our **Sapphires** whose thoughtful, abundant giving provided the seed and allowed us to invest in our mission to the underserved.

Our interns and professionals who freely shared their time and talent with us.

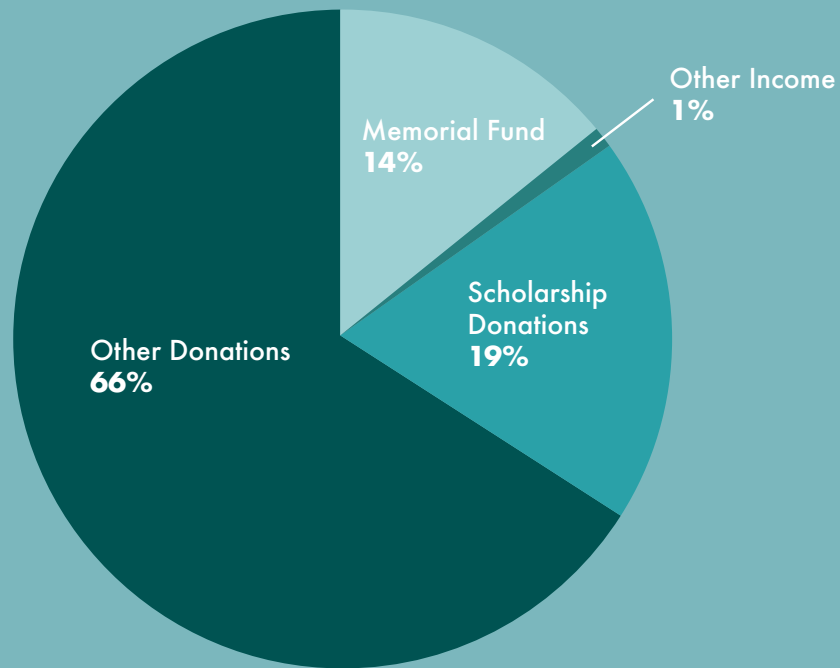
We Gave 118% To Scholarships

by moving some of our general operating funds to scholarships

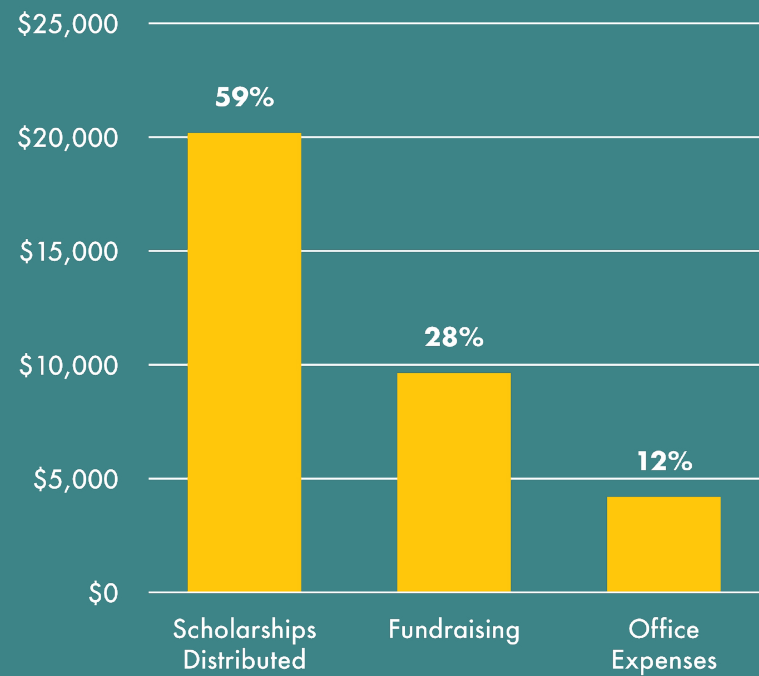


Our Revenue

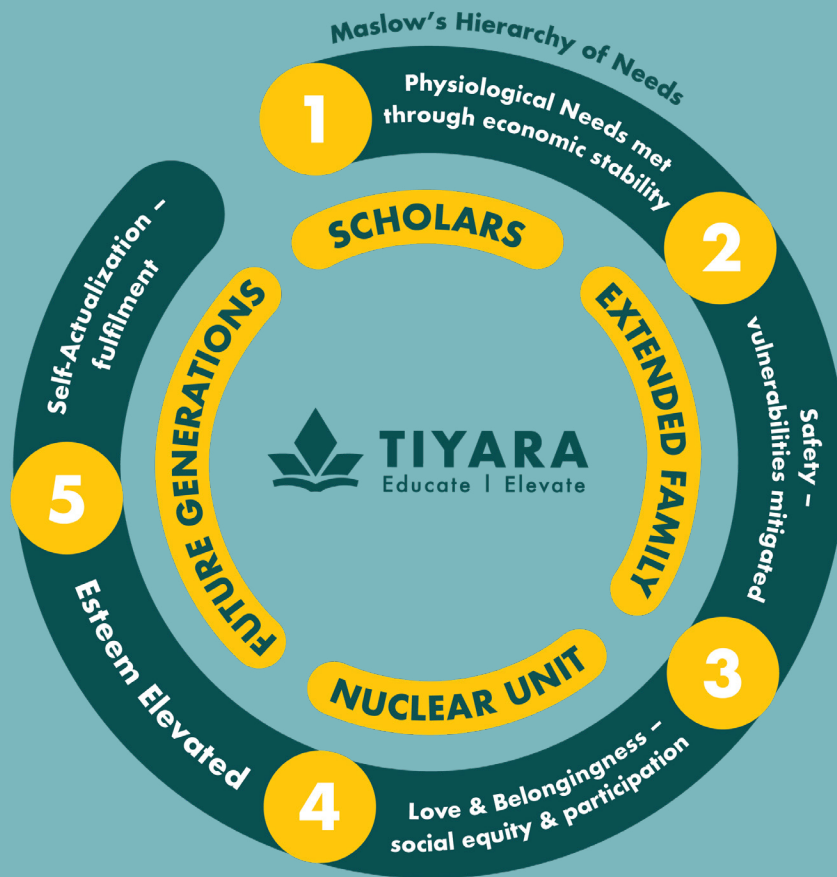
Total Revenue - \$90,433



Total Expenditure - \$34,212



The Tiyara Model



Tiyara's model of educating underserved scholars seeks to address multiple layers of scholar well being with intergenerational impact. Scholarships for Higher Education open doors to stable employment, which leads to physiological needs being met, providing a sense of security and opening up opportunities for social participation and self-actualization.

As scholarship recipients move into employment and generate income, they are able to assist parents and siblings, build stable nuclear families and break the cycle of poverty for future generations.

Our Volunteers Carried The Day

Our Interns

- Saloni Patel
- Ellison Lambert
- Cassandra Carbon

Our Professional Volunteers

- Minjie Lee
- Kamalei Lee
- Alexandra Ramirez

Our Leadership & Founding Family

- Kate Kimanzi
- Marilyn Mulvihill
- Moses Jerome
- Suresh Kumar
- Raoul Sojwal
- Sanjay Sojwal
- Yasha Sojwal
- Tilly Samuel Sojwal





**We are committed to growing our
scholarship commitments in 2022
&
May that legacy of transformed lives
grow monumentally**

Thank you for your faithful partnership



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