

## **“Brooklyn COVID-19 Hero”**

**Recognition is especially meaningful for the work India Association of Long Island did during the COVID-19 pandemic and continuing to do so as this virus is not over yet.**

Contribution of the India Association of Long Island was recognized November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by the Brooklyn borough President Eric Adam. I was humbled and honored to receive it on the behalf of the IALI Executive Council and its members.

We can't imagine the sacrifice of front-Line Heroes as we are forever in debt of their efforts so as an organization and as a community, we did our part to support them and let them know we have their back, they can count on us and we support them.

In March, in light of current uncertainty and social distancing, rather than not taking any actions, we decided to do most of the IALI events with virtual socialization so all members can benefit of these Virtual Forums. IALI pledged and donated \$ 250 to the initiative of giving free food to needy.

Two other new forums introduced in 2020; “Health & Wellness” and “Financial Forum” were held via conference calls on Impact of Covid-19, information presented by professionals was well attended and well received by members. Topics covered, what is a Coronavirus (Covid-19); What are the signs and symptoms of this infection? and When should a patient seek medical care in ER or Physician's Office and Stress, Anxiety, Panic, fear amongst the people caused by the current pandemic.

In April, IALI Organized Financial Impact of Covid-19 and covered important topics as “Loss of income, Troubled by bills, Targeted by scammers and specially protection of seniors. “Health & Wellness” forum did organize follow-up sessions covering updates on research, treatment, emotional impact and specifically pregnancy and newborn babies. IALI organized 150 meals on 4/15/2020 to Parker Institute for Health and Rehabilitation and started Our GoFundMe campaign for “IALI fund for COVID-19 Front-line Heroes”

In May, at IALI, we recognized the financial toll this pandemic has caused on us and small business owners. In response, we are regularly updating our members on mortgage and insurance topics, on federal and state economic relief opportunities. We distributed 200 masks to local businesses who are supporters of IALI, our beloved association. Kids Forum organized car rally with kids' parents and delivered food to Nassau University Medical Hospital.

In June, we continued to conduct our sessions via conference calls/webinars, our “Health & Wellness” our volunteers are reaching out to elderly members periodically to ensure their safety and this month we cosponsored to assist an elderly couple out of Queens, they were struggling financially after they lost their jobs since the economy shutdown due to COVID19. They were having difficulty with the basics like food and not having enough money to pay their rent.

On June 23rd, IALI members sponsored on behalf of IALI, Food for medical and nursing staff at King County Hospital

In July, we also started a campaign for Charity Forum for educational support for financially struggling students.

In September, we continue our efforts to help the community with arranging informative sessions of Health and how to deal with the continuing financial impact of COVID-19. Backpack project

October was a proud month at IALI. The India Association of Long Island Executive Committee was beaming with pride to honor our Front-Line Heroes. We honored Doctors, Nurses, Police officers and essential workers. I will be remiss for not recognizing my team (EC & Ad hoc) members so we did recognize community unity in default times of this COVID-19.

Thanks to Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adam to recognize India Association of Long Island and many more organizations and individuals who served the community under the cloud Covid-19 at the time of need. Dr. Anthony Fauci was also recognized as a hero in the same event as India Association of Long Island and that makes IALI very proud.

## **I salute Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adam and all the recipients of “Brooklyn COVID-19 Hero”**

This pandemic is challenging us all like never before. In our 42 years of community service, but we are confident that just like then, we will get through this together. Thank you to my IALI members for giving me the opportunity to serve our community as President.

IALI has been conducting a variety of virtual programs this year and will continue these sessions which are informative to our community, on a wide range of topics from health and wellness, financial planning, entertainment and they have been helpful in alleviating worry, fear, stress and anxiety during current Covid pandemic.

Be Well and Stay Healthy!!

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IALI Serving the Community!!

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