



# KINSPIRE'S COLUMN

DECEMBER 2021 EDITION

2021 HAS BEEN A YEAR FULL OF EXCITING CHANGES AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR KINSPIRE!



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## RECOVERING FROM COVID-19

BY ESHA MORE, SARANG JOSHI, & KAVYA MAGHAM

In the beginning of 2021, India was hit hard with COVID-19. This led to a decrease in funding and resources for our partner childcare institutions which were now tasked with providing safe shelter for children in these difficult times.

In response, volunteers at Kinspire came together to raise \$1945 for the childcare institutions. **All funds went towards childcare institutions' utility bills, rent, and technology for students to continue their education remotely.**





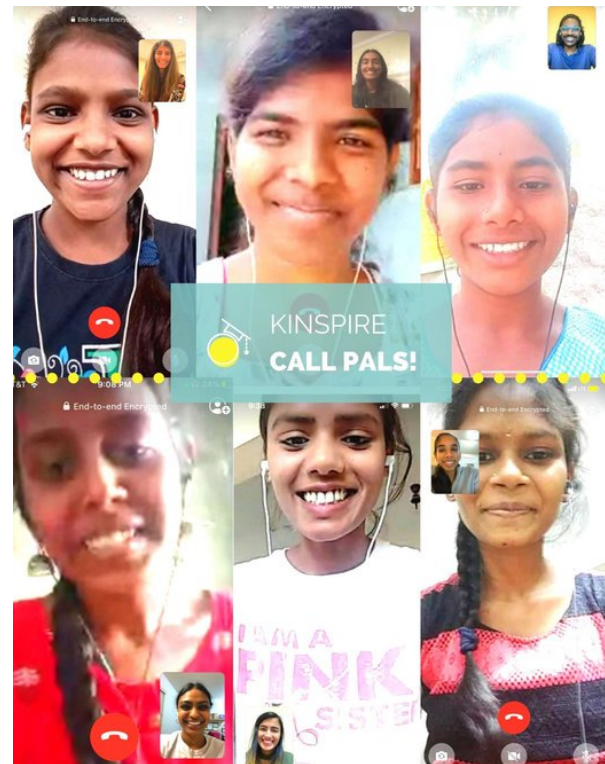
## CALL PALS

BY ESHA MORE

Since COVID-19 forced the world to go digital, Kinspire also looked for more ways to engage virtually with students at the childcare institutions. This led to the creation of Call Pals. **The goal with this program is to help students improve their English language skills while providing volunteers with flexible opportunities to see their impact first-hand.**

Since the beginning of the program, we've had more than 20 volunteers and 15 students participate in Call Pals and they've all had great experiences being a part of it! If you're interested in volunteering for this program, please sign-up through our website:

[www.kinspire.org/join/#volunteer](http://www.kinspire.org/join/#volunteer)



## NEW NATIONAL BOARD!

BY ESHA MORE

As part of our continuous efforts to expand, we've recruited dedicated and passionate new board members to help us with the growth!

**List of all our board members from left to right and top to bottom:**

Reva Kane, Curriculum Lead | Sarang Joshi, Executive Director | Mani Munagala, Call Pals Lead | Kavya Magha, Executive Director | Sowmya Magham, Director of Programs | Serah Prakkat, Social Media Manager | Bansari Mehta, Director of Finance | Anusha Akella, Director of Programs | Esha More, Director of External Relations.

Interested in volunteering with these amazing folks? Please signup on our website:

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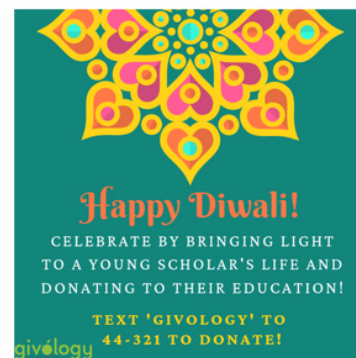
## PARTNERSHIP WITH GIVOLOGY CHICAGO

BY ESHA MORE & GIVOLOGY TEAM

In the fall of 2021, we established a partnership with Givology Chicago. Givology Chicago's mission is to create a community of young professionals focused on the betterment of education around the world in order to provide students the opportunity to succeed. They hope to empower young scholars to not only break social barriers, but also bring university education back to their communities.

In November, we helped Givology Chicago increase visibility for their Giving Campaign via our social media platforms. **Through the campaign they raised \$10,292 which will help fund education for 10 scholars from both Nanubhai Education Foundation and Kinspire.**

To learn more about Givology Chicago, please visit their website: [www.givologychicago.org](http://www.givologychicago.org)



## CURRICULUM UPDATES

BY ESHA MORE

Since the leadership curriculum has been a huge hit with our tutors and students, **we've decided to create more curricula that cater to diverse career fields and various aspects of our student's professional lives.**

Right now, our curriculum team is working on a Professional skills curriculum that helps students develop critical skills needed for job applications, interviews, and networking events. They're also designing a Programming curriculum for students interested in pursuing computer science and related fields!

Additionally, three of our branches are working on curricula addressing health, finances, and technology (more information on the right).

## BRANCH UPDATES

BY ESHA MORE

Kinspire branches have gone through a few changes this year as well! Kinspire UW and Kinspire at JHU have recruited new members to help with their efforts and a few high school students established a new branch at Fremd High.

Currently, Kinspire UW is in the process of planning events and reviewing their financial curriculum which **breaks down the importance of money management for students.** Kinspire JHU is working with their new members to upload their health curriculum to the Kinspire Portal (Kinspire's in-house learning platform). The health curriculum **encourages students to take care of their mental and physical health.** Last but definitely not least, our branch at Fremd High School is developing a Tech curriculum to **help familiarize students with basic computer skills.**



# KINSPIRE SCHOLARS



## INTRODUCING KINSPIRE SCHOLARS

BY KINSPIRE TEAM

We're excited to announce that in 2022, we're launching a new program called Kinspire Scholars. This program is designed to provide students in CCLs the opportunity to pursue higher education in a field of their choice while reducing their financial burden. Additionally, we hope to provide these students with the connections and resources they need to become successful in their career paths.

If you're interested in supporting this program please visit: [www.kinspire.org/scholars-program](https://www.kinspire.org/scholars-program)