

Manju Joshi

I migrated to the US in March, 1981, and have been living in Richmond, VA, since then. I joined Altria (then Philip Morris USA) in Aug 1981; and took early retirement in 2012 after over 30 years of service, with the intention to leverage my skills and experience from the corporate world to contribute to the nonprofit sector.

Education:

BS in Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering, University of Pune, India (1976-1979)

MBA, Virginia Commonwealth University (1995-1997)

Project Management Professional (PMP) certification (2005-2018)

Program Management certification, George Washington University (2008)

Work Experience:

Aug 1979 - Sept 1980 Zaran Trading Company, SEEPZ, Andheri, Mumbai

Aug 1981 – Feb 2012, Philip Morris USA / Altria Group, Richmond, VA

Electrical Engineer, Technical / technology Manager, Project/Program Manager

During my corporate career, I learned organizational skills such as 1) developing and managing a game plan thru a game-planning process, 2) portfolio management of prioritized projects/programs, 3) Situational Management thru SWOT analysis, PDCA 4) Records Management thru policy, procedures and systems to define, organize, store, retrieve and manage disposition of pertinent records.

Community Activities:

Participation in The Hindu Center of Virginia: I served as the Cultural Director for the annual Festival of India, for several years. During 2008 - 2011, I served on the board of the organization.

In 2013, I obtained a Certificate of Nonprofit Management from Virginia Commonwealth University. Following my passion for health and wellness, I obtained Core Coach (Life Coach) and Yoga Teacher (200-RYT) Training certificates. Since 2013, I have been learning and teaching life-skills thru yoga to various clients.

In 2014, I visited Anandwan, where I got inspired by a physically challenged lady, Shakuntala. I spearheaded and led a project of creating and selling framed artwork made by her. Working with teams of like-minded friends and family, I raised and donated \$10,000 to Anandwan; the funds were used to equip the physical therapy unit in the facility.

During 2020, engaging with a small group of like-minded classmates, I spearheaded Humanitarians Group, now affiliated with Seva Sahayog Foundation, providing improved sanitation and hygiene in schools in the rural areas, near Pune. With the help of CSRs as well as individual funding, we have completed providing toilet block facilities in over 10 schools impacting over 1500 students, to-date. Working with the schools, parents, and the local governments, we continue to improve our delivery thru education and training and follow-up.