

Good Samaritan — Adult Hero SANDHYA KOLAR

Sandhya Kolar has a generous heart for Monterey County residents in need. She started the Rice Plus Project, meeting monthly to package rice and beans for community distribution. Her efforts benefit Salinas Valley field workers from Salinas to Greenfield and she also distributes blankets, jackets, and warm clothes during the cold months and school uniforms during the school season.

Sandhya is a one-woman distribution center for residents who could use a helping hand. She delivers hand-sewn baby receiving blankets to Natividad Hospital's Mother/Infant Unit. She also brings basic goods—blankets, canned goods, cereal, and clothes to the Claire's Corner program at several Salinas and Pajaro district schools in addition to the rice and beans from her Rice Plus Project. Sandhya's second nature also led her to lend a helping hand to a family displaced by Katrina's devastation. As if that wasn't enough, she also spearheads gift-wrapping for farm labor camp children every Christmas. Last year alone, she wrapped over 500 gifts alongside other volunteers.

Sandhya Kolar serves as a reminder that there really is enough time in the day to help those around us. She donates an incredible amount of charitable work to our community and eagerly fills many voids in people's lives around us with "things those of us who have plenty don't usually think about."



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