

Newsletter

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Welcome to the First Issue of Pallium India USA Newsletter!

We're thrilled to have you with us from the very beginning! In this first edition, we're sharing leadership changes from both USA and India, updates on India Giving Day events and an upcoming walkathon. Thank you for joining us on this journey.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES



We are thrilled to announce the appointment of Mr Rajesh Nanoo as the new Chairman of Pallium India USA from January 2025. Rajesh Nanoo has been our Vice Chair since 2023. With a distinguished career spanning senior executive leadership roles in renowned Fortune 500 companies such as Amazon, Salesforce, and eBay, Rajesh Nanoo brings a wealth of organizational management experience. We are confident that under his guidance, we will continue to grow, innovate, and make a meaningful impact. Please join us in welcoming Rajesh Nanoo to this important role!



As we welcome our new Chair, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Dr Ann Broderick for her exceptional leadership and dedication during her tenure. As a volunteer of Pallium India for the last 10 years and as a Chair of Pallium India USA for the last 6 years (maximum allowed as per our bylaws), Dr Ann Broderick has played a pivotal role in shaping the direction of our organization, and we are incredibly grateful for the vision, commitment, and passion she brought to the role. She will be continuing as an active board member, so we are not going to miss her!



Pallium India wishes to announce the departure of Mr. Raj Kalady as Chief Executive Officer. Following three years of transformative leadership, Raj Kalady has decided to step down to dedicate more time to personal pursuits. Throughout his tenure, Raj Kalady has been instrumental in driving our growth and success and we are deeply grateful for his contributions to the organisation. He will be continuing with the organization as a member of it's Executive Committee. Demonstrating his ongoing commitment, he has agreed to volunteer his time to guarantee the successful completion of the Pallium India Home project and to secure vital funds for the organization's future operations. The current Chairman, Mr Binod Hariharan will take on the additional responsibilities of CEO until a suitable candidate is found.



INDIA GIVING DAY 2025

As first-time participants, we are thrilled to announce that Pallium India Inc. secured the 4th position out of 37 participating non-profits on the India Giving Day Leaderboard. Our fundraising goal was \$50,000, and we proudly achieved 79% of it, raising a total of \$39,382 from 213 donors. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our donors, fundraisers, the Pallium India Inc. Board, and our dedicated volunteers in the USA for their invaluable efforts in making this event a success. We look forward to an even greater impact next year!

Among the 388 peer-to-peer fundraisers who participated in IGD, four of our fundraisers ranked in the top 25:

- Dr. Kiruba Vembu: \$8,446 (8th place)**
- Dr. Aju Mathew: \$5,070 (11th place)**
- Rajesh Nanoo: \$3,750 (16th place)**
- Dr. Ann Broderick: \$2,676 (22nd place)**

WEBINAR

The Hidden Faces of Caregiving – Uncovering Gaps and Solutions

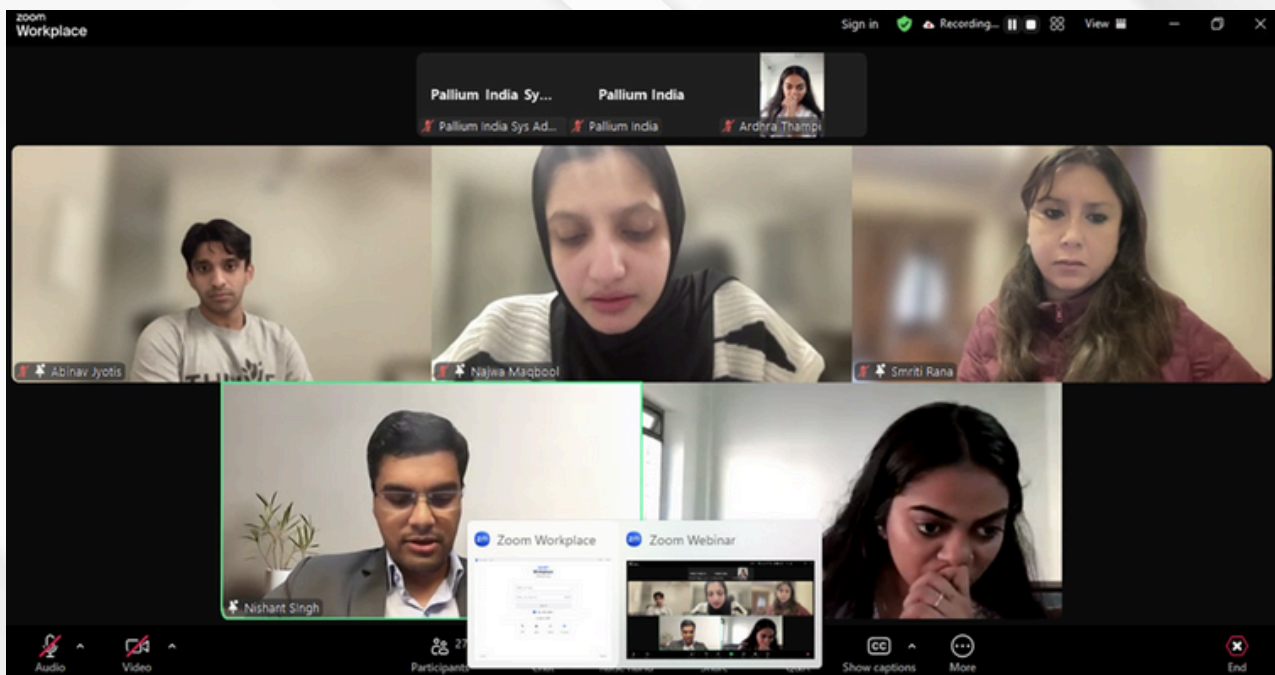
The webinar "The Hidden Faces of Caregiving: Uncovering Gaps and Solutions" was a resounding success! Hosted by Pallium India and Pallium India USA as part of an IGD Initiative, the event brought together experts from around the globe to discuss the challenges and solutions surrounding caregiving.

A Powerful and Insightful Session

Held on February 21st, 2025, the webinar created a much-needed platform to address the often-overlooked struggles of caregivers. The session explored:

- ✓ Emotional and physical challenges faced by caregivers
- ✓ Lack of financial and institutional support
- ✓ Mental health toll on caregivers
- ✓ Practical and innovative solutions to strengthen caregiver support systems

The conversation was raw, honest, and deeply impactful — highlighting the urgent need for better caregiver resources and emotional support.



Missed the Webinar? Watch the Recording!

If you couldn't attend the live session, don't worry! The recording is now available for viewing at https://youtu.be/5CRQPccxk6o?si=Sq76Fp_jbl-mwwiN.

COMEDY FOR COMPASSION

A Night of Laughter, Generosity, and Impact!

What an incredible night! Comedy for Compassion on March 14, 2025, was a resounding success, leaving everyone with smiles, full hearts, and a renewed sense of purpose. Hosted by Pallium India USA in collaboration with Relief from Cancer, as part of India Giving Day 2025, the event combined comedy, charity, and community spirit to make a meaningful difference — and it truly delivered!

A Night to Remember

Held at Shubham Halls in Sunnyvale, CA, the event welcomed the audience who came together not just to laugh but also to support an important cause. The atmosphere was electric from the very start, with attendees excited to enjoy an evening of humor and heartfelt giving.

Dhaya Lakshminarayanan Stole the Show!

The highlight of the night was the amazing performance by Dhaya Lakshminarayanan — the stand-up comedian, writer, and TV host who had the audience in stitches with her clever humor and sharp wit. Her relatable stories and effortless comedic timing created a vibrant and joyful energy in the room. Laughter echoed throughout the hall, proving that comedy truly has the power to unite and heal.



More Than Just Comedy

But it wasn't just about the laughs. The event served a deeper purpose — raising awareness and funds for palliative care and cancer relief. Through generous donations and ticket sales, the event successfully supported:

- ✓ Pallium India's mission to make palliative care accessible to those in need.
- ✓ Relief from Cancer's initiatives to provide support and comfort to cancer patients and their families.

Community Spirit and Generosity

The audience's response was overwhelming — the room was filled with warmth and generosity as attendees contributed to the cause. The delicious dinner that followed gave everyone a chance to connect, reflect, and celebrate the collective impact of the evening.



Indian Community event at Iowa City

Dr. Ann Broderick represented Pallium India USA at an Indian community event in Iowa City on March 8th as part of IGD, raising awareness about the organization and palliative care within the Indian community.



PALLIUM INDIA

A PERMANENT HOME FOR COMPASSIONATE CARE



For the past 20 years, Pallium India has been a beacon of hope, offering palliative care to those in need. Over this time, the organization has moved nine times, adapting and persevering despite challenges. Now, a new chapter begins—one of stability, growth, and an enduring commitment to compassionate care.

A Home to Call Our Own

In a significant milestone, Pallium India has acquired 1.62 acres of land to establish a permanent home. This dedicated space will not only provide a stable base for operations but also enhance the organization's ability to serve the community with greater efficiency and reach. The architectural firm Gautam Bhatia & Navin Gupta Associates from Delhi has been entrusted with designing this landmark facility. These thoughtful designs reflect the organization's ethos—creating a space that is welcoming, functional, and conducive to holistic care.

The Road Ahead: Critical Timelines

While the journey to building this home is an ambitious one, Pallium India is committed to ensuring a smooth and timely process. The key milestones include:

- Approval and Commencement of Construction: June 1, 2025
- Expected Completion: July 2027
- Tentative Inauguration Day: August 2027

A Future of Hope and Healing

This permanent home will be more than just a building—it will be a sanctuary for patients, caregivers, and everyone dedicated to palliative care. It represents the unwavering dedication of Pallium India to ensure dignity, comfort, and relief for those facing life-limiting illnesses.

As we embark on this transformative journey, we invite supporters, well-wishers, and the community to join hands in making this vision a reality. Stay connected for updates as we take each step toward creating a lasting impact in palliative care.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pallium India USA is thrilled to announce WALKATHON 2025 at its two chapters—Seattle and the Bay Area! These events are dedicated to raising awareness and support for palliative care in India. Mark your calendars and be part of this meaningful initiative!

By participating in Walkathon 2025, you're not only supporting a noble cause but also helping ensure that those in need receive the care and comfort they deserve. Whether you walk 3K, 5K, or 10K, every step makes a difference!

If you're unable to join the walk but still wish to contribute, you can support the cause by donating (<https://palliumindiausa.org/donate-now/>).

May 10 – Seattle Walkathon 2025



The poster features a blue background with a white and yellow paint-splatter effect. On the left, there is a stylized illustration of a person's legs in blue pants and black shoes, walking. The text 'PALLIUM INDIA SEATTLE' is written in black and green. Below it, 'WALKATHON 2025' is in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. Underneath that, 'WALKING TOGETHER FOR A PAIN FREE INDIA' is in red. A QR code is shown in a yellow box with the text 'Scan to Register!' below it. To the right of the QR code is a blue arrow-shaped sign pointing left, containing the text: 'DISTANCE: 3K, 5K, 10K', 'DATE: MAY 10, 2025', and 'TIME: 9.00AM – 1.00PM'. Below the arrow is a red rectangular sign with white text: 'JERRY BAKER MEMORIAL VELODROME, MARYMOOR PARK, REDMOND'. At the bottom left, there is a quote: 'Did you know that only 5% Indians have access to palliative care?'. Below the quote, it says 'Pallium India Seattle is a chapter of Pallium India USA, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We strive to' followed by a bulleted list: '• support Pallium India's initiatives to make pain relief accessible to millions of people across India' and '• engage the local community and spread awareness about palliative care'. At the very bottom, it says 'FAQ link: <https://tinyurl.com/Walkathon2025-FAQ>'.

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May 11 – Bay Area Walkathon 2025



PALLIUM INDIA
BAY AREA

 **WALKATHON 2025**
WALKING TOGETHER FOR A PAIN FREE INDIA

DISTANCE: 3K, 5K, 10K

May 11, Sunday

10:00AM - 1:00PM

BAYLANDS PARK, 999 E CARIBBEAN DR,
SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY!

Join us in making a difference! Whether by volunteering your time or making a donation, every contribution brings us closer to creating a meaningful impact. Together, we can transform lives—starting with YOU!

To volunteer, send your CV to info@palliumindiausa.org.

To donate, visit: <https://palliumindiausa.org/donate-now/>