**Dr Alok Agrawal** graduated from Gandhi Medical College, Hyderabad in 1988. He was recently promoted as Clinical Professor of Medicine at Wright State University. He has received awards for excellence in teaching. He is a Fellow of American Society of Nephrology, and Fellow of National Kidney Foundation.

**Dr. Agrawal** has dedicated last two decades towards poverty alleviation at grassroots level. He has used his salary for last 8 yrs to support the underprivileged sections of society. As a humanitarian and a visionary, he founded Global Pragathi ([www.globalpragathi.com](http://www.globalpragathi.com)) which is currently doing yeoman service in India and USA. He is supported by his wife, Dr Sangeeta Agrawal, family and friends. His guiding principles of compassion & passion has led to collaborative work with more than 50 organizations in the USA and India. He has reached out to over a 1000 villages in 10 states in India :

Dr Kalam said “ Almost half of the population of the world lives in rural regions and mostly in state of poverty. Such inequalities in human development have been one of the primary reasons for unrest and in some parts of the world even violence”. In line with this, our flagship program, **‘Integrated Rural Development’,** is a humble attempt to create a cost-efficient self sustaining model in a cluster of 10 villages, 60 kms from Hyderabad. Broadly, it integrates (1) Education Improvement (2) Women Empowerment (3) Youth Empowerment (4) Preventive Health Care (5) Infrastructure Improvement and (6) Behavior change.The program has helped in improving the quality of education for 13,000 children; constructing over 650 toilets; empowering women and youth by skill development and providing employment; promoting preventive healthcare via clean drinking water plants, and programs like **SMILES, AMMA**(for pregnant women), **Bharat Bachpan** (for children below two), and **Sneha** (for menstrual hygiene awareness), etc.

During COVID-19 pandemic, free food grain kits for 6 million meals & over 1 million fabric masks were produced providing livelihood to 200 families. Other programs implemented can be viewed at : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYqE9zsM0XQ>

As the President of GMCGA, he serves his alma mater. He is Chair of Community Service Committee of MVAPI in Dayton. Hindu Community Organization, Dayton recently recruited him to develop their philanthropic arm. He attempts to make these model organizations. He has put his heart and soul into several AAPI programs over last decade by being a pioneer in Childhood Obesity Awareness program, Veterans programs, Community Pure Water program, Adopt-a-Village program and Covid prevention program among others.

**Dr. Agrawal** believes in Karma Yoga as preached in the Gita. So, it is no surprise that he embodies dynamism and enthusiasm in every endeavor undertaken. He believes the word TEAM stands for ‘Together EveryOne Achieves More’ and dreams of world bereft of poverty.