



Madhu Sridhar is the President and CEO of the Akshaya Patra Foundation USA, an organization which feeds midday meals to 1.2 million underprivileged children each day in schools across India at a cost of \$28 per child for an entire year. Under her leadership, Akshaya Patra established 14 grassroots chapters across the United States to help raise awareness of the program's mission to eradicate hunger and promote education simultaneously. She has also helped Akshaya Patra garner support from many major corporations and foundations. During her tenure, the organization has received praise for its groundbreaking model and pioneering efforts from several noted dignitaries, including President Obama, the late Senator Kennedy, Senators Kerry, McGovern and Dole, and US Representatives McGovern and Sprague. Since her joining Akshaya Patra in 2007, Akshaya Patra has received many awards and accolades, including the prestigious 2009 Tech Award as well as being named a 2008 Top 5 Finalist for American Express Members Project.

Prior to joining Akshaya Patra, Sridhar served for four years as the President of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts with 60 chapters spread throughout the state. In January 2008, Governor Deval Patrick of Massachusetts appointed Sridhar to the Commonwealth Corps, an eleven member commission he initiated that engages Massachusetts residents of all ages and backgrounds to rebuild communities. She is a former Commissioner for the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, which aims to provide a permanent, effective voice for women across Massachusetts. She has served on the boards of ACLU, WGBH, Andover Community for Education, and Chinmaya Mission. She has worked as the Director of Actuarial Department for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts and as a consultant for Peat Marwick & Mitchell and New England Mutual Life Insurance Company.