

# CINI Australia

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#### Latest News

... From India

Here is news for you about the programs you have generously supported. In February, Jennie, (from our board), visited CINI and heard directly from the women and children about the amazing impact on their lives.

In Bangalbari, our first program is in its final months. It was moving to hear the women speak of their future plans with confidence and determination. The health of their families has improved and now they know they have the capacity to build their children's futures.

What struck me most was their enthusiasm to maintain the changes begun with CINI. It's easy to see CINI's principles in action: to build eventual independence from aid and to become a model of effective development that Government will then "upscale" in order to reach many more people.

In April another program began in the villages of nearby Chainagar, (pop.22000). Our aim is to achieve the same level of development as in Bangalbari. It will take 3-4 years to establish solid health and nutrition improvements and empower women with the skills and knowledge to participate in the management of their villages.

Throughout West Bengal and Jharkhand we met with CINI's inspirational staff and saw their impressive work. Women in slums are improving their local sanitation, learning to provide the best local food for their children; tribal groups are prepared to work away from home and to avoid exploitation.

Thank you for being a part of CINI.

Would you like to come on board for the next 4 years of change in Chainagar?

Go to: <a href="http://ciniaustralia.org/how-to-help/donate/">http://ciniaustralia.org/how-to-help/donate/</a> to choose your contribution.

### Special Thanks

We receive wonderful professional assistance from LCI Accountants, Parramatta, R Gregson of Hall Chadwick, Karen Hall of 100 &1 Things, David Martino, Ella Hammersley and Carbon Group. Thanks to Emma Greene, Jackie Rowse, Oliver Trupp and Maggie Hansberry for admin.

And we have now reached our 100<sup>th</sup> sponsorship! Many thanks to our Sponsors.

### CINI's Guide Star India Gold Certification

Child In Need Institute (CINI, India) has been awarded this Gold certification in recognition of its standard of NGO due diligence, transparency and accountability.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- ⇒ Movie Night 16<sup>th</sup> October . Come along to see "The Girl On The Train" Information & booking <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/226751">https://www.trybooking.com/226751</a>
- ⇒ Remember a CINI Australia donation makes a Christmas Gift and give twice

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### CWFC RAIGANJ Project Update - direct from India



**Our CWFC** program is now in its final year in the 12 villages of Bangalbari. During the February visit it was fantastic to hear what has been achieved with your support.

The women are ambitious and optimistic. Their empowerment was obvious as they presented their plans for the district. They want to ensure that:

- · every home has a toilet
- parents to understand the risks and law of child marriage
- child labour stops and every child attends school
- · child health centres improve and deveolp
- clean drinking water is in all child health centres



It is only 4 years ago that these women rarely spoke about their lives, needs and difficulties. Since then they have learnt about pregnancy needs, malnutrition, water and sanitation and that they have rights.

Now most pregnant women attend 3 antenatal visits, have babies in hospital; severe malnutrition is rare and 'drop out' children are in school. Each year the prevention of child marriage becomes more and more effective with community education.

CINI works with the schools, council, services and police, who now value the participation of the women in decision making. CINI has helped them find a voice.

### **IICCHAA Projects Update**



IICCHAA is **training mothers** as HIV/AIDS outreach workers, which gives them independence, confidence and an income. The groups are taking in **new families** and older members share what they have learnt. 80 children have joined the Murshidabad group. **Advocacy** is essential for those with HIV. Mohoba was a school cook when she and her husband were diagnosed with HIV. Because of the fear and ignorance of the parents and teachers she lost her job. CINI's community education addressed this fear and Mohoba is now back at work with her community's support - an enormous relief as her husband is now too ill to work.

Almira, and her 6 yr old son were begging when CINI's outreach worker helped her negotiate for financial assistance from the local council. Now she has a **bank account,** something she could never before have imagined. Her son is back in school. This is an enormous boost to her self-esteem and capacity to provide for her son's future. She has become an example of hope for other IICCHHAA parents. These are just two of the many families assisted by IICCHAA.



## Adi's View: 10 yr old Perth boy talks about CINI visit

Here is an extract of what Adi had to said to Mother's Day High Tea guests about his visit to CINI.

"During Dec 2015, my family and I visited CINI Youth Shelter, an experience I called reality ..... Honestly, I assumed the children would be taunted, and traumatised, because of their first-hand experience of helplessness, despair, poverty and hunger. To my astonishment, they were the happiest kids I had ever seen. Without anything these kids have happiness! They had no superficiality, being grateful of what they had. Mind you, these kids were exactly like us. They found things we found funny, they love the same food we love, they cry about the same things we cry about, but the only difference is that we are privileged.....When we are privileged, a responsibility falls onto your shoulders. Knowing that I am privileged, I have a responsibility: to care and share.

Previously that day, my grandmother gave me some money to purchase a pair of new shoes. As we were leaving, I saw a poster, promoting CINI's new fund: "Provide a lunch for a child every day for a year". The cost was 2000 rupees, which was the same amount of money in my wallet. I was utterly

surprised, 2000 rupees, approx \$50, was the cost for a child's lunch every day, for a year! That was an incentive for them to come to school, so they can be educated. At that moment I knew what my responsibility was. I happily handed the money to the official ..... I honestly felt happier giving my money than buying shoes. My younger brother followed my footsteps as well.



Before I used to think that the saying, "If you Give, you Receive" was a nag to give your siblings gifts, but now I truly understand what it means. When I receive a gift, it's a very happy feeling. But trust me, if you like that, then try giving - it makes you feel 10 times happier. ©

### **Fundraising Events**

Mother's Day Celebration High Tea raised \$17,000. Thanks to the donors, committee, cooks, volunteers, JTC students and staff, Prem and Jagdeesh for their beautiful music.





Save the date for 2017

#### Who has been helping out?

**Thanks** to "The Albany Putters", Loreto Nedlands Primary School, the Wyndham Plant sales, Liberty Petrol and Christina Hairdresser Swanbourne for their regular support.

#### **CINI Australia's Milestones**

- 1<sup>st</sup> major program in India successfully coming to a close
- 100<sup>th</sup> Sponsorship of a Mother and Baby or Child
- 30<sup>th</sup> regular monthly donor has enrolled
- 3<sup>rd</sup> annual donation of \$5000 received

#### Do you have time or skills for CINI Australia?

We are looking for volunteer admin help and assistance with our marketing and fundraising strategy and management. This may suit a master's student or someone eager to contribute their professional skills to a valuable cause.

#### Would your group, club, work or friends like to hear more about CINI's programs?

CINI Australia would love to give a formal or informal presentation about what we are doing. Contact us by email on info@ciniaustralia.org or call Jennie on 0428538761.

### News - Read More about CINI's work

- Protecting girls through technology: <a href="http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-girls protection.html">http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-girls protection.html</a>
- The Work In Freedom project: http://www.ilo.org/newdelhi/info/public/fs/Freedom.htm
- CINI India newsletter: http://www.cini-india.org/news-and-press/news

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#### Please support those who support CINI Australia.... our work would not be possible without their help JTC staff and students WASO • Cottesloe Golf Club Woolworths Boatshed Market Julia Craigs • The Good Guys Fremantle & Palmyra Silverstream Wines Jenny Jones Rugs O'Connor Coles Flowers Cottesloe • Emma Greene • Brigid Marciano Dallimores Creation Landscape Carolyn Verhoff Homewares • Louise Gore-Langton **Supplies** Bellydance • The Finishing Touch Bower Kailis Wines Main Peak Greg's South Snooze O'Connor Veronica O'Connor Plata Bonita Lamont's Restaurant Fremantle Pharmacy Reclaim Your Space • Dawson's Garden • Banovich South • Instyle Shoes Officeworks Osb Park Harvey Fresh Fremantle Pharmacy Accessories IGA Mosman Fresh Office Works Subiaco Glow Day Spa Shedwallah • South of the Boarder Essence Of Lily Vintage Cellars Ann Cullity Flowers • The Honey Cake James Hick • Swanbourne Vet Baker St • IGA Swanbourne • With Love From Bec Observatory LSMStyling Duncan Street • The Little Posy Co • Knee Deep Wines Xpress Spare Parts Puppet Lindy Midalia Rebecca Oates Vasse Felix Theatre Fremantle Diana Bostock Hairdressing Christine Moran Cartridge World Brigid Marciano • The Finishing Touch • Workout Cottesloe

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Or complete and post this form to CINI Australia, PO Box 8358, Angelo Street, South Perth WA 6151	
(1) My donation of \$ monthly for months or until advised	
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(2) Sponsor a Mother and her Baby $\square$ \$450 once or $\square$ \$15/ month for min. of 30 months or $\square$ until advised	
(3) Educate a Child Sponsorship $\square$ \$240 once or $\square$ \$10/month for min. of 24 months or $\square$ until advised	
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