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- Support CINI Australia's running costs so that all our fundraising can go to India
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- Post a picture of your money box on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ciniaustralia.org



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To **LCI Accountants**, NSW for professional accounting services since 2010. Your support has been invaluable.

Welcome to **Aston Accountants**, Fremantle

To **Outotec Pty Ltd WA** for kindly printing our newsletter.

Mother's Day High Tea Donors. Without your generosity, the success of this event would be out of reach. Some fantastic businesses have now contributed for the last 5 years!!

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CINI Australia

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Welcome to the 2018 CINI Australia Newsletter — enjoy the highlights of another busy year gone by!

Earlier in the year, CINI A's Director Jennie Connaughton spent a few weeks in India. In the following pages are some stories from her visit.

Today I met our CINI Uttar Dinajpur team in Raiganj after a field visit. The women & children in the villages are well supported by this dedicated group. Their skills in community development and capacity building is evident. They have built strong collaboration between self-help women's groups, adolescent representatives, schools & local councils. Most of the workers are from the district of Uttar Dinajpur & understand well the difficulties & needs in the villages. Pictured: Jennie, Rahul, Prosenjit, Jayanta, Ratana, Uttam, Debarshi, Susobhan & Nilanjana.



I met Millie who has coordinated Sponsor A Mother & Her Baby program in Diamond Harbour for over 4 years. Each year we visit the mothers together. Under Millie's guidance, the community workers & self-help women provide much needed pregnancy & postnatal support & education to the women at home. A CINI staffer said to me "It is really important that we are doing the very best we can, where it is needed with every rupee we receive."

CINI AUSTRALIA – BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

It is now 8 years since CINI Australia was launched & it's time to welcome new board members. We are seeking two volunteer board members with the enthusiasm, resources & skills to expand our support base & to achieve our goal of financial sustainability. Experience in fundraising &/or publicity would be an advantage. Please email Peter at admin@ciniaustralia.org by 31st August. See www.ciniaustralia.org for the full advert.

RANI BHABHANI BOYS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

These boys love their library that CINI Australia funded 4 years ago. Now they'd like more books & support for a librarian. The boys said that comics are especially popular & fun ...opening up the world of reading. Help grow this precious Resource at givenow.com.au/ciniaustralia Add a note "for the library".



CHILD FRIENDLY BUS TAKES TO STREETS

Bold statements & images promoting the rights of children have been brightly plastered across a local bus, spreading the word of the CINI's Child Friendly Community (CFC) program, proudly supported by CINI Australia. The Child Friendly Bus initiative will increase public awareness by explicitly displaying messages about the rights of the child, & the risks of child-labour & child-marriage.

Local bus company, MAA Fatema Transport, runs the route from Raiganj to Bharatpur, through the area of our "CFC" program.



Such innovative public education is uncommon in rural India. This is a great example of how CINI involves the local community & leaders, engaging them directly & enabling ownership of their role in making change, educating the community & honouring their responsibility for the wellbeing of children.

EDUCATION SPONSORSHIPS REACH RAILWAY FAMILIES

When visiting one of CINI's inspiring education centres in Kolkata, Jennie was invited to visit the children's home. She was guided from the small classroom along an alley to the railway. A young mother, with three daughters, explained that many families like hers, have lived here for generations. Families cook, clean, & care for their children between the tracks & scoop it all out the way when a train comes through.

The hope for the next generation lies in the children's school attendance which is enabled & supported by CINI's Educate A Child Sponsorships.



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General programs donation: \$ _____ ☐ monthly for _____ months OR ☐ until advised OR ☐ once

Sponsor a Mother & baby: ☐ \$450 once OR ☐ \$15/month for 30 months OR ☐ until advised

Sponsor Educate A Child: ☐ \$240 once OR ☐ \$10/month for 24 months OR ☐ until advised

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Thank you for making a difference with CINI Australia

NUTRIMIX—FROM LITTLE BAGS TO TRUCKLOADS

NUTRIMIX is a highly nutritious weaning food developed by Dr Chaudhuri, and Sr Pauline in 1974 to treat severe malnutrition.

Until 6 years ago it was produced manually on a small scale, when, assisted by The Indian Institute of Management, CINI created Cincomm, a social business. Large scale production now supplies good nutrition to Government Child Health centres across West Bengal.

CINI realized that pedal-drive machines would enable village women to generate an income at home. Women work shifts, roasting, mixing, bagging & managing their business successfully earning extra income for their families. It goes out the gate by the truckload.



A LIFE IS CHANGED THANKS TO IICCHAA

Last year, 153 families with 216 children attended IICCHAA. Susmita and her daughter, Asima (R) in their new one-room home with Anawara, CINI’s IICCHAA worker. As for many IICCHAA mothers, being widowed and discovering her husband had contracted HIV, whilst working in Mumbai, was devastating. Anawara has been her constant support, teaching her & her community about HIV. With her help, Susmita received widow’s housing assistance. She is now secure, confident, taking medication, aware of her entitlements and accepted by her village.

In Murshidabad: a fantastic achievement! All 66 families now have bank accounts. One young woman has helped the others understand banking. Previously unimaginable, this is an enormous shift in their security and capacity to plan for the future.

This year we will offer training to improve parent’s employment opportunities. CINI Australia needs another \$5,000 to cover this important part of our program.

FOUNDATION DAY

We arrived for CINI's annual Foundation Day celebrations marking 44th years helping women & children - a fantastic achievement. “CINI Children” who danced beautifully, are proud to be all dressed up on stage. It’s hard to imagine the struggles they face when you see their excitement.

This year’s special focus was adolescents. Two adolescent leaders from CINI's peer groups spoke passionately of their determination to make changes for their generation.



CINI helps them develop the confidence & leadership skills, to speak out against child marriage and labour in their families & communities. CINI's "TeenLine " was launched: a call line for 10-24-year-olds needing support. Their world is vastly different to their parent’s and, as in Australia, adolescent mental health needs urgent attention.

Each year CINI awards exceptional staff. This year, Anawara, from IICCHAA was recognized for her dedication and work on the front line. She has turned around many lives, educating newly diagnosed families, helping them overcome their fear and to manage the illness.

She bravely teaches local councils, schools and communities that HIV is not a "touchable disease". Addressing community rejection and ignorance makes an enormous difference to the health and wellbeing of those affected by HIV. Congratulations Anawara and the IICCHAA team!



CHAINAGAR SCHOOL PROVIDES EDUCATION & PROTECTION

Poverty effects all aspects of a family life. Good utrition & health care are essential, but without education children remain enormously disadvantaged. In the last 12 months, our Chainagar team has been working with the primary schools in villages of Manikapara, Tilan, Asmanhat, Chainagar and Simuldanga. In Feb 2018 Jennie visited Manikpara school, developed as a “model school”, to motivate change in neighbouring villages of Chainagar. With CINI’s facilitation, the teachers, parents, local council & students formed the school management committee. They plan which changes are important, funding and who will be responsible. This in itself is a huge achievement where the parents & children previously had no say.

Through the child parliament, children learn about their rights & to voice their opinions. These skills prepare them to be community leaders. Under the leadership of their “Prime Minister” they participate in the school council, help the ‘drop out’ children by visiting them at home & encouraging them to attend classes.

The community want their children to be happy to go to school. Many village schools have very basic rooms, grey walls & wooden benches. With the council’s financial support, teachers are creating colourful and stimulating child friendly class rooms. The school grounds are safer and an orchard has been planted.



This young “Minister of Health” speaks up if meal quality is not maintained. The school now has a copy of the Government midday meal program & understand the standard of meals the children are entitled to and so now advocate for this.

Hygiene changes include toilets for girls, children learning about hand washing & to manage their rubbish, under guidance of their environment minister!

These developments result in better attendance, enthusiastic children, improved learning and long lasting benefits for community.



FUNDRAISING, EVENTS AND DONORS

MOTHERS DAY HIGH TEA 2018

We celebrated Mother's Day & CINI's work with about 210 guests at John XXIII College again. Thanks to more than 45 wonderful volunteers, cooks & students whose generous work made it possible. Jiri & Ary’s dancing delighted the guests. Sales, raffles & auction added to the fun. Special thanks to our wonderful MC Mary-Ellen King.

CINI Australia thanks the many local business, artists & artisans for their helping raise over \$20,000. See back page. Keep an eye out for the "Save the Date" notice for Mother’s Day 2019!



FIRST XMAS APPEAL SUCCESS

In the lead up to the 2017 festive season we challenged our supporters to divert some of their Christmas spending towards CINI’s educations centres, the aim being to send 40 more children through the centres in 2018.

We were not disappointed—the appeal yielded almost \$5,000 which was very gratefully received by CINI India.

Following approval from the appeal donors the funds were spent according to most urgent needs which at the time, was the IICCHAA program. IICCHAA ensures the psycho-social wellbeing of children affected by HIV-AIDS and builds the strength & knowledge of the family so that they can provide for their children’s future.



ELIZA’S CAKE STALL

Eight year old Eliza hosted a very successful cake stall at her home in the lead up to the 2018 Mother’s Day High Tea. She was so excited to receive the support of friends, neighbours and local community members resulting in a total tally of over \$140 for CINI! Well done Eliza!



DONOR MESSAGES

“This 2018 donation is in memory of Mum and the love she received from women in Calcutta when she was an infant there”

“I would like to give this gift in memory of Parents”