

Welcome to the 2019 CINI Australia Newsletter

Enjoy the highlights of another busy year!

This year Child in Need India (CINI) celebrated 45 years of changing lives by addressing the root causes of poverty. Improving the status of village women means they now have a say in their communities. Collaboration with local government & services has prioritized the rights of their children, health care & schooling. Families see the value of supporting girls in education & delay marriage. Many CINI concepts have been integrated into Government programs & so impact many more families in need.

With CINI Australia you have helped over 240 children affected by HIV/AIDs & families in 13 villages with the Child Friendly Communities (CFC) program in Uttar Dinajpur. Your sponsorships have reached 140 children, pregnant women & their babies.

In February, six Australians self funded their visit to CINI. They were impressed by CINI's approach to development & the reach & diversity of its programs. They saw first-hand the difficulties, resilience and determination of women.

Parents are committed to keep their children in class. This encourages improvement in nearby schools. Adolescents receive livelihood training & assistance with financial entitlements & now support more vulnerable peers who dropped out of school, have mental health problems, are in labour or at risk of marriage. They understand their health needs, rights & how to access help. They are important members of newly formed village child protection committees preventing child trafficking & marriage.



Simulbari Tea Garden CFC centre staff & children

So where are we up to?

The CFC program started 3 years ago in 13 villages. It has now reached 800 pregnant & breast feeding mums, 250 self-help group women, 900 adolescents & about 100 service providers.

Women are working together to reduce malnutrition & improve child health services. By building community participation, 3 primary schools have improved attendance, safety & facilities.

Neighbouring councils witnessed the success of CINI CFC method & approached CINI for assistance. As a result, this month we begin a new ambitious CFC Hemtabad Block program, covering 96 villages. 5 field officers have the task to educate villagers & councillors in this process of change, to empower women & adolescents, identify their most pressing needs & create change. If CINI demonstrates effective development, the district government may take this model to reach even more families.

IICCHAA has reached 240 children, their families & villages. They are healthier & more stable financially. They receive essential medication, government entitlements, education scholarships, widows housing & food rations. Some families are now independent enough, making room for 50 new children. This year's focus is adolescent's life skill development & independence.

CINI Australia's ambitious goal for this year has a budget of \$115,000. So, friends of CINI, we ask you to help spread the word & ensure that "CFC" can run for the 3-5 years needed to establish lasting development. We would love to hear your suggestions and ideas on how to reach this goal.



STORIES FROM THIS YEAR'S INDIA VISIT

"My dream is fulfilled"



"I grew up on the Sealdah Train Station platforms in Kolkata. I was scared to go home to my abusive father. I went to CINI's platform school & night shelter which set me on a path to complete my education. It allowed me to fulfil my dream to dedicate my life to children in difficult situations, much like I experienced. I am now the trusted adult in the lives of vulnerable children. I train them in life skills, children's rights & to raise their voice against violations. I recently took my first trip to Russia to train over 250 children from different countries on the formation of children's congress!"

CINI Change Agent, Durga Roy

"CINI helped me find strength"

"When I first learned I was HIV+ I felt alone & scared. I blamed myself & didn't think anyone would care I was sick.

I soon learned that CINI cared deeply & I should come to the IICCHAA group. CINI treated me like a flower. The counsellors helped me find confidence to speak openly & share my story. I realised I wasn't alone. The LifeSkills Program taught me how to be a good leader, how to handle difficult situations & how to reach my life goals.

Thanks to CINI I have a life to live & I am strong enough to help others."



Jasmina, Aged 19

NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Annette Chivers & Tim Bidstrup were welcomed in November 2018. They bring with them new enthusiasm, excellent skills, invaluable experience & a refreshing direction to CINI.

Annette is the manager of Headspace Armadale & has a strong commitment to social justice & the needs of young people. She travelled to India in Feb 2019 & was blown away by CINI's work.

Tim is Managing Director of Wilco, a Perth-based, Aboriginal-owned business that brings sustainable technologies together with positive Aboriginal employment outcomes. He also has a passion for India following a visit to some of its poorest areas.



MOTHERS DAY HIGH TEA MAY 2019



Over 200 guests celebrated Mother's Day & CINI's work at John XXIII College once again.

More than 45 wonderful volunteers, cooks & students made it possible. Special thanks to our MC Rayne Embley & performers Dixie, Frankie & Jagger Johnstone.

We welcomed new guests as well as many dedicated supporters. Thanks for your generosity & to the many local businesses & artisans for your contributions.

Together we raised over \$23,000. Thank you! Twelve people signed up as new regular donors, which gives CINI Australia the ability to sustain such important programs. They make the difference between a life of poverty, malnutrition & the risks of early child marriage, human trafficking & a life that offers health, safety & education.

Watch out for the "Save the Date" notice for Mother's Day 2020.

OTHER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

The November Movie Night at the Windsor raised over \$4,000 for our Child Friendly Community programs in Chainagar. Pre-movie drinks & canapes, prepared by CINI's generous volunteer home-bakers, made a genuine sense of community.

Our annual Christmas Appeal was again a success. Donors generously shared their Christmas giving with mothers & children in India by contributing to important village programs.

To kick off our 2019 program budgets, in February Killerby Wines offered CINI Australia supporters a very generous discount. This inaugural Killerby's Wine Fundraiser was a great taster for our next pre-Xmas wine offer coming up in October .. watch this space!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MOVIE NIGHTS

Movie nights late July/early August & again late October/early November!

WINE DRIVE

October Killerby Wine Offer Fundraiser in preparation for Christmas

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

CINI Annual Christmas Appeal will again let you to share your giving with those who are most in need!

Watch the Newsletter, Facebook & mail outs for dates & details

ENSURING GOOD PREGNANCY WEIGHT GAIN



West Bengal has a malnutrition crisis. A recent survey revealed that every 2nd woman in the state is anaemic & 40% have low BMI. To address this challenge, CINI started working with grassroots service-providers & communities to identify the best way to intervene.

In April 2018, 182 pregnant women were identified in 3 rural areas (Falta, Suti-I & Nagrakata blocks) for this project's first phase. Working closely with mothers & their families to build a strong individual support network resulted in a pregnancy weight gain of at least 10 kilos for nearly 50% of these women.

In February their achievement was celebrated at a ceremony where the Front-line workers & families were commended for their initiatives & care of the mother in her pregnancy. CINI is continuing to explore how to achieve the best outcome for mothers & their babies.

CINI COUNSEL ENDS HEALTH PRACTICE MISUNDERSTANDING

37 year-old Monjura was pregnant with her 5th child when CINI health workers began counselling her about pregnancy & nutrition health services. She & her husband, who are illiterate, thought such services were against their religious beliefs. All 4 of Monjura's previous births were at home.

Regular counselling by CINI & local health workers showed them that their children had missed important immunisations, nutrition and health care. Monjuras's own health was also suffering after multiple pregnancies without essential antenatal care. Slowly the couple learned about safe pregnancy care & delivery options. They finally agreed to a hospital delivery. When labor pains began, an ambulance took Monjura to hospital where her healthy baby was delivered. Her story has encouraged other women in her village & she has become a model for change in her village.



CINI ACHIEVES AVANCED LEVEL GUIDE STAR INDIA GOLD CERTIFICATION

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SUPPORT FROM OTHERS



IICCHAA staff & families

MODUS PROPERTY A project management & trade services business has donated an astonishing total of over \$22,000 since August. Perth brothers & business owners, Tim & Ben Mathews, wanted to do "something meaningful" for those in need overseas & decided to contribute a portion of their revenue each month.

Their donations have made a huge difference for the children affected by HIV with IICCHAA.

The fantastic team of tradies heard all about the impact of the program at their morning 'tool box' meeting. Their impressive support helps spread the word about CINI's work. Thanks to all the Modus Property team. Watch our Facebook page for updates on how Modus is making a real difference.

ISWA's (Indian Society of WA)'s **NAARI 2019** celebrated International Women's Day at Curtin University. NAARI (meaning woman in Hindi) was a fantastic day out, featuring health & wellness presentations & a rich display of Indian culture. Thanks to our stall volunteers & NAARI for making CINI Australia part of Perth's Indian Community celebration.

In April, **WA INDIAN DOCS** continued their loyal support of CINI Australia, with a Movie Fundraiser in April. "Dumbo" generated a wonderful contribution that will help children the same ages as those who saw the film.

The **PUROBI ASSOCIATION OF WA** promotes & showcases Indian Culture & in April they hosted an exciting performance by Bengali singer-songwriter, Rupankar Bagchi to raise funds for our programs. We're so pleased to have this new association with Purobi.

Finally, thanks to Sophie & Callum for their help at the Indian Beads & Bags Stall at the **PALMYRA WESTERN FARMERS MARKET** in May.



NAARI 2019



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HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Become a regular donor or sponsor <http://ciniaustralia.org/how-to-help/donate/>
- Donate in lieu of a birthday or Christmas gift or in memory of someone important
- Volunteer your time or resources
- Ask us for a CINI Money Box for your home, office or counter
- Do you have a money box at home waiting to go to the bank??? Contact us for pick up!



SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE BUSINESSES & INDIVIDUALS

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