

CINI Australia

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News from India

KITCHEN GARDEN TRAINING FOR IICCHAA FAMILIES

CINI Australia's IICCHAA program, for families effected by HIV, has identified families who are still experiencing income loss as a result of the Covid pandemic. This, & the ever increasing cost of food has reduced their access to adequate nutritional food which is so important with HIV. Twenty-nine families are being trained & supplied with seeds to create gardens as a sustainable source of nutrition in their everyday lives.



Owning chickens means the families have access to fresh eggs daily and additional income if they have a surplus which they can sell.



While linking families with Government ration benefits & providing usual monthly basic food packages, IICCHAA has expanded there support to include nutritional counselling for mother & child & encouraging kitchen gardens. You can help IICCHAA continue to support the families in this way – just \$100 would support this program in one of our 3 districts.

IMPACT OF CINI AUSTRALIA COVID APPEAL



This map offers a sense of the remoteness but doesn't show the rugged landscape, thick forest, fragile roads, flood risk & wandering leopards & elephants!

With your contributions to CINI Australia's Covid CINI India established appeals. Information & Support Centres in Kalchini & Nagrakata. Both communities in extremely remote country at the base of the Himalayas. The isolation of these communities is beyond the imagination of most of us & poses grave challenges for access & delivery of services. The area is home to people of diverse linguistic from backgrounds. migrants countries, creating even more complexities for their support services. In collaboration with the CINI'S department, local health campaign extended from these centres into the remote pockets of the district. As a result, thousands of vaccinations & widespread COVID awareness reached these remote & vulnerable communities.

Heart warming updates

EMPOWERING THE PEER LEADERS OF UJJAN

Last year we announced this inspiring program, targeting adolescents in the Red Light District of Kolkata. It is funded by a bequest from a generous donor & the Meridian Global Foundation. In its short life, Ujjan has already created powerful shifts in the adolescent community, empowering 545 children aged 10-19, who live in this extremely vulnerable environment.

Developing peer leaders is the main pillar of the project. These boys & girls are already teaching their peers, advocating for their rights to growth, safety and participation in their community. Their energy & excitement is palpable as their eyes are opened up to the world beyond the Red Light District.



They receive life skills training in child protection, mental health, sexual health, menstrual hygiene, nutrition as well as educational excursions. It is poised to empower these adolescents through a successful transition to adulthood.



Follow this QR code to watch a moving video to understand so much more about Ujjan.

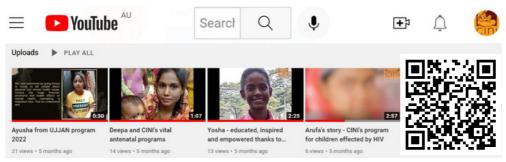
NEHA'S 2022 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AWARD

Twenty-one year old Neha (pictured) is one of CINI's Teen Groups' activists. In January, Neha heard that a young girl in her area had dropped out of school & was at risk of being trafficked. Neha immediately informed the CINI workers & authorities, who intervened & saved the girl from this danger.

Today, thanks to Neha, this girl is studying to build a better future for herself. Their success is an inspiration for other young girls. Neha's intervention didn't go unnoticed. On 8th March, International Women's Day, the West Bengal Government recognised this courageous young Indian girl. Congratulations, Neha!



CINI AUSTRALIA YOU TUBE - CONNECTING US TO INDIA



This year we've been building our VouTube channel content so that you hear directly from some of those you are We encourage supporting. you to follow the QR code & meet these amazing people who are empowered ε optimistic about their futures thanks to CINI & you.

CINI AUSTRALIA NEWS

2022 MOTHER'S DAY/EOFY APPEAL SUCCESS

We want to say a MASSIVE thank you to EVERYONE who donated to our Mother's Day Appeal. We were thrilled to reach over \$30,000! These funds will continue to support the exciting Ujjan project (see above), maintain the IICCHAA program (which includes about 20 new HIV-effected families each year) & sustain the Child Friendly Communities program, which ensures safe sustainable access to education & nutrition for children experiencing poverty. These programs are powerful interventions that help create pathways out of poverty for communities in need, especially following setbacks experienced as a result of the pandemic.



CINI AUSTRALIA BOARD MEMBER AWARDED JUNIOR DOCTOR OF THE YEAR

In July, we were thrilled to congratulate our Board Member, Dr Ashwita Siri Vanga (pictured), who was named Junior Doctor of the Year by the Australian Medical Association (WA) for 2022. The award recognises Ashwita's outstanding contributions in the areas of teaching, leadership, advocacy & community service.

Dr Vanga is the Junior International Medical Graduates representative with the Doctor's Health Advisory Service (WA), providing much needed support for our International Medical Graduates. She also recently led coronavirus awareness initiatives through Community Outreach & Innovation with Aaroogya International in Delhi, India.

It's her commitment & energy for her work as a CINI Australia Board Member that we have the honour of sharing & we are so fortunate to have her with us! Well done Ashwita & thank you for your ongoing efforts that make a real difference for women, children & communities in India.



CINI AUSTRALIA NOW ON LINKEDIN

In order to expand our reach & build our corporate engagement, we have recently established our LinkedIn profile. We ask for your support to increase our LinkedIn presence by connecting CINI Australia with your professional profiles. We would be grateful for your introduction or recommendation to businesses who may be open to exploring support or partnership opportunities with CINI Australia. Remember, all donations are now tax deductible. Connect with us on LinkedIn via the QR code.





Special Thanks

THANK YOU COLIN, CINI AUSTRALIA'S TOP SPONSOR



Colin has been sponsoring mothers, their babies & children in need for many years now & has reached a staggering number of cases, more than any other one sponsor in all of CINI Australia's history!

Colin (pictured here with his grandchild), says "I was a World Vision sponsor for many years & was looking for a small charitable organisation that had a personal touch & involved with projects in India that make a significant difference. I am extremely happy to have found CINI. I continue to be a sponsor as I believe The Sponsor A Mother & Educate a Child projects are focused on those mothers & children who need our help & support during a time it is most needed." Colin, we are so grateful to have you on our team!

THANK YOU SAROOR BAR & RESTAURANT

Our army of container collectors is growing & in recent weeks we've seen a huge jump in the number of deposits! So far, CINI Australia supporters have saved over 8,000 containers from landfill, generating over \$800 in donations for life changing programs in India.

Setting the pace is Manager Evee & staff at her South Fremantle restaurant. She is pictured here with CINI Board Member Annette (left) with another haul of containers collected by staff which are creating a constant stream of donations for CINI Australia! This wouldn't be possible without generous people like Evee & her staff & dedicated Board members like Annette (not forgetting her partner John too!)... Thank you team!



CINI Australia Fundraising - ways you can help

XMAS WINE OFFER

Killerby Wines are again generously donating \$20 for every 6-pack purchased in an offer exclusive to our supporters...



• In the QR code for order form & details.



XMAS APPEAL

Our 2022 Christmas Appeal will aim to fund projects still dealing with the fall out of Covid & the delays it has caused...more news on this in the coming weeks.



CONTAINERS 4 CHANGE

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