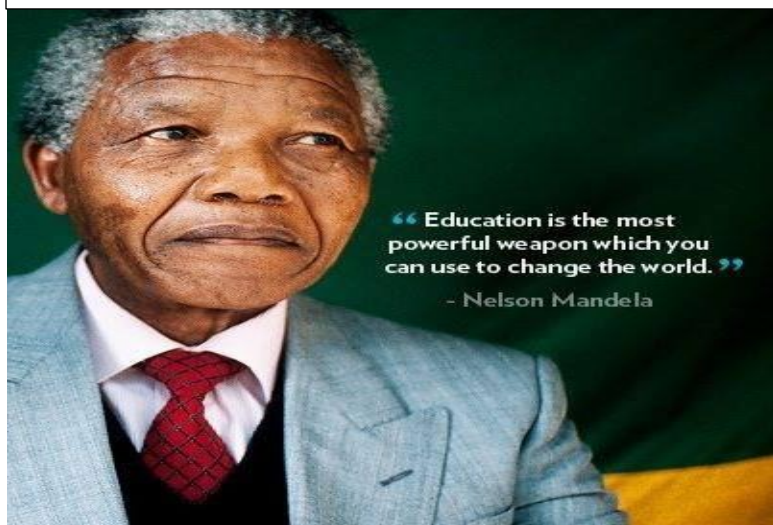




## IWiN Newsletter

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**IWiN's mission is to empower socially disadvantaged women and children through education, encouragement and economic support**

## WELCOME.....

Dear Friends

With great pleasure I welcome you all to IWIn's first newsletter.

IWiN has started its journey very recently - on the 15<sup>th</sup> August this year- to help those women and children who need not only financial assistance, but also encouragements and opportunities to prove their abilities in today's world.

And, what could be better than supporting EDUCATION facilities to achieve this IWIn mission?

To reflect this, IWIn organised its first fundraiser just a week back on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November to set up a Computer Training Centre for slum-children at Ek Prayas school in Kolkata, India.

The fundraiser event started with an Indian classical invocation dance performance by our ACT school children -Amolika and Subhiksha and ended with an afternoon tea sponsored by the IWIn executive committee.



The event was very successful and received strong support from Ms Gai Brodtmann (Federal MP for Canberra) and Ms Guilia Jones (ACT State MLA for Molongolo). The audience enjoyed the function as well as food and donated generously for the cause; we have now reached IWIn's target amount ...HOORRAY 🙌!!!

The most encouraging news is that a good amount of donation has come from our interstate and Canberran friends who could not attend the fundraiser. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and hoping to see you all in our next event.

A big THANK YOU to our sponsor, **East Bar & Grill**, Civic, ACT and to all donors and friends present at the 23<sup>rd</sup> November fundraiser. Without your support, IWIn could not have achieved its target. So, please KEEP supporting IWIn and feel free to send your suggestions to [chair@iwinact.org](mailto:chair@iwinact.org).

Best wishes,

*Madhumita IYENGAR,*

Chair, IWIn

### List of Donors

IWiN is very proud to be associated with the ACT Community that strongly supports education for underprivileged kids, irrespective of their country of origin.

IWiN is grateful to all donors for supporting the cause and making the fundraiser a BIG Success. IWIn has raised an amount of \$1926/- so far. The list below puts together all donors names, in alphabetical order.

*Abirami Nathan*

*Agnes Boskovitz*

*Amba and Abhijit Roychaudhury*

*Ann and John Kyatt*

*Annie and Edward Harrington*

*Brenda*

*Darryl Alexander*

*Dipanjan and Mistu Lodh*

*Dominic Cookman*

*Dorothy Teruiel-Mogee*

*Guilia Jones*

*Inderjeet Kaur*

*Isabel and Ian Firkins-Fox*

*Joanne Whittaker*

*Jyothi Gali and Bala Reddy*

*Jyoti Shamdasani*

*Mr and Mrs Kunjam Vallam*

*Madhumita and Hari Iyengar*

*Monali and Anil Kapoor*

*Nasreen Hafisjee*

Is to



*Nipa Dutta and Debesh Halder*

*Pamela and Chris Fabricius*

*Pradeep Goyal*

*Rachna and Everett Hornick*

*Rebecca Godden*

*Rebecca and Lincoln Young*

*Saloni Sharan*

*Sandhya Tulpule*

*Sanjeev Sood*

*Sarbari Bordia*

*Shama Gogia*

*Shirani Visvanathan and Raju Homer*

*Shweta and Partha Chatterjee*

*Sudha and Natranjan Senthilvel*

*Sue Salthouse*

*Teena Thomas*

*Thato Tidimare*

*Usha Satija*

*Ms Walsa*

*Wendy May*

*Zaid Tseggai*

### About Ek Prayas School in Kolkata, India



Children from slum are pictured in a class, **Ek Prayas School, Kolkata.**

*Ek Prayas* school is run by an Indian NGO, *Ek Prayas* (means 'one effort') in Kolkata, India, which is currently the IWIn partner in India. This school started in September 2004 with a group of 12 children by Mrs Rashmi Bhanj Deo and Ms Vineeta with a mission to educate the slum-children engaged in child-labour and make them economically independent and socially responsible adults.

Currently the school houses about 200 children from slums, aged 4-14yrs. The School provides

### Different Ways to Support Ek Prayas School

Please contact IWIn Committee, if you are interested in sponsoring a student of this school or sponsoring any other needs of this school.

The school needs continuous supports from the community in providing meals, text books, uniforms, stationaries to its students coming from slums and sponsorships for other identified educational needs of its students.

both academic and vocational training in English medium through a systematic curriculum, appropriate to students' specific needs.

Breakfast and lunch are provided to the children in school daily, in addition to their school uniforms, textbooks and stationaries - mostly sponsored by generous donors.

**IWiN is supporting this school in setting up of a Computer Training Centre for the students, starting in the 2014-15 academic year.**



In the picture (L to R): **Ms Vineeta** (Founder, Ek Prayas NGO & School, **Madhumita IYENGAR** (Chair, IWIn) and Mrs **Rashmi Bhanj Deo** (Founder and Principal of Ek Prayas School).

- **Educate a child for one year (@ approx. Aus\$ 135 per child) (Inclusive of utility pack)**
- **Gift utility pack to children for one year (@ approx. Aus\$ 30 per child)**
- **Sponsor a meal for all 200 children (@ approx. Aus\$ 50 (Breakfast+ Lunch)**
- **Sponsor a breakfast for all 200 children (@ approx. Aus\$ 15)**
- **Sponsor a lunch for all 200 children (@ approx. Aus\$ 25)**

## Meet the IWIn Committee: Women at work for women in need



From left to right:  
Sudha Senthilvel (**Cultural Co-ordinator**),  
Rachna Arora-Hornick (**Treasurer**),  
Madhumita IYENGAR (**Chair**),  
Jyothi Gali (**Adviser**) and  
Annie Joslin (**Secretary**)

### About IWIn

IWiN (Initiatives For Women In Need) is an Indo-Australian not-for-profit community initiative in the ACT to provide and organise supports for socially disadvantaged women and children from developing countries.

IWiN is also committed to raise awareness on and address issues related to the well-being of women and children in the ACT.

Indian High Commissioner in Australia, Mr Biren Nanda, launched IWIn on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2013 in Canberra on the occasion of India's 66<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration.



In the IWIn Launch picture (L to R): Mrs Rukmani Nanda (spouse of the Indian High Commissioner), Mr Biren Nanda (Indian High Commissioner in Australia) and Madhumita IYENGAR (Chair, IWIn)



*IWiN wishes*



*All readers, friends and supporters*

*the Gifts of Peace and Happiness*

*this Christmas*

*and throughout*

*the New Year 2014*



## Initiatives For Women In Need (IWIn)

Some Pictures from the IWIn Fundraiser Event on 23 November, 2013



Some pictures from Ek Prayas School in Kolkata, India

