



# Annual Progress Report 2023 General Body Meeting June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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# FELICITATION OF INVITED GUESTS

# Dr. Ravi Kannan

Director, Cachar Cancer Hospital & Research Centre (CCHRC)

GUEST SPEAKER



- ? Surgical Oncologist by training
- ? Director, CCHRC
- ? Padma Shri award winner (2020)
- ? Kannan is an MBBS degree from the Kilpauk Medical College in Chennai and holds a Master of Surgery degree in Surgical Oncology from Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi.
- ? He left the directorship of Adyar Cancer Institute in his native place of Chennai to become the director of CCHRC in 2006.
- ? Described by many as a friend of the downtrodden and a perfect blend of humanity, magnanimity and service

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/C2x8rgJELAs>

# Langhu Hringjangam

Program Lead, Foundation for Social Transformation (FST)

GUEST SPEAKER



- ❑ A development professional with 9+ years of experience
- ❑ Proven record of leading and managing impactful projects
- ❑ Program Lead of FST, an indigenous philanthropic organization that transforms lives by creating cadres of change agents in marginalized rural and urban communities, establishing a culture of community giving for social justice, and building a strong network of grassroots groups in NE India

**YouTube Link:** <https://youtu.be/z817QVzIwLA>

# Dr. Sikha Sarma

## CMO, ESIC Model Hospital Beltola

GUEST SPEAKER



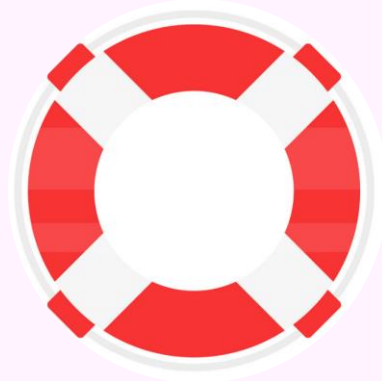
- ❑ CMO, ESIC Model Hospital Beltola
- ❑ State Secretary, Indian Medical Association (IMA) 2021-23
- ❑ Treasurer of National Mission Pink Health IMA HQ 2022-23
- ❑ Winner of Doctors Day Award 2022 & IMA President's Appreciation Award 2021 winner
- ❑ Member of IMA CGP since 2019
- ❑ Passionate about writing & has received wide appreciation in the literary field, specially for her published book of poems "Arghawali" in 2021

**YouTube Link:** <https://youtu.be/gBEBqtvmmXs>

# Year In Review: '22-'23

# FOCUS AREAS

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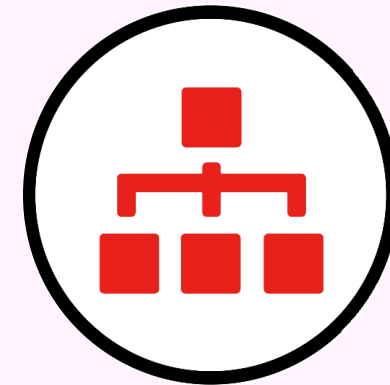
**HUMANITARIAN RELIEF**



**EDUCATION**



**HEALTH CARE**



**EMPLOYMENT GENERATION**





# AKADAMICS

## ? Scholarships for Degree Students:

- ? **10<sup>th</sup> Year** of operation
- ? Started with 10 scholarships in 2014
- ? **216** scholarships awarded to date
- ? **40** more scholarships this year
- ? **184** scholars have graduated
  - ? B.A.(**93**), B.Sc.(**18**), B. Ayurvedic Medicine(**1**), B. Com.(**9**), B.E. and B. Tech(**20**), B. Pharm(**3**) & MBBS(**32**), B. Homeopathy(**4**), Dentistry(**2**), Others (**2**)
- ? **2023 - 2024 Goal – Increase annual scholarships to 100 from 75**

**How you can help:**  
**\$350 - Supports 1 student for 1 year**







EDUCATION

# AKADAMICS - TESTIMONIALS



**POLI BORA**  
B.Sc.  
Nowgong College,  
Nowgong



**NITISH KUMAR DEKA**  
B.Tech (Elec. Engg.)  
Assam Engineering College,  
Guwahati



# AKADAMICS

## Late Habibur Rahman Barua Memorial Scholarship – 2022 Winners



**JONAK PRITAM KALITA**  
B.Tech (Mech. Engg.)  
Assam Engineering  
College, Guwahati



**NITISH KUMAR DEKA**  
B.Tech (Elec. Engg.)  
Assam Engineering  
College, Guwahati

# HUMANITARIAN RELIEF



## HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

- ❓ **Flood Relief in Assam**
  - ❓ Covered areas under Barak Valley, Dima Hasao & Central Assam
  - ❓ Distributed relief material worth \$9000
  - ❓ Special thanks to our partner on the ground: PPMYM



- ❓ **Earthquake relief in Syria & Turkey**
  - ❓ 7.8 magnitude on Feb 6, 2023
  - ❓ more than 60,000 dead, 15millions people impacted
  - ❓ Provided \$5000 to Feed My Starving Children (fmsc.org)
  - ❓ FMSC provided direct meal service to the impacted



# WEAVING FOR CARE



HUMANITARIAN  
RELIEF

- ❑ **Donation of Handmade Items:**
  - ❑ **OBJECTIVE:** Help people in times of natural disaster brought by inclement fall or winter weather that calls for warmth and care
  - ❑ **DRIVE:** Starts in spring and closes in winter coinciding with the holidays
  - ❑ Started **in 2019**
  - ❑ Invites community members to donate handmade items such as blankets and other warm clothing
  - ❑ Children who participate in this activity can learn about weaving and earn a certificate for volunteering







# CACHAR CANCER HOSPITAL



- ❑ **Cachar Cancer Hospital & Research Center (CCH&RC)**
  - ❑ Established in 1996; Administered by a Non-profit Society; 150 beds
  - ❑ Dept. of Scientific and Industrial Research recognized research center
  - ❑ Currently treats 5000 new and 25,000 follow-up patients annually
  - ❑ 80% are daily wage workers & 75% are treated free of charge
  
- ❑ **We are augmenting the Diagnostics lab**
  - ❑ Contributed Rs.12.6 Lakhs for the procurement of an Automated Blood Culture System
  - ❑ IMPACT: Will reduce the turn around time from 72-80hrs to 10-12 hrs.





# FEMALE HYGIENE

## ? Phase I: Create Awareness

- ? The book Moon Time (চন্দ্র সময়) is ready for printing
- ? Tentative release date is July 15, 2023 in Guwahati Press club by Dr. Alaka Goswami, Former HOD, Gynecology, GMC, Assam
- ? 1st 500 copies of the book will be distributed by Indian Medical Association (IMA) Assam branch, in the upper Assam area.
- ? The author of Moon Time, Dr Gita Bora recommended to us to replace a few doctors' notes with our own from Assam, very thankful to Dr Bora for the recommendation
- ? AFNA is grateful to Dr Arunima Goswami, Dr Sikha Sarma and few others for reviewing চন্দ্র সময় and providing valuable inputs for our young readers in their notes in the book
- ? AFNA is grateful to IMA for embracing the project

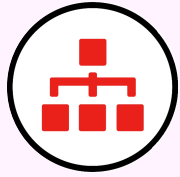
## ? Phase II: Promoting Sustainable Menstrual Hygiene

- ? Planned for 2023 & beyond





# AMRAPARI: WE CAN



EMPLOYMENT  
GENERATION

- ❑ Initiated by Foundation for Social Transformation (FST), Amrapari (We Can) is a women's collective that was created during the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown as a way of creating sustainable livelihoods for char-chapori women in Assam
- ❑ Empowering rural 60 women artisans of traditional Kheta stitch of Barpeta District
- ❑ Enhance the already existing skills wherein developing their technical expertise and capacity of production
- ❑ Amrapari received a bulk order of thirty thousand sanitary cloth napkins by DigiKargha organization based in Delhi
- ❑ The women artisans are actively involved in completing the orders to meet the date line





# DONOR ADVISED FUND (DAF)

## ? What are they?

- ? Create your own fund with AFNA to support your charity of choice in Assam
- ? The objectives of the project should align with that of AFNA
- ? AFNA takes care of the fund transfer and accounting
- ? You can avail tax benefit
- ? Amounts are disbursed only upon your advice
- ? A MOU needs to be set up with AFNA

## ? 1000 Aspirations Fund

- ? Contributed to Snehalaya
- ? Quality Education Project: Supporting 40 girls with expenses for quality education at Auxilium Snehalaya, Noonmati and Jyoti Snehalaya, Beltola

## ? Datta-Barua Orphan Welfare Fund:

- ? Contribution towards boats for Dhemaji Floods
- ? Annual support to AKSHAR Foundation
- ? Working on a science scholarship for a High School Students (STEM)

## ? Late Habibur Rahman Barua Scholarship Fund:

- ? Scholarship for Engineering students

# OPERATIONS UPDATE: '22-'23

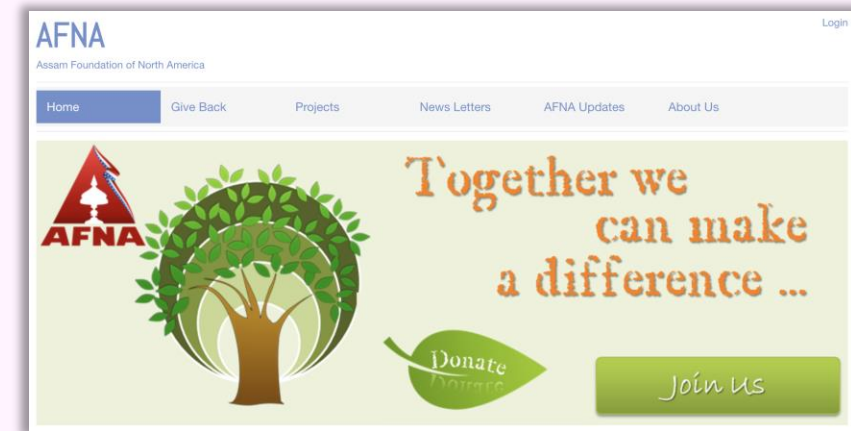
# OVERSIGHT

## ? Monthly Volunteer Meeting

- ? 1st Sunday of every month
- ? 1:00-2:00pm EST
- ? 10:00-11:00am PST
- ? Zoom Meeting
- ? Review project execution

## ? Quarterly Board Meeting

- ? 2nd Sunday of February, May, August and November
- ? Review overall governance



# 2022 – 2023 UPDATE

# CAMPAIGNS

## ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS :

### Aug-Sep:

AFNA Walk & Run

### Oct- Mar:

Calendar Campaign

Weaving For Care

**April:** AFNA Giving Week (7-days of Bohag Bihu)

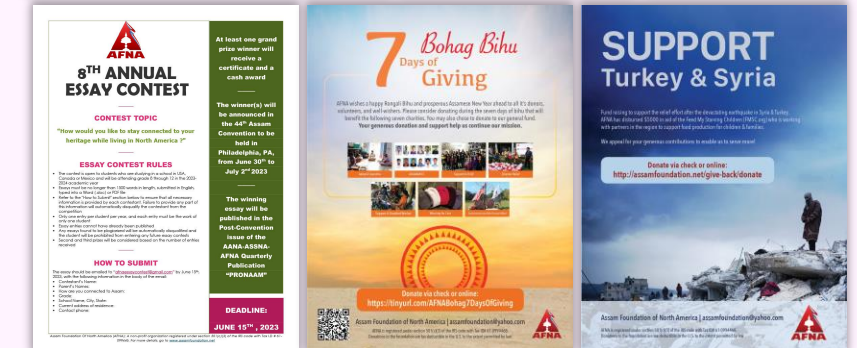
### May-June:

Art Contest

Annual Essay Contest for Kids

Co-sponsoring Int. Day of Yoga

**Jun-July:** GBM/Convention Fund raiser– NOW!!





# AFNA WALK & RUN

CAMPAIGNS

- ❓ **5th year** of AFNA Walk & Run this year, starting in Bay Area, CA
- ❓ Bringing the community together for AFNA's cause
- ❓ Gone global last year with multiple locations: SoCal, Minneapolis, Michigan, Florida, NJ and even Abu Dhabi



**10<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2023**  
**Connect with us if you  
want to arrange this  
event in your area**

# ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

CAMPAIGNS

? Honoring Late Himadri Das

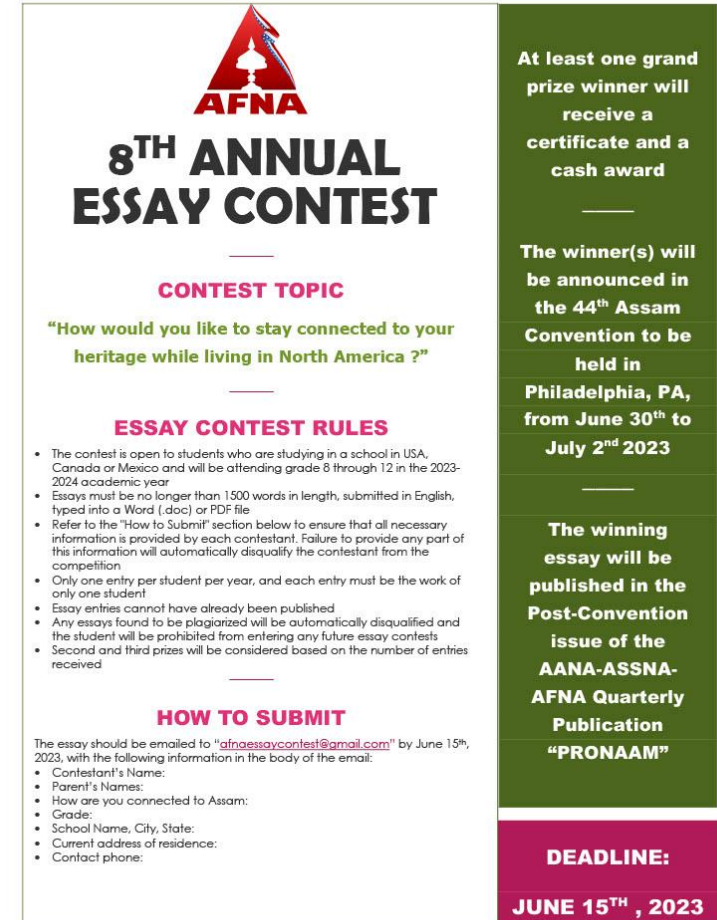
? Topic:

? “How would you like to stay connected to your heritage while living in North America”

? Last Date for Submission:

? 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023

? Please go to our Social Media channels for more details



**AFNA**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST**

**CONTEST TOPIC**  
“How would you like to stay connected to your heritage while living in North America ?”

**ESSAY CONTEST RULES**

- The contest is open to students who are studying in a school in USA, Canada or Mexico and will be attending grade 6 through 12 in the 2023-2024 academic year.
- Essays must be no longer than 1500 words in length, submitted in English, typed into a Word (.doc) or PDF file.
- Refer to the “How to Submit” section below to ensure that all necessary information is provided by each contestant. Failure to provide any part of this information will automatically disqualify the contestant from the competition.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- Essay entries cannot have already been published.
- Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future essay contests.
- Second and third prizes will be considered based on the number of entries received.

**HOW TO SUBMIT**

The essay should be emailed to “[afnaessaycontest@gmail.com](mailto:afnaessaycontest@gmail.com)” by June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, with the following information in the body of the email:

- Contestant’s Name:
- Parent’s Names:
- How are you connected to Assam:
- Grade:
- School Name, City, State:
- Current address of residence:
- Contact phone:

**At least one grand prize winner will receive a certificate and a cash award**

**The winner(s) will be announced in the 44<sup>th</sup> Assam Convention to be held in Philadelphia, PA, from June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023**

**The winning essay will be published in the Post-Convention issue of the AANA-ASSNA-AFNA Quarterly Publication “PRONAAM”**

**DEADLINE:**  
**JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

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# ANNUAL ART COMPETITION



- ❑ Back by the popular demand for 2<sup>nd</sup> year
- ❑ Open to all artists around the world
- ❑ **Theme:**
  - ❑ Awesome Assam
  - ❑ Flora & Fauna of Assam
- ❑ **Last day of submission**
  - ❑ 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023
- ❑ **Winning entries will be featured in “2024 Calendar” and “Fall 2023 Newsletter”**
  - ❑ Please go to our Social Media channels for more details





# COMMUNICATIONS TEAM UPDATE

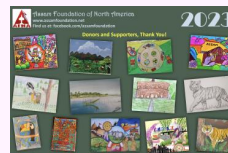
GOVERNANCE

- ❑ Overall communication for AFNA
  - ❑ Event/Fundraiser announcements & create awareness about AFNA's projects
  - ❑ Manage online presence @AssamFoundation

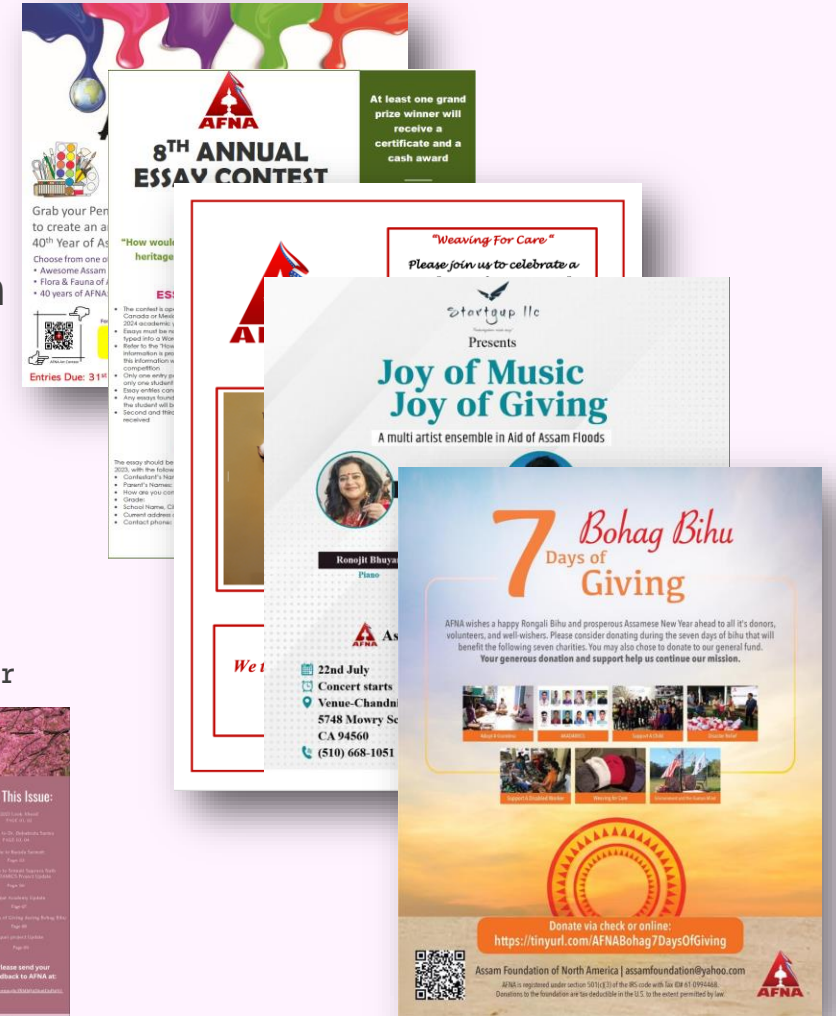


- ❑ Newsletters – 20+ Years
- ❑ Calendar – 10+ years
- ❑ Website Revamp – 2023 Focus

Wall Calendar & Desktop Calendar



Newsletter



# FIELD VISITS by OUR VOLUNTEERS

GOVERNANCE

Seneh



Atma Nirbhar



Kalyani Nivas



# 2023-2024 ROADMAP

# CONTINUED FOCUS

## ❑ **Education**

- ❑ AKADAMICS
- ❑ Support-A-Child

## ❑ **Healthcare**

- ❑ Partnership with Cachar Cancer Hospital
- ❑ Female Hygiene Project
- ❑ Adopt-A-Grandma
- ❑ PROJECT KIND

## ❑ **Employment Generation**

- ❑ "AMRAPARI" FST
- ❑ Support-A-Disabled Worker

## ❑ **Humanitarian Relief**

- ❑ *Flood relief*
- ❑ *Weaving for Care*

### **We will continue our work on:**

- ❑ Special Projects (all over US)
- ❑ AFNA Annual Essay & Art Competition
- ❑ Tree-4-All, Arbor Day (NJ)
- ❑ Ecoblast (NJ)
- ❑ International Day Of Yoga (NY)



# SCALING UP

NEXT 5-10 YRS



## WHAT?

- Projects in our focus areas that impact 0.1 to 1% of Population
- Scale - \$25,000 projects to → \$250,000 projects e.g., Satellite Center for Cancer Care needs INR 1.6Cr. Or USD 250,000



## HOW?

- GO-NGO, NGO-Corporation Partnership
- Partnership with Large Foundations
- Large Donor Assisted Funds
- Presence in Assam



## WHEN?

- Phased approach – 3 to 5 yrs., 5-10 yrs.



## PRELIMINARY WORK:

- Leadership Team Formed
- Project Protishruti Conceived



# FUND RAISING KICK-OFF

# DIRECT DONATION TO ORGANIZATIONS IN INDIA

YOU CAN HELP

## ? Organizations vetted by AFNA

? Parijat Academy

? Kalyani Nivas

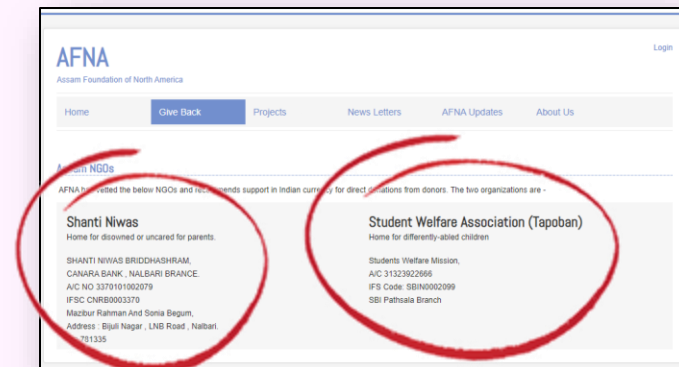
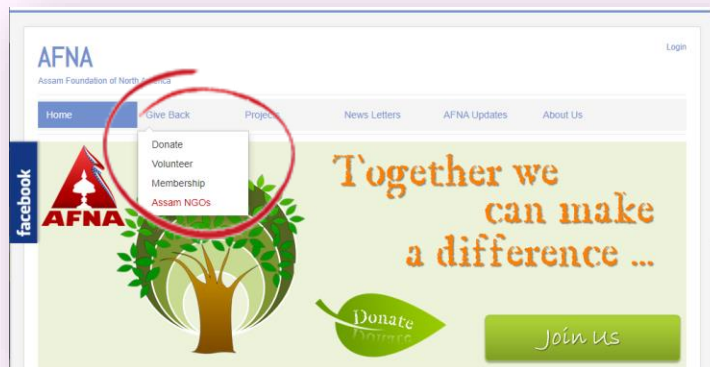
? Seneh

? Students Welfare Association/Tapoban, Pathsala:

? Residential School for Differently Abled Children

? Shanti Niwas Briddhashram, Nalbari:

? Shelter for Old and Helpless and Abandoned Parents





# SUPPORT-A-CHILD



EDUCATION

- ❓ **Special need in Parijat Academy**
  - ❓ Needed to clear 6 months of teacher salary early this year
  - ❓ AFNA volunteers and well-wishers are contributing directly to Parijat to clear arrears and to support going forward
  - ❓ Parijat serves around 400 students with 19 teachers
  - ❓ Needs around INR 2,00,000/month to support the teachers & mid-day meals
  - ❓ Working on a more sustainable model for Parijat
  - ❓ Does not have current FCRA for AFNA to assist directly

## HOW CAN YOU HELP:

**\$125 can support 1 teacher for 1 month**





# KALYANI NIWAS

## Home for girls aged 18 and under

### ? Current Home Status

- ? Ashaneer - New home for the specially abled (capacity 3 to 16 in 12 months)
- ? Kalyani Nivas - Capacity upto 50 children (at max occupancy)

### ? After Care Initiatives

- ? Vocational training
- ? Higher academic pursuits

### ? Funds sanctioned for primary health care

- ? Doctor and full time Nurse
- ? Medicine and health check ups
- ? [NEW] Infirmary development for Kalyani Niwas
- ? [NEW] Nutritional Improvement
- ? [NEW] Medical equipment for Ashaneer



# AFNA HAS HAD HUGE GROWTH

BIGGEST NEEDS

- ❓ **VOLUNTEERS**
  - ❓ You can choose your project of choice
  - ❓ You do not have to be members to contribute
  - ❓ You will have a passionate team to work with
  - ❓ We are apolitical and not affiliated to any faith
  
- ❓ **MEMBERS**
  - ❓ Members have voting rights during meetings
  - ❓ \$25 annual membership fee

## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

We need 50 new volunteers/members

If you are interested, you can raise your hand now OR indicate in the chat line OR email us at [info@assamfoundation.net](mailto:info@assamfoundation.net) OR call any AFNA volunteer/member for information



# FUND RAISING

BIGGEST NEEDS

## EDUCATION: Goal \$12,000

- AKADAMICS
- SUPPORT-A-CHILD

## EMPLOYMENT GENERATION: Goal \$20,000

- FST - AMRAPARI
- SUPPORT-A-DISABLED WORKER

## HEALTHCARE: Goal \$25,000

- Cachar Cancer Hospital & Research Center
- FEMALE HYGIENGE
- PROJECT KIND
- ADOPT-A-GRANMA

## HUMANITARIAN RELIEF: Goal \$30,000

- WEAVING-FOR-CARE
- FLOOD RELIEF
- HURRICANE & WILDFIRES

### HOW CAN YOU HELP:

\$350 can support 1 student for 1 year

\$500 can support 1 worker for 1 year

\$500 can support printing and distribution of 250 books

\$500 can support 1 cancer patient's expenses for 1 year

**BODs have committed to matching up to \$4000**

# WE NEED YOUR PATRONAGE

- ❓ CORPORATE MATCHING
- ❓ TAXES THROUGH H&R BLOCK

The image shows two logos side-by-side. On the left is the "NONPROFIT REFERRAL PROGRAM" logo, which includes a green icon of two hands holding a heart. On the right is the "H&R BLOCK" logo, which consists of a green square followed by the text "H&R BLOCK" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**Help AFNA earn during the tax season**

- Mention AFNA to your H&R Block Tax Consultant
- AFNA earns \$20 for your referral
- There is no cost to you
- AFNA has been earning meaningful amounts via this non-profit referral program

## TAKE PART IN OUR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS

YOU CAN HELP

# PLEASE JOIN US AT THE CONVENTION

AC 2023

**44<sup>TH</sup> ASSAM CONVENTION**  
PHILADELPHIA, PA

**HOLD THE DATES**  
**JUNE 30 – JULY 2, 2023**

Venue:  
Sheraton Valley Forge at King of Prussia, PA

✉ 44thAssamConvention@gmail.com



**JUNE 30**  
• MEET AND GREET  
• CELEBRATE SUCCESS ON GLOBAL STAGE WITH ADIL HUSSAIN LIVE  
• DJ DANCE PARTY

July 1  
Namaste India Youth and Children's program  
The Enchanted Northeast Art Exhibition  
Chorus and Bihu competitions  
Jeopardy  
Dinner  
Cultural Program

July 2  
Meetings  
Lunch  
Award Ceremonies  
Fashion Show  
Gala Dinner  
Cultural Program Extravaganza

All that the 44th Assam Convention needs to be a success is ... YOU!!



<https://aanahome.org/44thassamconvention>

## AFNA Book Sale!

- ❓ Please stop by AFNA desk at AC2023 to check a collection of Books for Sale
- ❓ Books donated by Cool Grove Press, NY (coolgrove.com)
- ❓ **100% of the proceeds will benefit AFNA projects**

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CLOSING  
CEREMONY



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