

Company helps rebuild Indian lives

CINI (Child In Need India) has acknowledged the contribution of a Perth building company in helping women to build a path out of poverty and supporting children in HIV-affected families.

CINI director Dr Jennie Connaughton said Modus Property had donated a portion of every job, raising \$60,000 for families they would never know.

Modus owner Tim Mathews, staff and CINI board members recently celebrated with a night at George's Meze restaurant

in Subiaco where Modus was presented with a plaque to recognise their generosity.

Jennie said: "Two years ago, Tim put out a call on Facebook seeking a charity with whom Modus could do 'something meaningful'."

Tim said: "It becomes ever more apparent that the pursuit of material gains is one of diminishing returns."

"Once you have enough to be somewhat comfortable – and in Australia most of us are there – having more really doesn't make much difference."

Jennie said that over two years, Modus Property had funded CINI Australia's IICCHAA program, reaching 162 villages in West Bengal and 331 children from 286 families affected by HIV.

"Life was difficult for these families even before HIV but they now help they receive makes a huge difference," she said.

"Families receive desperately needed monthly food rations and regular lifesaving medicine."

"Parents overcome their fears as they learn about HIV and its transmission."



CINI and Modus Property employees get together in Subiaco.

"Community outreach workers teach the villagers, employers, schools and local government workers how to prevent the infection and that there is no need to reject those with the illness."

"The result is that parents are accepted back into their families, villages and work and children return to school."

"Income generation training is giving adolescents the skills for future employment."

"Families are building their economic security with educa-

tion scholarships and housing grants."

"They are able to look after their children and feel so much more positive about their future."

Jennie said CINI usually held its annual Mother's Day High Tea at John XXIII College, which, of course, was cancelled this year.

"Luckily we have had some amazing support in spite of the difficulties created by COVID," she said.

CINI Australia: www.cini.org.au

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The above is an article about the work we've been doing with CINI, featured in Post Community Newspaper on 12 September 2020.



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