

AMRITA-SEATTLE ANNUAL REPORT 2012

Amrita-Seattle, a registered non-profit organization with 501©3 in WA, USA is dedicated to provide basic education, nutrition, healthcare and clean water solutions to underprivileged communities in India and US. The focus is towards reaching out to communities which do not get the adequate amount of support and attention through government agencies, larger non-profits or other programs.

I. PROGRAMS IN USA

A. Meal for homeless Teens

Amrita –Seattle serves one hot meal/month for the homeless teens of Seattle through U-district Teen Feed, University Street Ministry. In 2012, Amrita-Seattle volunteers cooked, served and did advocacy to homeless youths through a safe & welcoming presence. Volunteers of all ages participate on our meal team. Meal Team Members provide food (either purchased or donated), cook and serve the meals, and clean the kitchen when done. We have specific nutritional suggestions to help our food team members plan their meal. This commitment ranges occur once a month. The average cost per meal, which serves 30-50 youth, is approx. \$200. Total 12 Teen Feed program was carried out in 2012.



B. Community events to promote creativity in kids

Amrita-Seattle helps to promote creativity by encouraging young artists in Seattle and greater Seattle area. Art brings people together and encourages a strong work ethic, setting goals, dreaming, creativity, imagination, and hard work. Art Experience was a fun event, where kids explored creativity while opening up hearts. This fun event had a higher purpose: While we explore creativity in our little ones, we seek to enable our less fortunate brothers and sisters regain their dignity.



II. PROGRAMS IN INDIA

A. Education This program is designed to provide financial aid to visually handicapped and economically poor students in India from elementary school level to college level education. In 2011, Amrita-Seattle provided financial aid to procure Braille papers and audio devices for blind boys and girls; books, school bags, shoes etc to elementary students in remote villages in Sunderban, West Bengal, India and financial aid to needy high school and college/university students.



With the donations of Braille edition of popular books & magazines (viz. National Geographic, Science News, ESPN, New York Times, etc.) by the Washington Talking Book and Braille Library, Seattle, a Braille Library was started in the Blind Students Home in Seoraphuli (near Kolkata), West Bengal for the general awareness of the blind students.

The Braille library of the Home was also provided with many audio books of contemporary English classics. (Partner: Society for the Welfare of the Blind, Calcutta, India.)



B. Nutrition and Basic Health Care

This program supports nutrition of malnourished children and basic health care by providing mobile health camps and clinics in unserved areas of West Bengal, India.

Amrita-Seattle is supporting the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) project of Government of West Bengal, India in combating malnutrition. Malnourished children under age 6 have been identified in Block-1 and 2 of Diamond Harbor division by ICDS. With the help of Anganwadi workers Nutritional supplements called nutrimix will be provided to improve the nutritional and health status of children in the age-group 0-6 years.

In 2012, Amrita-Seattle supported 24 medical camps in 3 villages of Murshidabad district in the state of West Bengal, India. Mobile Medical Services are rendering Allopathic and Homeopathy treatment in villages in Jalangi block and Sargachi in Murshidabad District.. Partner: Ramakrishna Mission, Sargachi, Murshidabad, India.



C. Safe Drinking Water

This program implements safe drinking water in areas of West Bengal where ground water is contaminated with very high level of natural Arsenic. Arsenic related cancer deaths are prevalent in Murshidabad and adjoining

districts. In 2011, Amrita-Seattle has provided **domestic arsenic filters and arsenic free dugwell** in two districts of West Bengal, India.



Domestic Arsenic filters: 20 arsenic filters have been distributed free of cost to affected families living at extreme poverty in Godagori village in the Jalangi block of Murshidabad under the supervision of Sargachhi RK Mission and our grass root volunteers.

Arsenic free dugwell: In 2012, Amrita-Seattle has installed one bore dugwell in Gaighata village of Nadia district, West Bengal by establishing an effective collaboration with (a) Project Well (California, USA) and its sister NGO "Aqua Welfare Society" based near Kolkata, and (b) Sargachi RK Mission, Murshidabad. The well has been installed in HashiRashi school of Gaighata. Presently, about 65 resident families are regularly being provided with arsenic free drinking water through this bore dugwell for their daily need.

Fund disbursed in 2012 March-2013 February

Teen-Feed program in Seattle, USA	\$ 1200
Domestic Arsenic Filters (20) in India	\$600
One Arsenic free dug well in India	\$1200
Mobile Health Care in Murshidabad, India	\$1500
Blind boy's Education in India	\$1000
Financial scholarship for needy Students	\$1000
Nutritional supplement for 160 malnourished children	\$3000
Total fund disbursed	\$9500