



REACHING NEWS

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SHAKTI SADAN- HOME FOR WOMEN

- Swadhar Greh is now renamed as **Shakti Sadan**.
- Family counseling was conducted twice.
- Bank accounts have been opened for the Employed Sisters.
- Through the Vocational Training Centre, the sisters are daily engaged in Tailoring, Cooking, baking, pickle making Envelope making, and Medicinal Bayberry Juice.
- An Outing for the sisters to C.K Resort on 09/09/23.
- In collaboration with MACS, testing for HIV/STI was conducted on the 24/7/23.
- Celebration of Independence Day in collaboration with Grace Drop-In Centre, Laitkor on the 16/8/23.
- **Meetings/Training attended:**
- Three days of staff training on Psychological Support for women in distress at NIPCCD Guwahati from 4-6/7/23
- **Visitors:**
- Jingiaseng Kynthei Balang Presbyterian Mawroh on the 11 July 2023.
- Jingiaseng Kynthei Balang Presbyterian Malki on the 12 July, 2023.
- Jingiaseng Kynthei Balang Presbyterian Mawshabuit on the 14 July, 2023.
- Jingiaseng Kynthei Balang Presbyterian Pohkseh on the 7 September 2023.
- **Inspection:**
- Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, GOI on the 24 August
- **Statistics:**
- **No. of Sisters restored:** Women – 5
- **Total No. of Sisters at the Home till 31 Sept 23:**
- Women – 18 Children-2

RSM SCHOOL FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED

- **No. of Students:** 155
- **Activities:**
- Sapling Plantation Drive organized by Union Bank of India Laitumkrah Branch on the 21st July, 2023.
- Ganesh Das Hospital had organized an Awareness Programme on Adolescent Health, Drug Abuse and Menstrual Hygiene for girls on the 11th of August, 2023.
- Pre – Independence Day Celebration on 14 August 2023 at the RSM School. Bah Ardent Basaiawmoit, Local MLA graced the function as the Chief Guest.
- Teacher’s Day Celebration on 5th September 2023.
- Participated in a ‘World Literacy Day’ organized by the State Project Office SEMAM Samagra Shiksha in collaboration with the District Mission Coordinator Office East Khasi Hills District Shillong, on the 8th September 2023 at Phudmuri Presbyterian Higher Secondary School—Total number of students - 11.
- The school had organised a Sports Meet 2023 from 24-29 9/23. Financial Support received from Directorate Sports and youth Affairs, Government of Meghalaya.
- **Visitors:**
- Jingiaseng Kynthei Balang Presbyterian Nohwet on 11/7/23.
- Khasi Student’s Union (Laitkor Unit) on 11/8/23.



SPECIALISED ADOPTION AGENCY

- An Orientation programme for the GNM Students from the School of Nursing, Civil Hospital Shillong and Theresa House Training Centre on the 18th of July & 30 August.
- Adoption Committee.
- First Birthday Celebration



- **Statistics:**
- Total Number of infants as of **30 Sept 2023:** 2
- New Admission during the Quarter: 1
- Adopted during the Quarter: 2



OPEN DAY SHELTER NONGMENSONG

- An Awareness Program on harmful effect of Tobacco Use on the 20 /07/23. Total number of children - 45.
- Summer Camp from the 18th to 27/07/23. Total number of children: 77.
- Pre-Independence Day Celebration on 14/08/23. Total number of children – 67.
- Nutritional Programme from the 13-19/09/- Total number of children – 50.
- On a daily basis, food is distributed.
- During the quarter Toothbrush and Toothpaste are distributed on a monthly basis.
- **Meetings/Training attended:**
- Attended a meeting at the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) on 29/09/23.
- **Visitors:** NEHU Sociology Department Students on the 05/07/23.
- **Statistics:**
- Total No. of Children: 75. Age Group: 3-18 years
- **Vocational Training**
- Mula making- 8 children. Tailoring- 5 children
- Embroidery - 4 children Haircutting- 5 Children



An Awareness Program on Tobacco Use



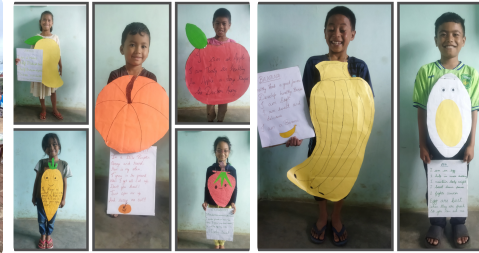
OPEN DAY SHELTER MAWBLEI

- Summer Camp from the 12-26/7/23.
- Total number of children – 72
- Medical Health Camp in partnership with Madanriting Urban Health Centre on 13/7/23.
- Total number of children – 54; Parents – 30
- Monthly distribution of Toothpaste, toothbrush, soap and towel. **Total number of children – 71**
- A family celebrated their birthday with the children on the 11 /08/23. Total number of children – 71
- Pre-Independence Day Celebration on 14/8/23.
- Total number of children – 70
- Teachers Day Celebration on 5/9/23.
- Total number of children - 70
- Rashtriya Poshan Maah (Nutrition week celebration) on 14/09/23. Total number of children – 71.
- **Meetings/Training attended:**
- Attended a meeting at the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) on 29/09/23.
- **Vocational Training:** Bamboo Cane – 13, Tailoring – 14
- **Statistics:**
- Total No. of Children: 80 Age Group: 5-18 years



OPEN DAY SHELTER LAITKOR

- Summer Camp from the 26-29/7/23. Total number of children – 84.
- Independence Day Celebration in collaboration with RSM School for the Underprivileged on the 14 /08/23.
- General Medical Check-up by Dr C Majaw, on 24/08/23 – Total number of children – 74.
- Teacher's Day Celebration on 5 September, 2023. Total number of children - 84
- Nutritional Week from the 18-22/9/23
- Total number of children - 70
- **Meetings/Training attended.**
- **Statistics:**
- Total No. of Children: 84 Age Group: 3-18 years



OPEN DAY SHELTER BOMFYLE

- Awareness program on Menstrual Health held on the 31/07/23. No. of Beneficiaries –20 (Mother's & Adolescence Girls)
- Pre-Independence Day Celebration on the 14/08/23. Total number of children – 25.
- Rashtriya Poshan Maah Celebration from 11-15/9/23. No. of Beneficiaries – 25.
- Monthly distribution of soap, toothbrush and toothpaste. No. of Beneficiaries – 25.
- Out of School Programme during the quarter, Total number of children – 9.
- Weekly Art and Crafts classes during the quarter. Total number of children – 5.
- **Meetings/Training attended:**
- Legal Awareness on Women & Child Rights & Child Labour at MATI Campus, Mawdiangdiang on the 19th & 20th July, 2023.
- Attended a meeting at the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) on 29/09/23.
- **Visitors:**
- National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Umsawli. Self & Society, Field Visit on the 4th September, 2023.
- Indian Institute of Public Health (IIPH) Lawmali, Field Visit on the 21st September, 2023.
- **Bamboo Cane Training:** Total number of children - 6.
- **Statistics:**
- Total No. of Children: 39 Age Group: 2-18 years



LAWEI BAPHYRNAI CHILDREN HOME FOR BOYS

- An outing was organised to Arcadia Resort on 12 /7/23.
- Educational exposure trip to State Central Library, Williamson Sangma Musum and Phan Nonglait Park on the 13/7/23.
- Visited Day Care Centre, Sanker on the 14/7/23.
- Organized a Career Development Programme with Dr Maxwell Lyngdoh on the 27/07/23.
- Two families celebrated their children's birthdays on the 29/07/23 and 12/08/23.
- Wansuk Khylllep, Anthony Kharkongor, and Anjosti Khongwir participated in the WAKO India National Kickboxing Championship 2023 at Ranchi from 13-31/8/23.
- Homecoming reception for medal winners on 30/08/23
- Pre-Independence Day Celebration on the 14/8/23.
- Celebrated Teacher's Day on the 6 /9/ 23.
- Dr S Lyngdoh organized a Medical Check-up for the boys on the 16/9/ 23.
- Observed Nutritional Month in the month of September.
- **Birthday Celebration:** Raiskhem Binan- 10th July, Dorestar Syiemlieh- 10th July, Vikash Sharma- 12th July, Bhaboklang Nongpluh- 20th July, Anjosti Khongwir- 23rd July, Shankar Thapa- 1 September.
- **Meetings/Training attended:**
- Monthly review meeting of Boys' home on the 28/8/23.
- **Visitors:**
- Christopher J. Booth Shadap and friends, Assam Rifles, ARASU, Happy Valley.
- Mr. & Mrs S. Dhar, Mr. W. Nongrum, Mr. Vikash Agarwal, Mr. Phyrnai Kharnaier (SMB).
- **Statistics:**
- Total No. of Children till September 2023: 18
- No. of new admissions: 2
- Age Group: 4-16 years

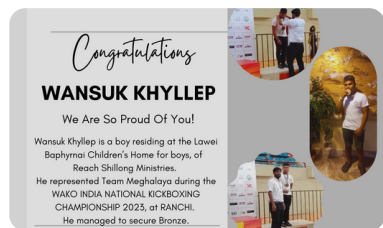
LAWEI BAPHYRNAI CHILDREN HOME FOR GIRLS

- Attended a Career Counselling Programme on the 27/7/23. Dr. S Maxwell Lyngdoh was the Resource Person.
- A Farewell programme for Daribiang Khongwir on the 8/8/23.
- Independence Day Celebration in the home on the 15/8/23.
- A talk on the importance of a Balanced Diet in every meal by Dr (Mrs) M. Nongrum on 15/08/23.
- Zumba Dance Class by Dapalei Warjri accompanied by an advance birthday celebration on the 19/8/23.
- Cleaning drive in the Home on the 5 /9/23.
- Teachers Day Celebration on 18 /9/23.
- **Visitors:**
- Daphisha Nongsiej, Palvy Dora Kharkongor (Shillong Municipal Board), Dapalei Warjri, Lam Marbaniang, Kyrshan and Larishisha Nongpluh.
- **Statistics:**
- Total No. of Children till September, 2023: 10
- No. of children fostered: 1 Age Group: 7-16 year



24 HOURS CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTRE

- Tobacco Free Youth Campaign on 20th July, 2023. Total number of children: 9
- Pre-Independence Day Celebration on the 14 August. Kong M Badwar was the Chief Guest.
- Birthday Celebration of Elistar Nongrum & Gaurav Thapa on 22 August, 2023.
- A Family Meet programme was organised from 4 to 9 September.
- Teachers Day Celebration on 5 September, 2023.
- Farewell Programme for Damaero Wanbah, Counsellor
- **Visitors:** Students from NIFT as an exposure visit on the 21/07/23.
- **Meetings/Training attended:**
- One day State Level Consultation on Child Right Conflict with Law on 5/8/23.
- **Statistics:**
- No. of new admissions: 1
- No. of children restored: 1
- Total No. of children till September 2023: 10
- Age Group: 13-21



EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

1. Programme/Activities:

- Half-yearly Report card has been collected and distributed to Sponsors during the Quarter.

2. Statistics:

- Total No. of Sponsored Children:
- Boys - 23, Girls – 15 = Total:- 38
- Total No. of Sponsors: 15



MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS

1. Programme/Activiteis:

- Listening Ears. Food & Clothes Distribution, Counseling.
- Distribution of Personal use items like toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, soap, etc.
- Medical assistance to two regular attendees.
- Free Medical Eye Check-up Camp was organized for the Homeless on the 25th August, 2023 in collaboration with the Bansara Eye Care Clinic, Laitumkhrach, at the premises of Police Dispensary Quinton Road. Total number of beneficiaries: 74.

3. Statistics:

- No of Homeless as of 31 September 2023: 63
- New Comers:16

EYE CAMP FOR THE HOMELESS



Weekly Ministry to the Homeless

ADMINISTRATION

- Initiated a Rapid Survey Assesment at Mawiong with the objective to be able to open an Open Day Shelter.
- Conducted Staff Development Programme at NEICC on the 21/7/23.
- Capacity Building on the theme Mental Health was organized for all the staff at Open Day Shelter Nongmensong on 17/08/23.



Rapid Assessment Survey at Mawiong



**JOIN US AS WE BRING A CHANGE IN OUR SOCIETY
SOME OF OUR URGENT NEEDS**

1. PROJECT OPEN DAY SHELTER AT MAWIONG.
 2. WEEKLY SPONSORSHIP OF FOOD FOR THE HOMELESS.
 3. CLOTHES/TOILETRIES/BLANKETS FOR THE HOMELESS.
- DONATION IN CASH OR IN KIND IS ACCEPTED.**
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GRACE DROP IN CENTRE FOR WOMEN

- Vocational training on Bakery and Tailoring.
- Counseling and Group Sessions is being conducted.
- Celebrated Independence Day in collaboration with the Swadhar Greh on 16 of August, 2023.
- Awareness programme on the stages of Adolescence and prevention of early marriage in collaboration with Open Day Shelter Laitkor on 19th September 2023.
- Cleaning drive on the 28th of September, 2023.
- **Visitors:**
- Grassroots for distribution of washable sanitary napkins on 18th July 2023.
- **Statistics:**
- No. of trainees in tailoring: 20
- No. of trainees in the bakery: 13
- No. of trainees completed basic training in the bakery: 8
- Total No. of trainees till 30th September: 25

Products from Grace Drop In Centre for Women



ON-GOING CONSTRUCTION WORK

- Construction work on the Administrative Block of the boy's home is in progress.
- Total amount raised: **Rs 1,80,33,370.00**
- Required amount: **Rs 2000000.00**



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