

Inner Wheel 2024-25

## INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL MAMAGUPTA

### "EVERY BEAT COUNTS, EVERY ACTION MATTERS"

**IIW PRESIDENT** 







## MAMTAGUPTA IIW President



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As we celebrate the theme "Heartbeat of Humanity", I'm filled with immense pride and gratitude for the incredible work done by Inner Wheel CLUBS, DISTRICT and NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES around the world. Every beat counts, every action matters, and I'm thrilled to see the impact you've made in your communities.

Across 100 countries, our 125,000 members are working tirelessly to make this planet a wonderful place to live in, not just for today, but for generations to come. You've made the blind to see the beauty of the world, given voice to the voiceless, fed the hungry, and nourished the souls of those in need. Your selfless service has touched countless lives.

The significant projects highlighted in this newsletter are just a few examples of the amazing work being done by Clubs. From empowering women and children to supporting vulnerable populations, your selfless service has brought hope, joy, and empowerment to those who need it most. You've demonstrated the true meaning of compassion, kindness, and humanity.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to each of you for your remarkable efforts in safeguarding the health and well-being of our young girls, our future generations, through the administration of over 100,000 HPV vaccines. Your dedication to this critical cause is truly commendable, and I'm grateful for your commitment to protecting the lives of countless young girls. Let's continue to

this incredible project to make a meaningful difference. I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you for your tireless efforts in this first year of our second century. Your dedication to Inner Wheel's mission has been truly inspiring.

My warmest congratulations to our National Presidents, Board Directors, District Chairmen, and Club Presidents for their outstanding leadership and commitment to service. You've set a high standard for others to follow, and I'm confident that Inner Wheel will continue to thrive under your guidance.

As we look to the future, I wish each of you all the very best. May your passion for service continue to drive you, and may your work bring joy, hope, and empowerment to those you touch. Thank you for being an integral part of Inner Wheel's journey. Together, we'll continue to make a difference and create a brighter future for all.

With love and appreciation.

MAMTA GUPTA PRESIDENT INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL

### WHEN WE SERVE, WE TOUCH NOT JUST HANDS, BUT HEARTS.



**DISTRICT CONFERENCE "SWAYAMSIDDHA"** 

IIW President Mamta Ji Gupta's visit to District 313 was a grand success. DC Dr. Shobhana Palekar and PAP Smita Pingale welcomed her at Pune airport. After refreshing they proceeded to Sathe Sai Village, a remote rural area near Pune, where She inaugurated a solar water heater project which was a collaborative effort by 20 Zone 2 clubs. The project, valued at Rs 1,33,705, aimed to provide a sustainable solution for the village's water heating needs. During her speech Mamta Gupta appreciated the project immensely as it was very much needed for the rural village area. The highlight of her visit was the 40th District Conference "SWAYAMSIDDHA" in Ahmednagar, where she was warmly welcomed in a beautifully decorated chariot with a band and a dance ballet performance. She was felicitated with a beautiful saree, garland, and ornaments by DC Shobhana Palekar, DEC and PDCs. All the PDCs & DEC of District 313 had the opportunity to interact with Mamta ji Gupta over dinner. Her guidance and words of motivation left a lasting impact on the members, setting a positive tone for the Inner Wheel year ahead.



#### **DISTRICT - 314, GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF IWC DOMBIVILI,**

The Inner Wheel Club of Dombivili celebrated its Golden Jubilee on March 12, 2025.

- **District Chairman-Prerna Raichur**
- **Project Chairman- PAS/PNE Dr. Sandhaya Bhat**
- **Club President- Kala Ganesh**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE**

#### **VISITS AND DONATIONS:**

**Donated library materials to Kinnar Asmita, a transgender center.** 

- Visited Janani Ashish Orphanage, which the club has supported since its inception. **Donated an Animal Ambulance to PAWS as a Golden Jubilee project. GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION:**
- **Ceremonial parade of Past Presidents.**
- **Cultural performances, including Ganesh Vandana and a welcome dance.**
- **PPT** presentation on the club's 50-year journey.
- Felicitation of Past Presidents and release of a Golden Jubilee bulletin. **SPECIAL GUESTS:**
- International Inner Wheel President Mamta Gupta and Association President Sunita Jain attended the celebrations, praising the club's community service. **EVENT CONCLUSION:**
- **Cake-cutting ceremony and dinner.**
- Vote of thanks proposed by Secretary Anjali Joglekar.



## Ruby Celebration-SANSTHITA DISTRICT 326

District 326 celebrated its 40th anniversary with great enthusiasm on March 18, 2025, at Mayfair Convention Centre in an event named "Sansthita - Harmony of Friendship and Service". The celebration was graced by IIW President Mamta Gupta and Association President Sunita Jain. During the event, Past District Chairmen, Past Presidents, Charter members, and clubs that completed 40 years were felicitated. A service project was also undertaken, where ₹51,000 was donated to a 12-year-old boy suffering from blood cancer. Additionally, medicinal trees were planted in the Miyawaki method by IWC Bhubaneswar Ekamra. The event featured an interactive session with two women achievers, cultural performances, and lucky draw prizes, making it a memorable occasion for all involved.



& PAN AFRICAN FORUM

NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY OF INNER WHEEL CLUBS IN NIGERIA



38TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE & RALLY- "INCREDIBLE LAGOS 2025,"

#### FIRST EVER PAN-AFRICAN FORUM

The 38th National Conference & Rally was held in Lagos, Nigeria, from February 6-9, 2025, with over 500 delegates from Nigeria and other African countries. The conference, themed "Incredible Lagos 2025," featured a courtesy visit to the traditional ruler, Oba Tijani Akinloye, and a Pan-African Inner Wheel Forum discussing expansion and women's empowerment.

Key activities included a medical outreach offering free health services, empowerment of vegetable farmers with quality seeds, and an award ceremony recognizing sponsors and presenting wheelchairs to Nigerian districts. Social events included a welcome dinner, home hospitality, and a gala night themed "African Royalty." The conference successfully promoted friendship, service, and understanding among members.

#### **District A40** IWC Scarborough, Wheelchairs for Kids Australia

Wheelchairs for Kids Australia is a non-profit organization providing mobility to children in impoverished communities. Founded in 1996, they've gifted over 60,000 custom-built wheelchairs to children in 80+ countries. The wheelchairs are designed to "grow" with the child and are provided free of charge. Brother Olly Pickett, a key founder, was awarded the 2025 Senior Australian of the Year for his lifechanging community service. The organization relies on donations to continue producing wheelchairs, aiming to reach 500/month. If you wish to find out more about this amazing project, please visit wheelchairsforkids.org



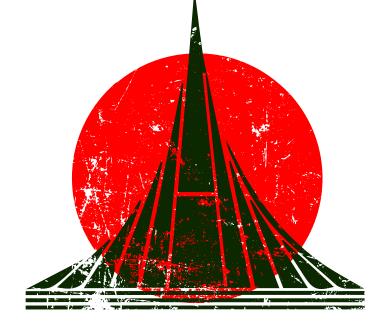
#### District A62, Project 2025 All For Billie

**District A62's "All For Billie" project** raises funds for enterovirus antiviral

treatment research at The Royal Melbourne Hospital and Peter **Doherty Institute. Enterovirus can** cause severe diseases in babies and children, including polio and viral meningitis. The project was inspired by Billie, a baby girl who tragically died from enterovirus. Clubs in District A62, including IIW VP Kay's club, Berwick, are hosting events like trivia nights to support the cause.



## **BANGLADESH** District 328



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Together for a safer community. Police - our friend and protector Inner Wheel, **District -328** Bangladesh

COURTESY : INNER WHEEL, DISTRICT -328







Inner Wheel Club of Dhaka Orchid, in collaboration with 19 other clubs under District 328, has renovated and branded two police boxes in Dhaka—located in Gulshan-1 and Notun Bazaar—for 2024–2025. Inaugurated by District Chairman Shahana Alam Nirjhar and Dhaka Metropolitan Police officials, the initiative promotes the message: "Together for a safer community. Police – our friend and protector." Upgrades include new washrooms, furniture, prayer mats, drinking water machines, and more. Lady police officers are now stationed at both boxes, highlighting Inner Wheel's commitment to inclusivity and community-police cooperation.



## District 347

Observance of International Street Children Day- The Inner Wheel Club (IWC) of Bluebell, IW District 347, organized a heartwarming event at Singapore School Kinderland premises for 50 street children. The children were treated to lunch, gifts, and an afternoon filled with joy and celebration. Students of Singapore School Kinderland performed specially for the visiting children on their school premises, spreading smiles and making the day truly memorable for all.



#### INNER WHEEL CLUB OF FAMAGUSTA

Donation of  $\pounds 1,000$  to Cyprus Autism Association

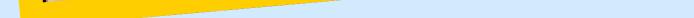
On the 7th May 2025 the Inner Wheel Club of Famagusta organized a charity lunch.



As part of the Club's yearly project €1,000 was donated to the Cyprus Autism Association, by the President of the Club Maro Yiokari Neophytou.

> Donation of €500 to Cyprus Association for the Prevention and Handling of Violence in the Family. On the 11th December 2024 Wheel Club Inner of Famagusta organized the annual Christmas bazaar. As part of the Club's yearly project €500 was donated to the Cyprus Association for the **Prevention and Handling of** Violence in the Family, by the President of the Club Maro Yiokari Neophytou.





On December 21, 2024, Inner Wheel Club of Kinshasa donated perishable foods and Christmas hats to the Orphanage of Compassion, bringing joy to the children. Led by the President, the club's members contributed voluntarily, totalling £535, to make this generous gesture a success. The event was a heartwarming celebration of kindness and generosity.

DENNARK



The Danish National Board recently visited Inner Wheel clubs in the Faroe Islands, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Klaksvig club. The trip was filled with warm hospitality, award ceremonies for long-term members, and a gala evening with speeches and gifts. The visit also included cozy gatherings with club members, fostering new friendships and connections. This event strengthened Inner Wheel's bond with the Faroe Islands and motivated the National Board to continue their partnership.



## District 015

#### DONATION OF DIALYSIS MACHINES

On Thursday, May 8, 2025, the Inner Wheel Club of Giza, under the leadership of Mrs. Mona Gomaaei, donated and delivered two kidney dialysis machines, valued at EGP 1,400,000, to the Al-Noor Wal Amal Dialysis Center in Nasr City. May this noble charitable act be counted among the good deeds of all who contributed to making it possible

## FINLAND



#### INNER WHEEL CLUB OF KUOPIO

Trio Nirunaru, formed by Inner Wheel Kuopio members Eeva, Leena, and Taru, performed 15 gigs at old folks' homes, bringing joy and nostalgia through music. Their repertoire of familiar Finnish songs sparked singing, tears, and

happy memories among the elderly, touching both the audience and the trio members. After a summer break, they'll resume performances in autumn 2025 with new songs and enthusiasm.





IW Rauma helped integrate Zambian nurses by equipping 10 apartments with donated and recycled items. They later hosted Finnish cooking courses and cultural activities to promote integration. The project was successful, and the nurses

#### ARTHRITIS CARE

Arthritis Action is the UK charity giving hands-on, practical help to improve the quality of life of people affected by arthritis. They offer an integrated selfmanagement approach, which looks at both the physical and mental health impact of living with arthritis. They support people living with musculoskeletal conditions through healthy eating advice, mental health resources, pain management techniques, Online Groups, employment support, exercise advice and resources





#### **RECYCLING INITIATIVES**

Inner Wheel GB&I is making a difference through creative recycling initiatives. Some

members, like Pam and Tom, sell preserves in recycled jars to raise funds for schools in Gambia. Others use donated ring pulls to craft items for sale, empowering women to earn a living. Skilled knitters create blankets from reused wool, taking 100 hours to make each one, which are then donated to charities like Hamlin Fistula. Additionally, members collect and recycle old currency, raising funds for Mary's Meals, which provides food for children worldwide, with £1000 raised so far from collecting and cashing in old coins.





#### Inner Wheel Nahariya Club

The Nahariya Club of Inner Wheel made a significant contribution to the Rona Ramon School, supporting students on the autism spectrum. They sponsored a series of children's puppet theater performances, providing the students with enjoyable cultural experiences. The shows brought evident joy and excitement to the students, enhancing their well-being and connection to the world around them.



#### Inner Wheel Stella Maris Club

The Stella Maris Club in Haifa, led by President Mira Affara, proudly announces the establishment of an ecological garden at St. John's Episcopal School, named after the club. The garden serves as a hands-on learning space where students engage in sustainable farming practices, exploring scientific concepts related to plant biology, ecology, and environmental sustainability. Through planting, caring, and observing,

#### DISTRICT 313 INAUGURATED A HUMAN MILK BANK

Supported by: TATA Autocomp Systems Innerwheel Club of Khadk District 313

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Inner Wheel District 313 proudly inaugurated a Human Milk Bank on November 9, 2024, at Ruby Hall Clinic, Pune, graced by AP Sunita Ji Jain. Funded through CSR by IWC Khadki, the ₹30 lakh project aims to provide screened donor milk to newborns lacking maternal milk due to prematurity, illness, or other challenges. The bank collects, tests, and stores nutrient-rich milk to support infant health, reduce infections, and lower mortality rates.



#### DISTRICT 309

#### INNER WHEEL CLUB BATHINDA CENTRAL

In a heartwarming initiative, IWC Bathinda Central generously Donated a fruit and vegetable cart to a needy woman, enabling her to start her own business and support her family financially.





#### **DONATION OF 2 NEONATAL BEDS**

Donation of 2 Neonatal beds at hospital in Patna to save lives of pre mature, weak children. Hospital will provide facilities in concessional rate, minimum rate to people who cannot afford it and also if someone approaches through Inner Wheel clubs



#### **CONSTRUCTION OF A LARGE WAITING ROOM**

Construction of a large waiting room with sitting capacity of 60-70 people for Cancer patients & amp; their attendants at Mahavir Cancer hospital in Patna. Water cooler for drinking water, Dessert Fan Cooler along with regular Fans and Chairs were provided in the hall to keep solace to patients who come for rest after taking chemo & going to their beds.



#### Inner Wheel Club of Aotea

The Aotea club's "Boots and **Blooms**" fundraiser at Michelle and







Mike Atkinson's home was a heartwarming success, raising funds for "I am Hope". The event featured homemade goods,

trinkets, and High Tea, with a fun gumboot design competition adding to the community spirit. It was a fantastic opportunity for people to come together and support a meaningful cause.

#### District-NZ291 IW Club of Nouméa Plaisance

Two notable Inner Wheel initiatives stand out: the IW Club of Nouméa Plaisance District NZ291 provided emergency assistance and



essential supplies to those affected by unrest in New Caledonia, including rebuilding schools and supporting families. Meanwhile, the "I AM HOPE" Silky Pillows project, championed by Beth McNeill, delivered 50 pillows to the Cancer Society for mastectomy patients, showcasing the commitment of Inner Wheel clubs across New Zealand to support those in need, with clubs like Invercargill South having lovingly created these pillows for 23 years. Even National President Rina Maxwell contributed her time to this project during her visits.









#### DISTRICT 350

The Inner Wheel District 350 Nepal successfully hosted a Cervical and Breast Cancer Awareness Program at Shree Amarsingh Higher Secondary School, featuring expert insights from Dr. Shiba Shrestha and inspiring presence of Sarshij Palikhe. A collaborative effort by IWC Annapurna, IWC Annapurna Juveniles Zeal, IWC New Road Pokhara, and IWC Pokhara Midtown, the program empowered young minds with knowledge on awareness, early detection, and self-care."



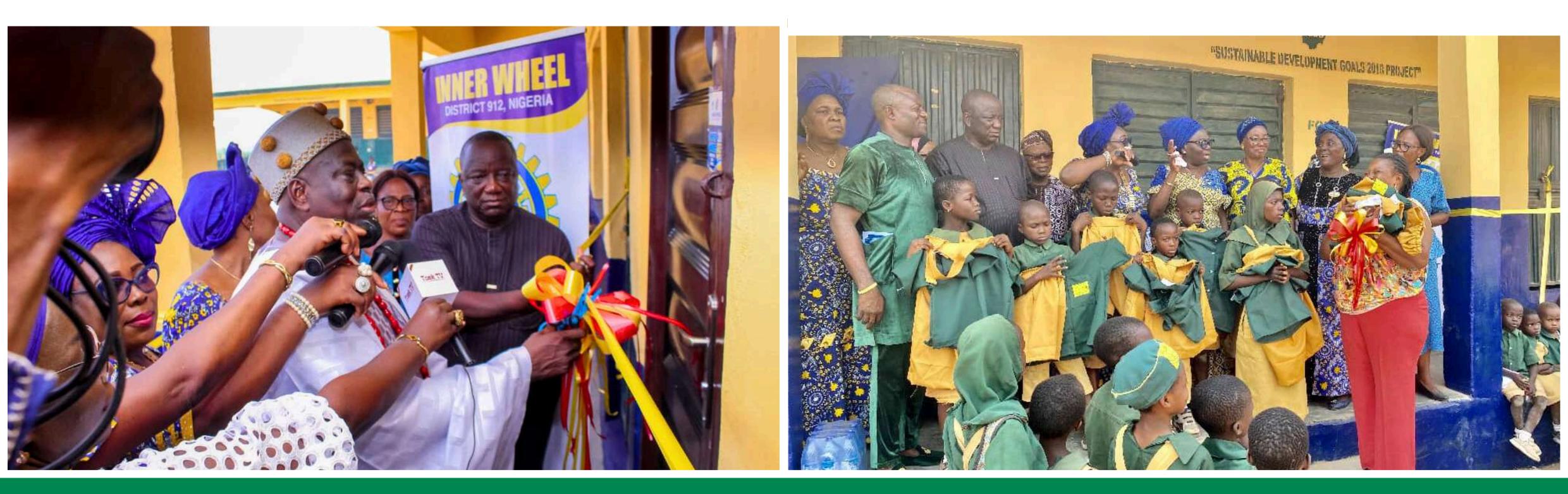
#### INNER WHEEL CLUB OF MIDTOWN BUTWAL

The Inner Wheel Club of Midtown Butwal built a waiting shed near Kalika Manavgyan Secondary School to provide shelter for students and travelers, protecting them from extreme weather. District Chairman IW Asha Shrestha inaugurated the project.









#### DISTRICT 912

Inner Wheel District 912 renovated and commissioned a library at St. John's Anglican Primary School in Imota, Lagos State, Nigeria, on January 30, 2025. The renovated library furnished with seating for 24 students including Librarian's desk, furniture, equipment, bookshelves, laptops, and ceiling fans. The district also donated school uniforms to 10 indigent pupils. The project aims to create a conducive learning environment and promote education.



#### DISTRICT 914

Inner Wheel District 914 Nigeria organized a lecture on "The Consequences of Drug Abuse" at Ebonyi State University on November 8, 2024. The speaker, ACN Lazarus Alatoru of NDLEA, highlighted the dangers of psycho-active substances, signs of drug abuse, and emphasized the importance of seeking professional help. The event aimed to educate students on the risks of drug abuse and promote a healthy lifestyle.



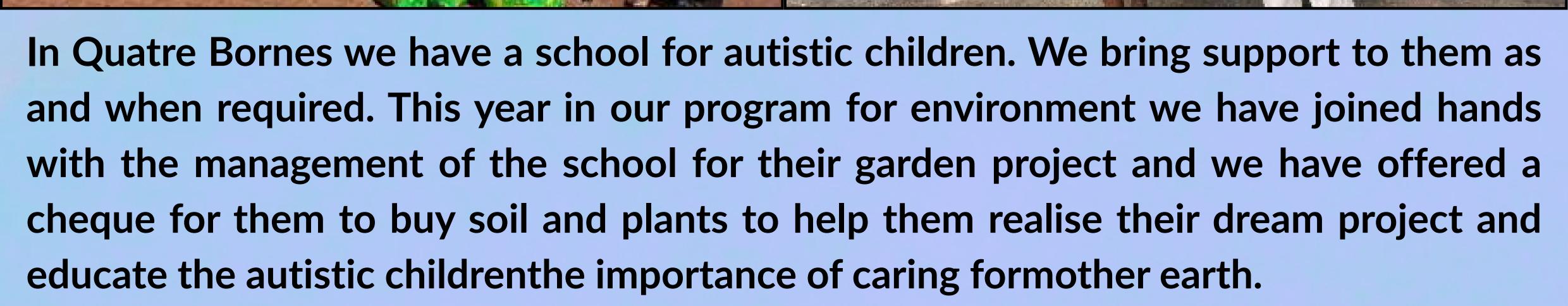
#### IWC QUATRE BORNES / MAURITIUS

This year we didn't distribute toys to children, members instead decide to invest in school bags as education is the priority for all parents and all those who are vulnerable find it difficult to organise for school bags, materials, uniforms and so on for the start of the new school year.



This is our main project for the year 2024-2025, donation of foodstuffs to the needy. This is an ongoing project – July to June where we have touched the lives of Over 100 people- families and homes around the island. Every end of month basic necessities were given to different families and homes in different regions and localities.









## INNER WHEEL CLUB IN KAUNAS, LITHUANIA

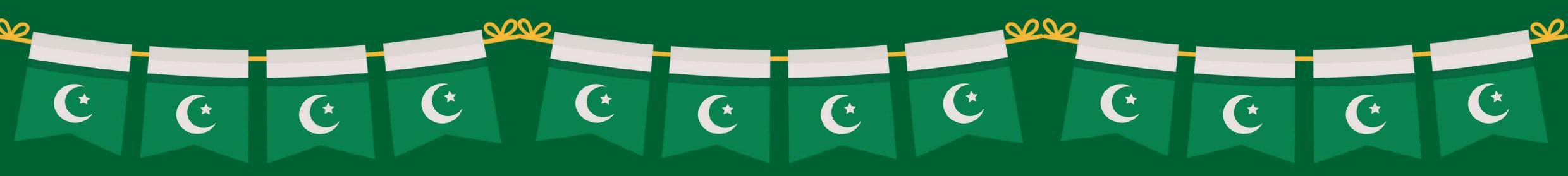
The Inner Wheel Club in Kaunas, Lithuania donated gifts to the Parama vaikui Foundation, supporting children in need. The thoughtful gesture brought joy to the children and strengthened the club's sense of belonging within the International Inner Wheel community. Special thanks to ISO Oksana for coordinating the donation. She also shared the encouraging news that two new members have recently joined their club- an inspiring sign of growth and renewed engagement. Juste Šereliene, the foundation's head expressed gratitude for the thoughtful gifts.

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#### DISTRICT 343

Inner Wheel District 343 organized a free medical camp on August 13, 2024, in a deprived area with limited medical facilities. Four clubs collaborated to provide check-ups, medicine distribution, lunch, and water to over 300 patients, taking responsibility for future follow-ups.





IW D344 District Chairman Mrs. Nasira Ateeq sponsored & donated a water filtration plant for 450 children at a school in Lahore.



## Sweden

Inner Wheel Sweden's largest aid project is a girls' home for abandoned girls in eastern Kenya. Orphaned girls that receive an education and a safe haven, giving them the opportunity to build a future where they are in control of their own lives. A crucial part of the workalongside running the school, maternity clinic, and girls' home-is the fight against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). This is done through the education of midwives and cooperation with local imams. The operation is run as foundation, and its chairman frequently visits various clubs to share information about the project.



#### THE NARCOTIC DETECTION DOGS

A long-running project by Inner Wheel Sweden in collaboration with the Swedish Customs. Funds raised go toward supporting narcotic detection dogs, who play a crucial role in daily operations by making important and valuable seizures of both weapons and drugs.





#### DO YOU LIKE MUSIC?

Our national project, Do You Like Music? promotes music training and therapy for displaced, immigrant, and refugee children. It has been led by Rotary International award-winner IIW Board Director İclal Kardıçalı. With this national project, we aim to help children express themselves through music and understand its role in showing how diversity enriches the human experience.



#### AGRICULTURE EDUCATION PROJECT EMPOWERING WOMEN

The IWC Izmir's Agriculture Education Project empowers women through collaboration with Ege University's Faculty of Agriculture. Over the past three years, it has provided theoretical and practical training in agricultural production, marketing, and economic participation, focusing on environmental sustainability. Upon completion, participants earn certificates, enhancing their knowledge and skills.

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#### DISTRICT 519



#### **INNER WHEEL CLUB OF CITRUS HEIGHTS**

The Inner Wheel Club of Citrus Heights has been working tirelessly to create fleece blankets for those in need. Initially aiming to make 100 blankets by January 2024, they've far exceeded their goal, crafting 769 blankets so far. These blankets are donated to local crisis nurseries, community organizations supporting the homeless, veterans, and senior citizens, as well as Drops of Love, a non-profit helping needy families in Mexico, Guatemala, and Peru. The club meets monthly at Maggie Jones' house, where members measure, cut, and knot fleece layers together, finishing each blanket with a "Made with Love by Citrus Heights Inner Wheel" label.



#### INNER WHEEL CLUB OF ORANGEVALE

The Inner Wheel Club of Orangevale (US) and IWC Makati North (Philippines) became sister clubs after a chance meeting The Inner Wheel Club of Orangevale (US) and Makati North (Philippines) became sister clubs after a chance meeting between Annelise Graf and Minerva "Minnie" Elizaga in June, 2021. They connected through a letter exchange and discovered a shared school connection. Now, they collaborate on joint projects, including a tree-planting initiative, and celebrate their friendship despite being 9,200 miles apart.





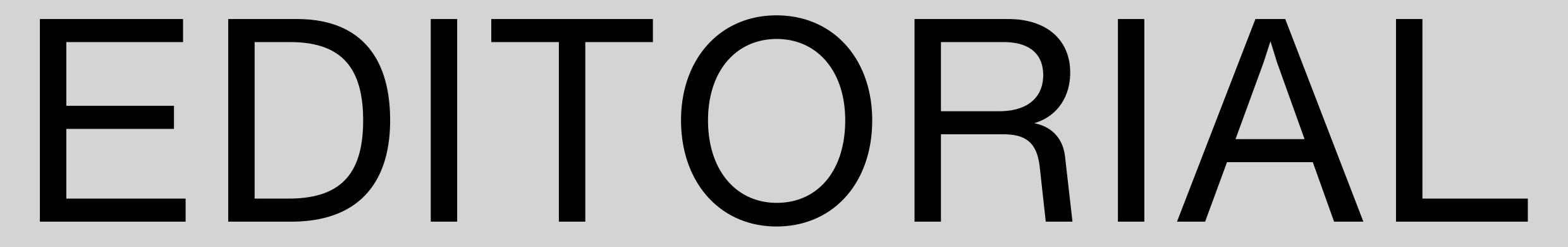
#### INNER WHEEL CLUBS SOLEIL AND ZOODO

On January 31, 2025, Inner Wheel Clubs Soleil and Zoodo, District 909, made a donation to the pediatric oncology unit at Yalgado Ouédraogo University Hospital in Ouagadougou, valued at 770,000 CFA francs. The donation included essential medical supplies and medications for young cancer patients. The ceremony, attended by Governor Sophie Apithy and medical staff, brought emotional gratitude from Dr. Chantal Bouda, head of the unit. The act of kindness provided hope and relief to the young patients, showcasing the impact of generosity and compassion.



#### INNER WHEEL CLUBS ABIDJAN

The Inner Wheel Club of Abidjan, District 909, distributed kits to women with cancer at the CHU de Treichville in Abidjan on October 29, 2024. The kits, valued at 256.44€, included shea butter products, embroidered towels, mineral water, and toiletries. The gesture brought joy and gratitude to the beneficiaries, showcasing the club's commitment to supporting those in need.



Dear friends,

Warm Inner Wheel greetings!

"As we near the end of the 'Heartbeat of Humanity' year, I'm honored to share this special magazine that highlights the extraordinary projects undertaken by our Inner Wheel members worldwide. The theme resonates deeply with our organization's mission, and I'm constantly inspired by the selfless dedication of our members who are working hard to serve the humanity. From groundbreaking medical initiatives to educational programs, cervical cancer awareness campaigns, elderly care and



supporting those in need, our members are always ready to lend a helping hand. Their dedication to serving humanity is remarkable and I feel proud to be a part of an organization that strives to make a meaningful difference in the world. I'd like to express my deepest gratitude to each of you who contributed to this magazine, sharing your stories, projects, and ideas. Your passion and dedication are the heartbeat of our organization, and I'm humbled to be part of this journey alongside such remarkable individuals.

This magazine is more than just a publication – it's a celebration of the human spirit and the difference we can make when we work together. Thank you for being part of the Inner Wheel family and for spreading love, kindness, and compassion throughout the world."

With warmest wishes

### RAJNI KATIA IIW EDITOR/MEDIA MANAGER