

# SESTAA:

## ANNUAL REVIEW

**SOCIETY FOR EMPOWERMENT, SERVICE,  
TRAINING AND AWARENESS, AUSTRALIA**



*INDEPENDENCE,  
INCLUSION,  
INTEGRATION...*

**2013-2014**

### **Community Based Rehabilitation Project, CINNAMARA, JORHAT, ASSAM.**

During the year 2013-14, SESTAA continued to expand its work with *Prerona* in Jorhat, Assam. Financial assistance was provided to *Prerona* for implementation of a community rehabilitation project in Jorhat District. Ten villages and Cinnamara tea estate area are covered under this project and significant progress was made in the areas of identification, prevention, home management and awareness-raising of disabled persons in the villages covered.



*Rajkumar Guwala, 17 yrs old, deaf and dumb. Rajkumar participated in an all-Assam art competition held in Guwahati for students of all abilities and won the first prize consisting of a cup, certificate and Rs. 5000.*

*Shishu Vikas Kendra, Goalpara used to operate from this building where a new initiative will be started, an Early Intervention Centre for the children with developmental disabilities.*



### **A THREE WAY PARTNERSHIP**

SESTAA started the process of establishing a new partnership with *Shishu Sarothi*, Guwahati and *Shishu Vikas Kendra*, Goalpara for a new initiative in Goalpara. The aim of this three way partnership is to expand our

work relating to the disabled in the Goalpara district of Assam, India. *Shishu Vikas Kendra* is one of the first organizations in Goalpara that started a special school for children with disability, but due to various difficul-

ties and obstacles, including non-availability of trained personnel for the special needs of the children, the organization became non-functional. In the proposed project, *Shishu Vikas Kendra* will provide the space where

the school used to operate, and *Shishu Sarothi* will provide the technical support with financial assistance from SESTAA. Outreach camps will be held for assessment of the children's needs.

## SESTAA:

### Welcome to our new volunteers:

SESTAA's volunteers participated in three fundraising activities during the year – the Whitehorse Council's Spring Festival (October, 2013), the Knox City Council's Sustainability Festival (October, 2013) and the Whitehorse Council's Carols Night in December, 2013. It is a matter of pride for us that Whitehorse Council continues to give SESTAA the opportunity to participate in its festivals every year. In addition, we participated for the first time in the Sustainability Festival with good outcome.

The Spring Festival and the Sustainability Festival ran concurrently and we are proud that we did not run short of committed volunteers who came and helped us run both of these food stalls. We welcome and thank our new volunteers who made this possible. Special thanks to,

Manish  
Jonali  
Richa  
Ramya  
Shailija  
Indu  
Revathi  
Reva  
Sukanya.



*Newly married SHG members,  
Cinnamara, Jorhat*



*My Shop!*

*Milan Tanti, low vision,  
secretary of self-help  
group.*

### Financial Information, 2013-2014

#### Income:

Donation	\$1,223.00
Membership	\$940.00
Fundraising	\$3,158.60
Interest	\$ 333.85

**Total Income \$5,655.45**

#### Expense:

Projects	\$4,103.99
Office	\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00
Bank	\$56.65
CAV	\$51.40
Fundraising	\$854.86

**Total Expense \$5,066.90**

**Account balance \$588.55**

**Retained Surplus \$14,243.47**