



Annual Progress Report 2022 General Body Meeting June 25th, 2022

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2022 GENERAL BODY MEETING

WELCOME!!



A FEW VIRTUAL MEETING RULES

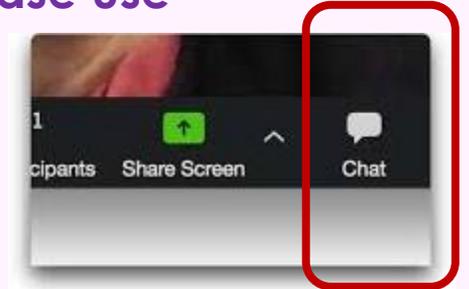
WELCOME!!



Other than the presenters, all lines will be on mute



If you have a question, please use the chat line



We will take breaks for Q&A and open the lines



Please continue to view the chat line for important information



We will record the meeting for future reference



If we have any technical difficulties, please bear with us



A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME!!

- **Welcome to our invited guests!!**
 - **Mr. Kumud Kalita – Tapoban**
 - **Anamika Das representing ICCW-Kalyani Niwas**
 - **Dr. Ravi Kota, Minister Economic, Govt. Of India**
- **Welcome Donors and Patrons!!**
- **Welcome AFNA Members and Volunteers!!**
- **Welcome AFNA Office Bearers and Board of Directors!!**

WELCOME!!



1-MINUTE SILENCE

CONDOLENCE

**In Memory Of Community
Members Who Have Left Us For
The Heavenly Abode**



VIRTUAL vs. CONVENTION-AL

AC 2022

- **Why a virtual General Body Meeting?**
 - We have been extremely successful in GBM attendance
 - We can engage our partners and participants globally
 - Much better participation from our volunteers and stewards

- **What's in store for the Assam Convention?**
 - To celebrate AFNA's 40 years of community services, we will:
 - Showcase the projects in an exhibition
 - Walk down memory lane with messages from the past presidents
 - Felicitate and honor the Founder Circle Members



ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING



AGENDA

- Opening Ceremony – AFNA Anthem
- Felicitation Of Our Invited Guests
- 2021-2022 Year in Review
 - Project Updates
 - Operational Updates
 - Financial Updates
- 2022-2023 Roadmap
- Nomination and Election of new Executive Team
- Kick-off to the Fundraising Campaign
- Vote of Thanks
- Closing Ceremony – Jatiyo Xangeet – Vancouver Team



ANTHEM INAUGURATION

AFNA ANTHEM



YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/alhWuEMhFuQ>



FELICITATION OF INVITED GUESTS

STUDENT WELFARE MISSION - TAPOBAN

WELCOME

➤ Tapoban and Prof. Kumud Kalita:

- Established in Jan 2005
- Seated in Pathsala since its inception
- Started with 3 students and currently has 25 resident and ~100 day-scholars
- Prof. Kalita, his wife along with 5 to 7 staff members run this extremely pleasant and homely place
- Physiotherapists and doctors pay routine visits to this facility



YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/QA3IfG1WyqU>

ICCW - KALYANI NIWAS

WELCOME

➤ Welcome Anamika Das representing ICCW-Kalyani Niwas:

- Established in 2007
- Seated in Rupnagar Guwahati
- The home has a capacity of 50 children
- Goal is restoration and reunion of children
- Physiotherapists and doctors pay routine visits to this facility



YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/aZU6bRvuv74>

Dr. Ravi Kota

WELCOME

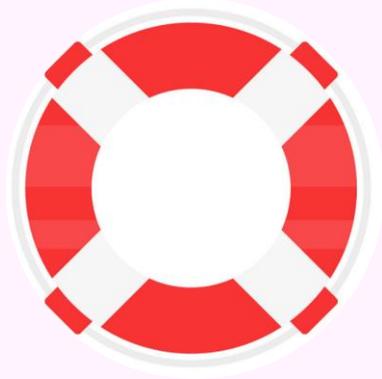
- Dr. Ravi Kota heads the Economic wing of the Indian Embassy in Washington, D.C. He focuses on India – U.S. economic relations
- Has been closely connected with Assam. As an officer from the Indian Administrative Services, Dr. Kota has served in various administrative leadership roles for 18 years in Assam.
- We have invited him today to share his thoughts on NGO – GO partnership





Year In Review: '21-'22

FOCUS AREAS



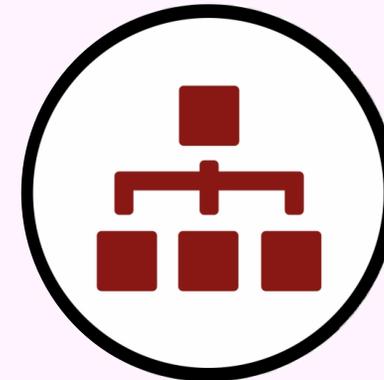
DISASTER RELIEF



EDUCATION



HEALTH CARE



EMPLOYMENT GENERATION

PROJECT UPDATES

COVID RELIEF: 2021

DISASTER RELIEF

- **Foundation for Social Transformation (FST):**
 - New Partner identified in 2021
- **Post-Covid Rehabilitation Project:**
 - **Objective :** Economic Support to Relief and Rehabilitation for Covid-19 affected families in Hatigaon and Uzan Bazar area
 - **Task:** Support for 48 urban poor families
 - **Project Duration:** Oct. '21 to Dec '21
 - **Grant Amount:** INR 3,17,800
- **New project under Review:**
 - Rehabilitate 60 more families



RELIEF EXECUTED in the USA

DISASTER RELIEF

- **Midwest Tornadoes - \$5,000**
 - Cyclone in the states of Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky in December 2021
 - Contributed 30,000 meals through multiple foodbanks from FeedingAmerica.org

- **Winter Storm Relief - \$3,000**
 - February 2021
 - 10,000 meals and Water bottles were provided
 - 3 Foodbanks in the Texas – Houston, Austin and Dallas

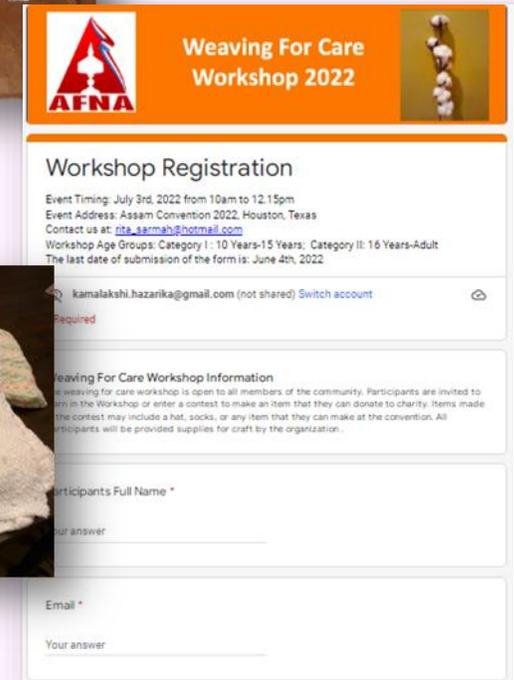


**How you can help:
Donate to General Fund**

PROJECT: WEAVING FOR CARE

- ➔ **Donation of Handmade Items:**
 - ➔ **OBJECTIVE:** Help people in times of natural disaster brought by inclement fall or winter weather that calls for warmth and care
 - ➔ **DRIVE:** Starts in spring and closes in winter coinciding with the holidays
 - ➔ Started **in 2019**
 - ➔ Invites community members to donate handmade items such as blankets and other warm clothing
 - ➔ Children who participate in this activity can learn about weaving and earn a certificate for volunteering

Workshop planned in AC2022 – July 3rd, 10:20AM to 12:00 Noon



Weaving For Care Workshop 2022

Workshop Registration

Event Timing: July 3rd, 2022 from 10am to 12.15pm
Event Address: Assam Convention 2022, Houston, Texas
Contact us at: rita_sarmah@hotmail.com
Workshop Age Groups: Category I : 10 Years-15 Years; Category II: 16 Years-Adult
The last date of submission of the form is: June 4th, 2022

kamalakshi.hazarika@gmail.com (not shared) [Switch account](#)

Required

Weaving For Care Workshop Information

Weaving for care workshop is open to all members of the community. Participants are invited to learn in the Workshop or enter a contest to make an item that they can donate to charity. Items made in the contest may include a hat, socks, or any item that they can make at the convention. All participants will be provided supplies for craft by the organization.

Participants Full Name *

Your answer

Email *

Your answer

AKADAMICS

➤ Scholarships for Degree Students:

- 9th Year of operation
- Started with 10 scholarships in 2014
- **193** scholarships awarded to date
- **38** more scholarships this year
- **161** scholars have graduated
 - B.A.(**83**), B.Sc.(**16**), B. Ayurvedic Medicine(**1**), B. Com.(**9**), B.E. and B. Tech(**19**), B. Pharm(**3**) & MBBS(**25**), B. Homeopathy(**3**), Dentistry(**2**)
- **2022 - 2023 Goal – Scale Up!!**

How you can help:
\$350 - Supports 1 student for 1 year

AKADAMICS WINNERS 2021



SUPPORT-A-CHILD

Support for school age students:

- **Society for Health and Economic Development (SHED), Sonapur**
 - Supplementing expense for resident students
 - Provided \$2000 (₹1,65,135) in 2021 and \$3500 (₹2,61,135) in 2022
- **Kalyani Niwas (36 girls)**
 - Doctor's salary
 - Medicines, toiletries, laboratory test cost, hygienic supplies
 - Medical Items and Instruments
 - Water Purifier
 - Contributed ₹403,200 in Jan 2021
- **Patacharkuchi High School, (near Barpeta)**
 - Awaiting Seneh FCRA



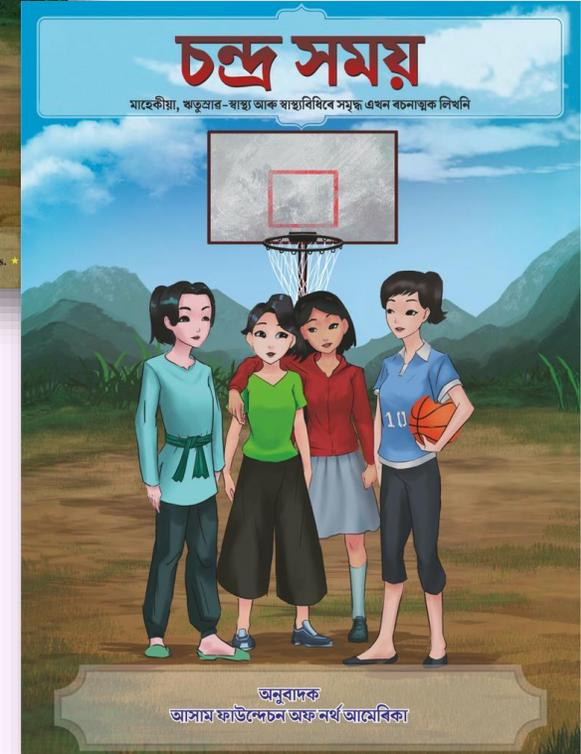
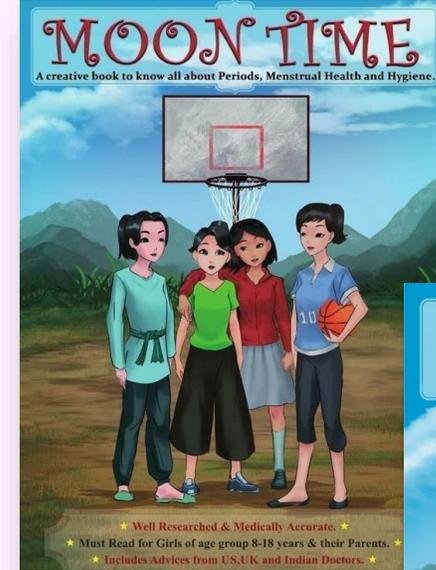
FEMALE HYGIENE

Phase I : Create Awareness(2021-2022)

- Create awareness – translate “MOON TIME” to Assamese “চন্দ্র সময়”– Jan 2022
- Print and distribute locally, in collaboration with Spherule Foundation and Mission Pink Health (IMA) – target is to distribute 10,000 for free by end of 2022

Phase II : Promote Sustainable Menstrual Hygiene(2022-2023)

- Reusable pads – how to make and use reusable pads in collaboration with Parijat Academy and IMA
- Biodegradable pads – Low-cost compostable pads for underprivileged girls in remote villages



SALARY AUGMENTATION

EMPLOYMENT
GENERATION

- **Atma Nirbhar – Ek Challenge**
 - Situation: Dramatic drop in demand due to COVID shutdowns
 - Funding sources dried up
 - ANeC leadership reached out to AFNA for support
 - Funded: **INR 2, 75,000 or USD 3,561**





DONOR ADVISED FUND (DAF)

OTHER SERVICES

➤ What are they?

- Create your own fund with AFNA to support your charity of choice in Assam
- The objectives of the project should align with that of AFNA
- AFNA takes care of the fund transfer and accounting
- You can avail tax benefit
- Amounts are disbursed only upon your advice
- A MOU needs to be set up with AFNA

➤ 1000 Aspirations Fund

- Contributed to Snehalaya
- Quality Education Project: Supporting 40 girls with expenses for quality education at Auxilium Snehalaya, Noonmati and Jyoti Snehalaya, Beltola

➤ Datta-Barua Orphan Welfare Fund:

- Installed a 4Kwh Solar Power unit at Akshar's School at Pamohi, Guwahati
- Installed a 6KWh on-grid and 4Kwh off-grid Solar Power unit at Assam Sishu Kalyan Sadan, Guwahati
- 1/3rd of the fund is for AFNA's utilization



OPERATIONS UPDATE: '21-'22

➤ Monthly Volunteer Meeting

- 1st Sunday of every month
- 12 noon to 1 PM CST
- Zoom Meeting
- Review project execution

➤ Quarterly Board Meeting

- 2nd Sunday of February, May, August and November
- Review overall governance

Annual Newsletter 2022

ASSAM FOUNDATION OF NORTH AMERICA 

A quick look at some of AFNA'S initiatives across the years

KALYANI NIWAS

Kalyani Niwas is a children's home for underprivileged girls like orphans, abandoned, victims of trafficking, child labor, child marriage, and disabled children. The Indian Council for Child Welfare, Assam state branch (ICCWASB) has been running the home since 2007 at Rupnagar, Guwahati, Assam. At present 48 children are residing in Kalyani Niwas. Among them, 35 are enrolled in regular school and others are engaged in non-formal education along with vocational training.



ICCWASB has been trying to provide all institutional facilities for the children. Education, health, nutrition, vocational training etc. AFNA offers financial assistance to provide all the necessary health care equipment at Kalyani Niwas and has also installed a water purifier. The fund received from AFNA is used for providing Doctor's salary, medicine, laboratory test, supply of hygienic items, medical instruments etc.



AFNA BAY AREA RUN

It is an annual AFNA event promoting a healthy lifestyle. The program started in 2018 and it is organized for 5K and 10 K runs. AFNA had a successful Walk & Run in San Francisco Bay Area in Fall 2021 with enthusiastic participation from 100+ runners & walkers. By getting out there in the trail on a Sunday morning we made a choice to have a healthy lifestyle and also raise funds for worthy causes. In all, we had 100+ participants in our SF Bay Area event and had a net proceed of \$2000+ towards AFNA's projects





If you would like to join us as a volunteer, there are many ways you can help - steward a project, do fundraising, keep our website updated, raise awareness among your friends about the foundation's efforts, discuss great ideas for new projects and initiatives - the possibilities are limitless. Come join us and make a difference!

BAY AREA RUN

➤ FUNDRAISERS:

- Starting the 4th year of Bay Area Run on **August 28th** at Quarry Lake, Fremont, CA
- It has brought the California Assamese community together over the years for AFNA's cause
- It has been a very successful fundraiser for AFNA bringing new volunteers
- It also inspired other areas like Minneapolis, Michigan and NJ to have similar AFNA runs





ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST



CAMPAIGNS

- ➔ Honoring Late Himadri Das
- ➔ Topic:
 - ➔ “Imagine you are the President of a community service organization serving Assam. How would you attract the youth in North America to come forward and join the efforts?”
- ➔ Last Date for Submission:
 - ➔ June 20th, 2022
- ➔ Please go to our Social Media channels for more details



7TH ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

CONTEST TOPIC

Imagine you are the President of a community service organization serving Assam. How would you attract the youth in North America to come forward and join the efforts?

ESSAY CONTEST RULES

- The contest is open to students who are studying in a school in USA, Canada or Mexico and will be attending grade 9 through 12 in the 2022-2023 academic year
- Only Assamese origin students residing and studying in North America (USA, Canada or Mexico) can participate in the contest
- Essays must be no longer than 1500 words in length, submitted in English, typed into a Word (.doc) or PDF file. (Please do NOT put your name or your parents' names in this document).
- Refer to the "How to Submit" section below to ensure that all necessary information is provided. Failure to provide any part of this information will automatically disqualify the contestant from the competition.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- Essay entries cannot have already been published.
- Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future essay contests.
- Second and third prizes will be considered based on the number of entries received.

HOW TO SUBMIT

The essay should be emailed to "afnaessaycontest@gmail.com" by the deadline, with the following information in the body of the email:

- Contestant's Name;
- Parent's Names;
- Grade (2022-23);
- School Name, City, State;
- Current address of residence;
- Contact phone;

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Winner(s) will receive:

- Certificate(s)
- Cash Award(s)

Winning essay(s) will be published in the Post-Convention issue of the AANA-ASSNA-AFNA Quarterly Publication "PRONAAM"

DEADLINE:

Extended to

June 20th, 2022



ART COMPETITION

CAMPAIGNS

- Commemorating 40 years of AFNA
- Open to all artists around the world
- Theme:
 - Awesome Assam
 - Flora & Fauna of Assam
 - 40 years of AFNA: Past, Present & Future
- Over 30 entries received for 3 age categories
 - Results will be announced TODAY!
- Winning entries will be featured in “2023 Calendar” and “Fall 2022 Newsletter”
 - Please go to our Social Media channels for more details





ART COMPETITION - WINNERS

THANK YOU to Judges: Nandana Hazarika, Reetom Hazarika & Jharna Kakati

CAMPAIGNS

Under 12 Years



Joshua M

(S/o Manikandan R, Coimbatore, India)



Prisha Bora

(D/o Tapan Bora, CA, USA)



S D Sree Taneesha

(D/o Dhivya Srinath, Coimbatore, India)

Honorable
Mention

Geetarth Bhargav Bhuyan

(S/o Priyanka Gogoi & Bhaskar Jyoti Bhuyan, CA, USA)

Sonakshee Phukan

(D/o Shrutimala & Shivajit Phukan, MI, USA)

Neha Ali

(D/o Jyoti Borah Ali, CA, USA)

Aarini Dutta Saikia

(D/o Manashi Dutta & Kalyan Saikia, TX, USA)

Vedant Chakravarty

(S/o Rumi & Ritesh Chakravarty, NC, USA)

Rubanraj I

(S/o Iniyaraj, Coimbatore, India)

12 to 18 Years



Sajal Jain

(D/o Renu & Sandip Jain, Agra, India)

Above 18 Years



Antara Das

(Guwahati, India)



Prakash Jyoti Deka

(Guwahati, India)



Alpona Barooah

(Texas, USA)

Thank You to all Participants & Congratulations to the Winners!

Winners can collect certificates from AFNA desk at Assam Convention or it will be mailed to them later



COMMUNICATIONS TEAM UPDATE

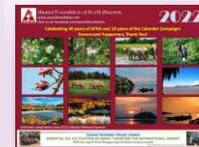
- ➔ Overall communication for AFNA
 - ➔ Event/Fundraiser announcements & create awareness about AFNA's projects
 - ➔ Manage online presence @AssamFoundation



- ➔ Newsletters – 20+ Years
- ➔ Calendar – 10 years!!



Wall Calendar
NEW Desktop Calendar



GOVERNANCE

FIELD VISITS – CURRENT & PROSPECTIVE

- Atma Nirbhar
- Sahayika (Prospective)
- Akshar Foundation
- SHED
- National Health Mission
- Foundation for Social Transformation





2022-2023 ROADMAP



CONTINUED FOCUS

PROJECTS

- **Education:**
 - Support-A-Child
 - AKADAMICS
- **Healthcare:**
 - Adopt-A-Grandma
 - PROJECT KIND
 - **Female Hygiene Project**
 - **Partnership with Cachar Cancer Hospital ← NEW**
- **Employment Generation:**
 - Support-A-Disabled Worker
 - **“AMRA PARI” ← NEW**
- **Disaster Relief**

We will continue our work on:

- Tree-4-All, Arbor Day (NJ)
- Ecoblast (NJ)
- International Day Of Yoga (NY)
- AFNA Annual Essay Competition
- Weaving for Care
- Special Projects (all over US)

SCALING UP

- **WHAT?**
 - Projects in our focus areas that impact 0.1 to 1% of Population
 - Scale - \$25,000 projects to → \$250,000 projects e.g., Satellite Center for Cancer Care needs INR 1.6Cr. Or USD 250,000
- **HOW?**
 - GO-NGO, NGO-Corporation Partnership
 - Partnership with Large Foundations
 - Large Donor Assisted Funds
 - Presence in Assam
- **WHEN?**
 - Phased approach – 3 to 5 yrs., 5-10 yrs.
- **PRELIMINARY WORK:**
 - Leadership Team Formed
 - Project Profishruti Conceived



NEXT 5-10 YRS



NEW EXECUTIVE TEAM – NOMINATIONS 2022 - 2024



Executive Team Election Process

Process: According to AFNA constitution Article V, Section 11

- The Board of Directors elect the Nominating Committee consisting of AFNA's President and at least one other Director at a BoD meeting. This year the committee was formed with Lipika Deka, the Chair of the Board, Ranju Sarma, a BoD member and Sarfaraz Taher, AFNA President
- The committee was formed in the BoD meeting held on Apr 10th, 2022.
- The committee diligently worked on finding the initial nominations and announced the initial nominations of the board members about 30 days prior to the Annual General Body Meeting (Article V, Section 3) through email to our volunteers and members.
- The final nomination is announced here today by the nomination committee.
- All current members of AFNA will vote to approve the nomination here.

NEW EXECUTIVE



Executive Team Nominations for 2022-2024

NEW EXECUTIVE



Chandan Mozumder, CA
President



Nabarun Das, MI
Vice President



Kamalakshi Hazarika, NJ
Secretary



Rita Kataki, CA
Treasurer



Thanks to outgoing Executive Team

- AFNA President Sarfaraz Taher for his service during the years 2018-2022. Under his leadership AFNA has grown tremendously both in terms of fundraising, volunteer base and diversity of projects and AFNA has become a well-structured non-profit organization.
- Vice President Chandan Mazumdar for leadership during 2020-2022 term building a strong communication team and making us more connected with our base of volunteers.
- Secretary Enakshi Baruah for her dedicated leadership and service for the 2020-2022 term.
- Treasurer Anamitra Bhattacharyya for his sincere bookkeeping for two terms 2018-2022 as our treasurer.



NEW EXECUTIVE



NEW Board of Directors – NOMINATION 2022 - 2023



NOMINATIONS – 2022 to 2023

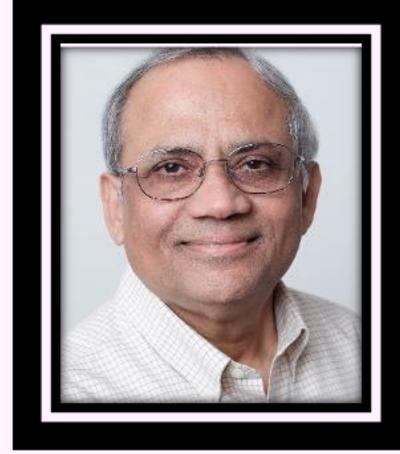
Board of Directors



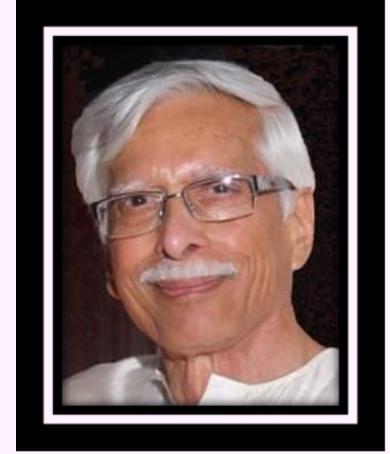
Niren Choudhury, NJ



Ranju Sarma, CA



Pradip Das, MO



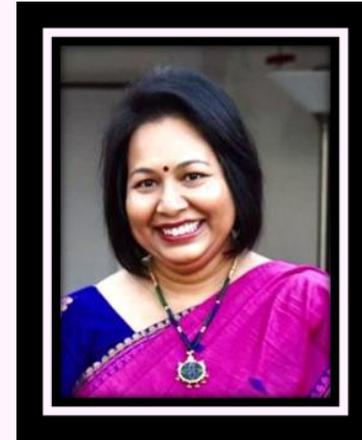
Debabrata Sarma, WA



Enakshi Baruah, IL



Sarfaraz Taher, MN



Lipika Deka, CA



Thanks to outgoing Directors

Board of Directors

- We want to thank our outgoing Director, Pallav Saikia for his service for 7 terms and we are grateful for his continued involvement with our projects.
- We also thank our outgoing Director, Rita Kataki for her service last term and for taking up the role of our Treasurer.





FUND RAISING KICK-OFF



AFNA HAS HAD HUGE GROWTH

BIGGEST NEEDS

➤ VOLUNTEERS

- You can choose your project of choice
- You do not have to be members to contribute
- You will have a passionate team to work with
- We are an apolitical and not affiliated to any faith

➤ MEMBERS

- Members have voting rights during meetings
- \$25 annual membership fee

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

We need 50 new volunteers/members

If you are interested, you can raise your hand now OR indicate in the chat line OR email us at info@assamfoundation.net OR call any AFNA volunteer/member for information



FUND RAISING

BIGGEST NEEDS

- **DISATER RELIEF – Includes Flood Relief**
 - GOAL: \$30,000
- **AKADAMICS**
 - GOAL: \$12,000
- **EMPLOYMENT GENERATION (FST)**
 - GOAL: \$12,000
- **HYGIENE PROJECT**
 - GOAL: \$10,000
- **HEALTH CARE (Cachar Cancer Ctr.)**
 - GOAL: \$15,000

HOW CAN YOU HELP:

\$350 can support 1 student for 1 year

\$500 can support 1 worker for 1 year

\$500 can support printing and distribution of 50 books

\$500 can support 1 cancer patient's expenses for 1 year

BODs have committed to double their matching commitment from previous years



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HOW CAN YOU HELP:

ADOPT-A-GRANDMA

DISASTER RELIEF

GENERAL FUND

PROJECT KIND

SUPPORT-A-CHILD

SUPPORT-A-DISABLED WORKER

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

WEAVING-FOR-CARE

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WE NEED YOUR PATRONAGE

- CORPORATE MATCHING
- AMAZON SMILE
- TAXES THROUGH H&R BLOCK

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You shop. Amazon gives.

- Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to **Assam Foundation of North America Inc** whenever you shop on AmazonSmile.
- AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

Support AFNA by starting your shopping at
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-0994468>

NONPROFIT REFERRAL PROGRAM | **H&R BLOCK**

Help AFNA earn during the tax season

- Mention AFNA to your H&R Block Tax Consultant
- AFNA earns \$20 for your referral
- There is no cost to you
- AFNA has been earning meaningful amounts via this non-profit referral program

TAKE PART IN OUR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS

YOU CAN HELP



DONATE TO ORGANIZATIONS IN INDIA

YOU CAN HELP

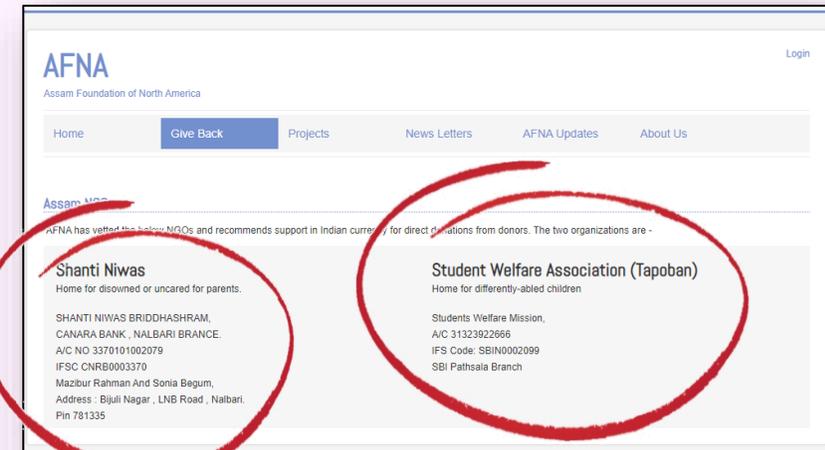
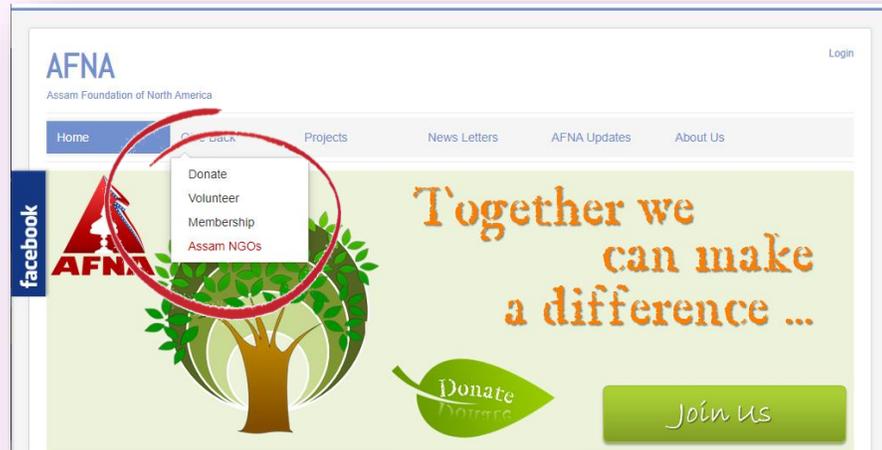
Organizations vetted by AFNA

Shanti Niwas Briddhashram, Nalbari:

- Shelter for Old and Helpless and Abandoned Parents

Students Welfare Association/Tapoban, Pathsala:

- Residential School for Differently Abled Children





VOTE OF THANKS



DONORS!!

THANK YOU





PLEASE JOIN US AT THE CONVENTION

AC 2022

- **To celebrate AFNA's 40 years of community services, we will:**
 - Showcase the projects in an exhibition
 - Walk down memory lane with messages from the past presidents
 - Felicitate and honor the Founder Circle Members



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CLOSING
CEREMONY



THE KHARS

Vancouver, BC, Canada

Amlan Das
Abyartha Sharma
Akrista Bora
Devjyani Bhuyan Tiku
Pinky Mahanta
Swasti Sharma
Sobha Kalita
Sanjib Bharali
Geetanjali Baruah
Mukuta Das
Anjana Bharali
Prantrishna Bharali
Anupam Baruah
Bhaskar Sarma
Amrita Bordoloi

Music Composed By:

Ambarish Thakur – on keyboard
Agnimitra Borah – on octapad
Chinmoy Choudhury – on guitar
Chandan Deka – on guitar

DONORS!!



Questions / comments / stay in touch!!

email: info@assamfoundation.net

Connect with us at www.facebook.com/assamfoundation

THANK YOU



Q & A