

To all our incredible WIN champions, thank you for your enduring support throughout 2020. Your donations provided help and hope to many vulnerable women and children during an exceptionally challenging year.

UK couple donate funds to bring Diwali cheer to youngsters with health issues



Diwali is very much like Christmas for children in India. Festive food, gifts of new clothes, and the lighting of traditional diya lamps and fireworks make it a magical experience. But for children living in the slums of Nagpur new clothes and costly fireworks are often missing from the list.

Luckily for a select few living with conditions such as HIV, cancer and sickle cell anaemia, Diwali brought some unexpected treats!

Diwali symbolizes the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance".

World AIDS Day - remembering those who died from AIDS



Each December 1st WIN hosts a memorial service for those we knew who died from AIDS. This year a small group of young adults were invited to light candles in remembrance of their mothers.

The 1st World AIDS Day was also the first public health day observed in 1988 to commemorate those who had died from AIDS and to unite the world in its fight against what was a new and frightening pandemic.

Over 3 decades later and significant developments have been made in the management of HIV, especially in the Western world. In India there is still room for improvement as the country's poor exist in conditions which compromise their health every day.

WIN meets HIV+ women and children living in communities rife with opportunist infections like TB, malaria, and typhoid. Most are single mothers without access to safe drinking water or nutritious food. These women exhaust themselves mentally and physically earning a small income through labour intensive, stressful work. Such conditions make living with HIV difficult as their already compromised immune systems battle these additional stressors.

The good news is that through your support, WIN is able to make significant improvements to these women and children's lives. We offer help with nutrition, medication, preventative health awareness, support from medical specialists, counselling and much, much more. Our help is 365 days a year!

Due to COVID-19 women with HIV have been too scared to leave their homes resulting in missed doses of antiretrovirals. WIN currently offers a door-to-door ART delivery service.



Combating loneliness at Christmas

On Christmas Day WIN delivered food parcels, blankets, and new saris across Nagpur to those most in need of a morale boost.

The greatest gift we bring through our home visits is that of companionship.

Those with leprosy, HIV or mental illness are often abandoned by their families and forced to live alone. For such women the charity's home visits are a welcome relief from isolation and loneliness.

Restrictions imposed by COVID-19 make our visits all the more invaluable.

“Loneliness isn't a mental health problem in itself, but it can contribute to mental health problems like anxiety & depression.” - Stephen Buckley -MIND





FOR THE WIN

THE DESIGN IS SIGN LANGUAGE FOR THE WORD "FRIENDS" - MANY OF THESE WOMEN IN INDIA DON'T HAVE THEIR OWN SUPPORT SYSTEMS AT THEIR HOMES. HOWEVER, WHEN PEOPLE LIKE YOU HELP SUPPORT WIN, THEY FEEL AS IF THEY HAVE THEIR OWN SUPPORT SYSTEM, A FRIEND, FROM HALFWAY ACROSS THE WORLD. YOU'LL ALSO NOTICE THE SUBTLE SOUTH ASIAN DETAILS SUCH AS THE MEHENDI AND BANGLES TO REPRESENT WIN PATIENTS.



Thanks to JAZBA's incredible team for this creative fundraising initiative in support of WIN

Here's what they had to say about it:

"We are so excited to finally release our WIN apparel fundraiser! This design is close to our hearts and we are proud to finally have something for our community to wear & show their support for Women in Need

JAZBA X WIN FUNDRAISER

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO OUR NONPROFIT PARTNER, WOMEN IN NEED (WIN), WHERE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO CONTINUE THEIR WORK TO HELP IMPOVERISHED WOMEN IN VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN INDIA DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

[LINK IN BIO.](#)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN WIN AND JAZBA!



100% of the profits from this fundraiser will be going towards WIN and the amazing women they help. Our goal for this fundraiser is to be able to raise \$2,000.

Thank you for all of the support our community has show us over the years! While this year we don't have a competition, we're still looking to support our nonprofit partner as much as we can and we couldn't do it without you.

The fundraiser will be open for a month (until Feb 6th). Can't wait to rock a shirt/crewneck with our supporters! If you can't make a purchase today, please consider making a donation to our [gofundme](#).

Every donation makes a difference in these women's lives. ❤️"

Shoutout to ZKCaptures Photography & Design LLC for working on this project with us! We're grateful for you and all that you do.

Apparel fundraiser: <https://afternoon-printing.printavo.com/merch/jazbaforthewin>

GoFundMe: <http://www.gofundme.com/f/jazba-x-women-in-need-2020>

Tens of thousands of predominantly female domestic workers are struggling to make ends meet



Amid the Covid-19 crisis, three out of four Indians are experiencing their first recession, and women are bearing the brunt of the pain.

A tiny elite of urban, educated women has benefited from the shift to remote work under lockdown: A recent study released by LinkedIn, based on internal data for India, found women's participation in the labour force actually increased by 7% between April and July 2020. But this only applies to jobs in the formal, white-collar, urban economy — a tiny fraction of the labour market. For most Indian women, the situation is deeply worrying.

Covid-19 has exposed one of the biggest problems of urban India: Most of the wealthy and middle class live in nice neighbourhoods, while those who serve their needs live in slums.

The urban rich, who have ignored this reality for decades, have for the first time had to confront the living conditions of their nannies, cleaners and drivers. They have not responded by campaigning for better living conditions. Instead, they've fired their domestic staff and looked to replace them with the latest vacuums, baby monitors and dishwashers.

Tens of thousands of domestic workers, predominantly women, are now struggling to make ends meet. Their children are falling behind due to school closures. With so many unemployed competing for jobs, these workers are likely to have even less bargaining power in the labour market after the pandemic. Many are now depending for support on their extended families, a trend that may not reverse even when society returns to normal.

“The road to economic and social independence for India's women was already a daunting one. The pandemic is making a bad situation dangerously worse” - Bloomberg

Nagpur's domestic workers get a helping hand from WIN



WIN is a small charity with a big heart.

The needs of women living in the slums of Nagpur are many and complex: disease, poverty, abuse, inequality – the list is endless and the demand for help is enormous.

Since the beginning of the pandemic the charity has been inundated with requests of help from jobless domestic workers who are unable to afford basic things like food, soap and cooking fuel.

Giving supplies where we can, WIN has become a lifeline to hundreds of unemployed women.



Usha raises funds for WIN running 100 miles in 11 days

Despite COVID 19 restrictions, Usha set herself a challenge to raise £500 for 10 homeless women.

“Through my 20 years work with WIN I’m constantly struck by how lucky I am in comparison to the underprivileged women I’ve met.

It is the plight of abandoned sick women that I find especially upsetting. These are women who sacrifice their own needs for their loved ones. Many do without food to ensure the rest of the family eats. They run the home, work long hard hours as cleaners and labourers, and if anyone gets sick, these women will do whatever possible to nurse them back to health.



Tragically if such a woman becomes unwell herself, she may be denied the time, or the funds required for diagnostic investigations. If her health deteriorates further so that she’s unable to work or attend to her family duties, then her “loved ones” will remove her at night and leave her either in the grounds of a hospital or under a flyover, where she will remain, unnoticed or ignored...these women die alone, and their bodies are anonymously cremated. Very rarely will an investigation be made, and this is why it is so easy for families to dispose of them.

I want to personally help 10 rescued women with their health costs. I recognise that my efforts to raise the funds are small in comparison to the scale of the problem, but I have seen first-hand the relief and hope these women receive through WIN’s rescue work

Usha Patil x

Usha has raised 72% of her total target. Anyone interested in helping her reach her goal please see the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/usha-patil>