

# Cheyutha

## Annual Report

### 2017-18



**Women's Community Based Organisation**

## Vision

Society in which people living with HIV/AIDS face no discrimination and enjoy equal rights to lead a meaningful life

## Mission

Promoting positive living among the people living with HIV/AIDS to address the causes of discrimination and to work for assertion of their rights

Enhancing accountability for ensuring equal rights and protection from discrimination for all people living with HIV and AIDS

Maximising solidarity of civil society in supporting PLHA in their assertion of rights and to voice their concerns; as well as in fundraising for development of PLHA

*"Having been associated with Cheyutha since 2003, I strongly believe that it is a vibrant organisation with many lessons to offer others: very deserving of appreciation and support for further sustaining the gains achieved in the past".*

**Dr. P. V. Ranganadha Rao, former CEO, LEPRASOCIETY**



*"When you call us your mother organisation I can't help but feel so fortunate that I received an opportunity to build on your strengths, carrying forward the journey initiated by my predecessor, Dr. P. V. Ranganadha Rao.*

*LEPRASOCIETY loves you and will go to any extent in order to make you a powerful force"!*

**Ashim Chowla, CEO, LEPRASOCIETY**

## Message from the Founder Member



*Dear Friends, I am pleased to present the second annual report of Cheyutha and outline some significant achievements of the women's community based organisation (WCBO) in 2017-18. These achievements are immense considering the beginnings of Cheyutha which are closely linked to my personal journey with HIV. In November 1999, when I was diagnosed with HIV in my seventh month of pregnancy, it was beyond scary-societal awareness was limited to isolating those like me and I suddenly found myself with no familial or community support, counselling and a hostile medical environment. Very quickly the situation worsened when I became a widow with a little child. Juxtapose 2018-while the agony and emotional distress would remain, I definitely would have a WCBO like Cheyutha to counsel and guide me all the way through delivery, protect my child from transmission and address my nutrition and livelihood needs!*

*I feel immense pride to state that though the path I walked on since that day in 1999 was fraught with challenges and frustrations, it culminated to where I am able to extend a helping hand (Cheyutha!) to many others suffering a similar plight. This was made entirely possible because of LEpra Society, our mother organisation, which played a key role by providing the skills needed to advocate for people living with HIV/AIDS. The second publication of our annual report is proof of the fact that LEpra Society's efforts have not gone in vain!*

*I take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to Dr.P.V. Ranganadha Rao, former CEO, LEpra Society, as well as Mr. Ashim Chowla, the current CEO, for empathising, encouraging and pushing us to scale new heights and carve an independent identity. I would also like to thank Mrs. P. Mekhala, Deputy Director, Telangana State AIDS Control Society (TSACS), whose association since 2003 helped fillip Cheyutha's work in the field. I am greatly indebted to my team and our donors who truly are the wind beneath my wings!*

*I dream of a day in the near future when no expectant mother goes through distress if diagnosed HIV positive.*

**Sincerely,**



**Mrs. Kagitha Laxmi Priya**



## HIGHLIGHTS!

### ❖ *Release of First Annual Report*



A huge milestone was reached with the release of the first annual report on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017, in the presence of Mr. Ashim Chowla, CEO, LEPRASOCIETY, JOY Group members and Dr. Lakshmi Prasanna, Physician, Gandhi Medical College. Nearly 80 people attended the event.

### ❖ *Acquired Technical Skills!*

Select Cheyutha staff acquired training in Tally Accounting Software and medical store maintenance.

### ❖ *Successful Street Fundraising*

For the first time, Cheyutha participated in street fundraising to support LEPRASOCIETY's WALK to Beat Leprosy, November 2017-January 2018.

## Inauguration of Generic Medical Store



The year started with the inauguration of the generic medical store by Mr. Harpreet Singh, IAS, Principal Secretary, Governor, Telangana/AP, on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Cheyutha achieved this thanks to the generosity of Mr. B.V. Papa Rao, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), currently advisor, Chief Minister, Telangana State and Mr. Madan Mohan, Secretary, IRCS. The event was attended by IRCS, LEPRASociety, JOY Group and Cheyutha staff. Mrs. K.L. Priya signed a MoU with IRCS for a period of one year to run the store.

The generic medical store serves the neighbourhood surrounding Cheyutha. The store has a certified pharmacist who along with one

of Cheyutha's staff was trained in medical store maintenance at Dr. Paul Dass Maternity & Family Welfare Centre and Gandhi Hospital, Secunderabad. Since inauguration in January until March 2018, the store has generated sales worth ₹ 39,963, of which, IRCS shares 30% with Cheyutha.





## ACHIEVEMENTS!

### ✿ *Clinical support*

✿ Enrolment of persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) for opportunistic infections (OIs) in the weekly clinics and various other services rose to 1905

✿ The 50 clinics conducted during the year were accessed by 1182 regular members which included 20 new registrations, 16 infected children, 188 cluster of differentiation 4 (CD4) and 175 Antiretroviral therapy (ART) follow-ups

✿ Two outreach workers referred 584 general cases for HIV testing, of which, 4 were positive and enrolled in the ART centre for treatment. Counselling was provided to 27 members who were ART defaulters, to continue therapy

✿ Of the 524 antenatal case (ANC) referrals, one reported positive and enrolled in the Prevention of Parent-To-Child Transmission (PPTCT) programme and had a safe and healthy baby

✿ The clinic recorded 1117 walk-ins for issues like counselling regarding ANC referrals for institutional deliveries, education support, legal services and positive marriages



### ✿ *Self-Support Group (SSG) Strengthening*



The sixty-member strong, five Self-Support Groups (SSGs) aided by Cheyutha since 2012 finally came into their own in November 2017. Now, the groups hold their own bank account, handle financial transactions, meetings, etc. The WCBO was

successful in developing second-line leadership. In January, the group supported their mother organisation LEPROA Society's cause for leprosy, through street fundraising, collecting nearly ₹ 180,000.

## ❁ Resource Mobilisation

Cheyutha mobilises funding through personal networks, local donors, corporates and in-kind donations in the form of groceries, medicines, books, stationery, blankets and sanitary pads. The WCBO recorded cash donations worth ₹ 8,073,31.59 and in-kind donations worth ₹ 2,75,310



## ❁ Nutritional Support

On a monthly basis, nutritional support was provided to 16 orphans and semi-orphans. Employees of Automatic Data Processing (ADP), Hyderabad, donated rice, oil, lentils, sugar, peanuts, jaggery and health drinks, twice during the year. Value Labs, Hyderabad, donated ₹180,000, for providing rice, oil, two varieties of lentils, jaggery, peanuts, health drink, wheat flour, idly rava (semolina) and Bombay rava. The contributions were an effort towards increasing the CD4 count of infected children.



## ❁ Emergency Support



PLHIV suffering from critical illnesses needing various care and support services also seek help from the WCBO. As in the case of Kavitha (in the photo) who suffered from Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) and tuberculosis, Cheyutha provided psychological, financial and nutritional support, as the WCBO firmly believes that a debilitating illness affects the entire family and calls for holistic support.



## Educational Support

**C**heyutha believes that every child, whether infected or affected by HIV, has a right to education. The WCBO supports orphan, semi-orphan and children of terminally ill parents registered as below poverty line (BPL), depending on funding available. In 2017-18, 75 students (47 girls and 28 boys), from first grade to post-graduate studies, received education support (cheques and stationery). Seventy one students successfully completed the academic year.

### Our Success Stories!

**N**aveena, a twenty-one-year old, completed a course in Master of Business Administration (MBA-Finance) and is awaiting results. A HIV positive person, she scored 83% in her previous semester. Naveena, who is a parent-to-child transmission case, has been on antiretroviral therapy (ART) since the age of 15 and suffered side effects. Naveena's mother Rajyalakshmi, an outreach worker, also HIV positive, approached Cheyutha and offered her services in return for educational support for her daughter. Rajyalakshmi not only handles outreach



work for the WCBO but also offers her services to the jute enterprise. Naveena's dream is to work in the banking sector which is being made possible according to her, *"...because Cheyutha supported me at the right time and I am truly indebted to the organisation".*

**N**ineteen-year old Renuka, a third-year B.Sc. (Bachelor of Science, Computers) student, is HIV negative, though born of positive parents. A bright student, due to her inability to pay tuition, she was barred from appearing for her tenth grade final examinations. Her mother Laxmi, a Cheyutha member and a vegetable vendor, approached the WCBO and the fees were paid, leading to Renuka appearing for the examinations, scoring 95%! The organisation continues to

support Renuka who says, *"Cheyutha is family and has provided a strong foundation to launch my dreams which is to find a stable, well-paying job to take care of my mother"*!







**T**he Jute enterprise was the brainchild of JOY Group to make Cheyutha self-reliant. The unit, started in 2016 has three machines, with ten women members including staff trained to make bags. The group continues to participate in exhibitions and also takes private orders. During the year 2017-18, the venture recorded sales worth ₹ 42,445.



## EVENTS!



### ✿ Education Support Programme

On 25<sup>th</sup> July, Cheyutha held a programme to distribute cheques and stationery to 24 HIV positive infected and affected students. The first annual report of the WCBO was released on the occasion by Mr. Ashim Chowla, CEO, LEPRA Society, in the presence of Mr. Madan Mohan, Secretary, IRCS, Dr. Lakshmi Prasanna (OB/GYN), Gandhi Hospital and JOY Group members. The event was attended by 13 guests, 66 Self-Support Group (SSG) members, staff and Board members of Cheyutha.





## *International Women's Day Celebration*



**W**omen's Day, 2018, was observed on Cheyutha premises. The occasion was graced by celebrity anchor and social activist, Ms. Jhansi Laxmi, Mr. Ashim Chowla, CEO, LEpra Society, Mr. Madan Mohan, Secretary, IRCS and JOY Group members Ms. Kavitha David and Ms. Jaya Prada.



**T**o mark the occasion, women from the self-support groups were awarded loans in the form of cheques and tailoring machines.

**T**he beneficiaries of the loans were either starting or expanding their current business and were supported by Cheyutha, as in the case of Mrs. Lakshmi for her fruit business; Mrs. Mani for her tailoring accessories store and Mrs. Saidamma for her tailoring shop.







Dr. Aruna Bala



Ms. Sravanthi



Dr. Ramu

Physicians and student achievers connected with the WCBO were also felicitated on the occasion. The honorees included Dr. Aruna Bala, volunteer doctor at the clinic for over a decade; Mr. Ramu, Service Provider, Word & Deed, for coordinating nearly 100 HIV positive surgeries and at a reasonable cost; Ms. Srija and Ms. Naveena, HIV Positive students, for consistently scoring high marks in school and college and Ms. Sravanthi, daughter of a Cheyutha member and a police constable, for her financial contribution to the WCBO.



Ms. Srija

## ACTIVITIES!

### ❖ Exhibition

Cheyutha participated in an exhibition sponsored by Genpact India, as part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR), in Hyderabad, in October 2017. The Jute bags exhibit earned ₹3,375 during the one-day event.



### ❖ Seminar Participation



Mrs. K. L. Priya presented a paper on the **Role of CBOs in Care and Control of TB/HIV**, at a Symposium on Management of TB in PLHIV Through Community Engagement, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018, in Secunderabad.



## SPECIAL MENTIONS!

### ❁ *International Spotlight*

In February 2018, positive marriages conducted by Cheyutha received coverage in **Devex**, a platform for the global development community, headquartered in Washington, DC. “The founder of the community-based organization, Laxmi Priya Kagitha, has so far matched 65 marriages between HIV positive men and women and claims the controversial process helps couples not only fit into a society that sees marriage as the norm, but alleviates depression, and helps prevent transmission of the disease”. <https://www.devex.com/news/in-india-one-group-uses-arranged-marriages-as-a-way-to-combat-hiv-91977>

### ❁ *Positive Marriages - A Happy Story*



Since 2006, the WCBO arranged 68 marriages. On International Women’s Day, a positive couple, Mrs. and Mr. Arun were felicitated. Arun had come forward to marry Sandhya who was also suffering from anaemia and tuberculosis after seeing her stigmatised in her own home. Arun, owner of a barber shop who was economically stable, took excellent care of Sandhya, changing her life forever!

### ❁ *Felicitations*



Mrs. K. L. Priya was felicitated by Tridandi Sri Chinna Jeeyar on behalf of Kinnera Foundation on the occasion of International Women’s Day 2018, for her exemplary service towards the cause of women affected by HIV.

## ANNEXE: (A) *Target Status*

S.no	Planned Activities	Annual Target	Achieved	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr (Apr - Jun 16)				2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr (Jul - Sep16)				3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr (Oct - Dec 16)				4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr (Jan – Mar 17)				Total
				M	F	MC	FC	M	F	MC	FC	M	F	MC	FC	M	F	MC	FC	
1	ART Follow-up (New and old)	200	175	13	24	2	2	12	28	1	1	16	32	3	4	5	30	1	1	175
2	Assist PLHIV's for Nutrition Support	16	16	0	0	8	8	0	0	8	8	0	0	8	8	0	0	8	8	16
3	ANC Tested		525	0	98	0	0	0	126	0	0	0	173	0	0	0	128	0	0	525
4	ANC Positive		1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Clinics Conducted	53	50	76	206	16	12	60	196	16	14	92	200	16	11	64	175	15	13	1182
6	Group Counseling Conducted	53	50	76	206	16	12	60	196	16	14	92	200	16	11	64	175	15	13	1182
7	CD4 Testing (New and Follow- Up)	200	188	10	63	6	1	11	24	8	0	14	16	4	2	16	10	3	0	188
8	Deaths	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1		1	5
9	Education support to PLHA children			0	0	0	0	0	0	28	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
10	General Cases tested for HIV		584	63	36	0	0	76	52	0	0	112	99	0	0	84	62	0	0	584
11	General Cases found Positive		4	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Referrals																			
12	Livelihood Training (Tailoring)	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
13	Quarterly Meetings for CBO Strengthening	4	4	1				1				1				1				4
14	Monitoring and Review																			
	Submission of Monthly Reports	12	12	3				3				3				3				12
15	Networking and Linkages																			
	Tapping the GOs / NGOs Resources (Medical- Local Resource Mobilisation)		12	0	4	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	12
16	Observational Days																			
	World AIDS Day	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	International Women's Day	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	139	12	12	202
17	PCR		16	0	0	5	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	1	16
18	Support groups/ Sensitisation Meetings at ART Centre		1745	140	233	0	0	184	284	0	0	186	302	0	0	153	263	0	0	1745



## (B) *Our Partners & Supporters*



Telangana State  
AIDS Control Society



Department of Women Development & Child Welfare  
Government of Telangana

**(C) Board Members & Staff**



Vijayalakshmi  
President



Kavitha  
Vice-President



Lavanya  
Secretary



Janaki  
Joint - Secretary



Latha  
Treasurer



Rekha  
Executive Member



Swapna  
Executive Member



K Laxmi Priya  
In-charge Cheyutha WCBO



Renuka  
Accountant



Swaroopa  
Jute Unit In-charge/Trainer



Veronica  
DEO



Jyothi  
Outreach Worker



Rajyalakshmi  
Outreach Worker

**(D)** *Our Premises & Area Served*



Cheyutha, Red Cross, Gaddiannaram, Hyderabad

Telangana





# (E) Audit Report

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M/s. Cheyutha W C B O  
H.No: 16-11-578, Red Cross Gaddiannaram  
Dilsukhnagar, Hyderabad-500 060.

## Statement of Receipts and Payments For the Year 01-04-2017 to 31-03-2018

Receipts	Amount(RS)	Payments	Amount(RS)
<b>To Opening Balance</b>		<b>By Current Liabilities</b>	
Cash-in-hand	99	Support Group Fund	95,900
Bank Accounts	668,169		
<b>To Current Assets(SER Loans)</b>		<b>By Fixed Assets</b>	
Loan to Ayinala Lakshmi Manikhyam	16	General Equipments	19,801
Loan to G.Vijaya Lakshmi	4,383		
Loan to Marella Satyavathai	10,000	<b>By Current Assets(SER Loans)</b>	
Loan to Shanthamma Kamble	10,000	Loan to Hymavathy	5,000
		Loan to Rajitha	8,600
		Loan to Rani	5,800
		Loan to Saidamma	5,799
<b>To Direct Incomes</b>		<b>By Direct Expenses</b>	
Donations	805,100	<u>Honorarium / Incentives</u>	
Grants from Lepra	634,584	Staff Honorarium	610,339
Sale of Jute Bags	13,150	Staff Welfare	3,382
<b>To Indirect Incomes</b>		<u>Programme Delevary</u>	
Bank Interest-IDBI	19,978	Medicines for Clinic	97,157
Bank Interest-SBI	3,906	Staff Travel	47,452
		Nutrition Support	206,571
		Education Support	142,000
		Emergency Support	10,000
		Observation day Expenses	39,200
		Support Group Welfare	2,400
		<u>Office Expenses</u>	
		Printing and Stationery	8,803
		Telephone Expenses	9,611
		Office Expenses	27,042
		<b>By Closing Balance</b>	
		Cash-in-hand	14
		Bank Accounts	824,514
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,169,384</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,169,384</b>

M/s. Cheyutha W C B O

for V RAVULAPALLI & Co.,  
Chartered Accountants

  
President/Secretary/Treasurer  


(Venkateswarlu Ravulapalli)  
Partner  


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**Statement of Income & Expenditure For the Year 01-04-2017 to 31-03-2018**

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Amount(Rs)</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Amount(Rs)</b>
<b>To Honorarium/Incentives</b>		<b>By Direct Incomes</b>	
Staff Honorarium	610,339	Donations	805,100
Staff Welfare	3,382	Grants From LEPR	651,834
<b>To Programme Delivery</b>		<b>By Indirect Incomes</b>	
Medicines for Clinic	97,157	Sale of Jute Bags	13,150
Staff Travel	47,452	Bank Interest-IDBI	19,978
Nutrition Support	206,571	Bank Interest-SBI	3,906
Education Support	152,000		
Observation Day Expenses	39,200		
Support Group Welfare	2,400		
<b>To Office Expenses</b>			
Printing and Stationery	8,803		
Telephone Expenses	9,611		
Office Expenses	27,042		
Audit Fee	17,700		
<b>To Excess of income over expenditure</b>	<b>272,311</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,493,968</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,493,968</b>

M/s. Cheyutha W C B O

*V. Venkateswarlu*  
President/Secretary/Treasurer  


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**Balance Sheet as at 31-03-2018**

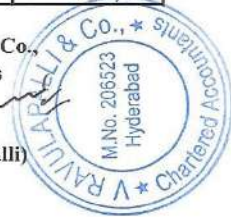
Liabilities	Amount(Rs)	Amount(Rs)	Assets	Amount(Rs)	Amount(Rs)
<b>Capital Account</b>			<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Capital Fund A/c	610,868		Jute Machines	10,527	
Add: Excess of Income	<u>272,311</u>	<b>883,179</b>	General Equipment	<u>18,316</u>	28,843
Over Expenditure					
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			<b>Current Assets</b>		
Audit Fee Payable	<u>17,700</u>	<b>17,700</b>	Cash-in-hand	14	
			Bank Accounts	824,514	
			Loans & Advances	<u>40,799</u>	865,327
			<b>Misc Expenses(Asset)</b>		
			Depreciation Fund	<u>6,709</u>	6,709
<b>Total</b>		<b>900,879</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>900,879</b>

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## **(F)** *List of Acronyms Used*

HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
ADP	Automatic Data Processing
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Virus
ANC	Antenatal care
ART	Antiretroviral Therapy
BPL	Below Poverty Line
CBO	Community Based Organisation
CD4	Cluster of Differentiation 4
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
FC	Female Child
ICTC	Integrated Counselling and Testing Centre
IRCS	Indian Red Cross Society
MC	Male Child
NGO	Non - Government Organisation
OB/GYN	Obstetrician-Gynecologist
OIs	Opportunistic Infections
ORW	Out Reach Worker
PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction
PLHIV	People Living with HIV
PMTCT	Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission
SER	Socio Economic Rehabilitation
SSG	Self-Support Group
TB	Tuberculosis
TSACS	Telangana State AIDS Control Society
WCBO	Women's Community Based Organisation



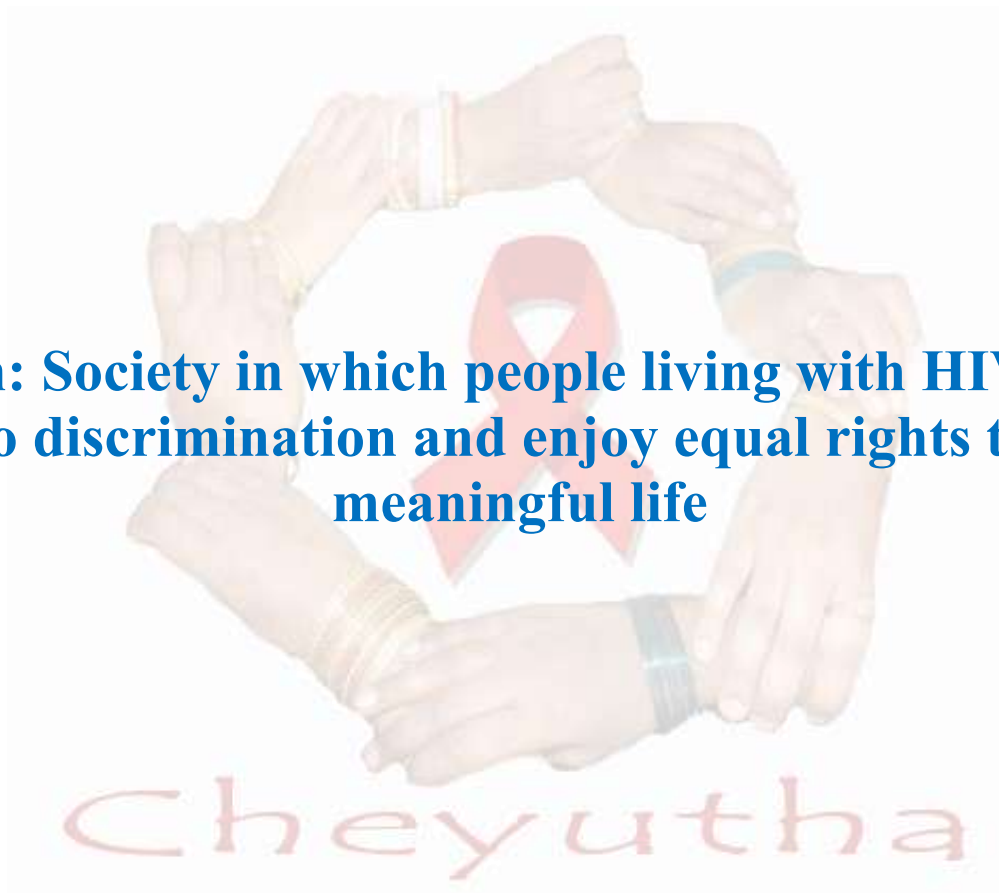
*In India, one group uses arranged marriages as a way to combat HIV*

By Rebecca Root // 15 February 2018

“A [HIV] positive marriage helps young, infected people live with dignity. It also helps prevent new infections in young people and it being passed on to new born babies.”

— Laxmipriya Kagitha, founder, Cheyutha HIV self-help group

**Vision: Society in which people living with HIV/AIDS face no discrimination and enjoy equal rights to lead a meaningful life**







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