

# SMH-LIA Christmas Fete 2014

*a Love-In-Action Initiative*

*"If you always love each other, if you uphold each other, you will be able to work wonders!" – SME Conf, 497*

The **Love-In-Action (Lia)** Group (GS Lay Mission Partnership at St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru - INDIA) conducted its Annual Christmas Fete for the second year, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2014. The event was a fundraiser for the benefit of the 'St. Martha's Hospital's Poor Patient Fund'. This fund helps in providing financial assistance towards the 'right to good health' to all poor patients that avail services of the hospital, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters since 1886, in the Province of South - West India.

**Aim of the initiative:**

- a. Fund Raising for poor patients.
- b. Promoting Mission Partnership at all levels.
- c. Promoting a 'we' feeling among the employees, benefactors & patients.

Although the Core committee consisted of Lay Mission Partners, the entire hospital personnel including management, doctors, nursing staff and students, paramedical and support staffs were actively involved in the event. The fete managed to raise its expected target through associated raffle draw & sponsorship appeals.

The fete included music, food, fun-games and sales counters manned by the hospital personnel and GS sisters. It was also an opportunity to showcase other Good Shepherd Ministries in the province.

The event gave a glimpse of the immense talent and creativity that each patron had been blessed with. The community leader, Sr. Prameela Perumpally RGS, thanked all patrons for their valuable contribution and announced the date of the next fete to be on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2015.

The fete is one of the initiatives that introduced mission partnership to the public as well as the Good Shepherd mission true mission that included the role of St. Martha's Hospital to provide health empowerment to all in the city of Bengaluru (Bangalore) .

*'The Gifts and benefactions we receive are not for us but for the persons who need our care.'*

*SME Conf. Pg 41 Ch 4:6*

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Sr. Celine D'Souza & Sr. Naiomi with nursing staff members at the food stalls.



Sr. Shanthi RGS with her Tibetan nursing students at the momo stall.



Sr. Bridget Paily – Province Leader (SW India) with benefactors at the fete.



Lay Mission Partner – Ashfaq Ahmed manning the games counter.



Mr. Jason (Lay Mission Partner) with our hospital Chaplain & other volunteers at the sales counter.



Good Shepherd Sisters from Sandanapalya showcased their products for sale at the fete.



Everyone Pitches in !! – Sr. Isabella RGS manning the token counters at the fete.



Recycled crafts & White Elephant Sale.

