



Hi From Chennai

Where do IGM girls go when they turn 18?

Unfortunately, they can no longer live at IGM Children's Home.

While it is difficult for most young people to make the transition from their family home to independent living, the young women at IGM face additional challenges. At 18 years old, the girls are forced to find alternative living arrangements in youth hostels or other public housing that typically put them at great risk of physical or sexual violence. This is a critical time for these girls as they begin new jobs, pursue higher education or attend vocation schools. ***IGM has kept girls safe throughout their childhood, and it would be a shame to put them at risk during such an important transition in their lives.***



IGM has found a solution! They have identified a building near their Guduvancheri campus that is available to serve as a **women's dormitory**. IGM has named the building Renee Shelter after Renie McCutchen, a longtime IGM supporter. The building has 3 floors, can house over 40 women, and will be completely secured by IGM.

While most initial tenants will be IGM

alums, the vision is to make it a refuge for all young, single women at risk. IGM will look to operate the dorm on a self-sustaining basis by collecting rent from the tenants that have jobs.



IGM is currently renting the building but has been given the opportunity to purchase it for \$350,000. IGM has committed to fund \$150,000 of the purchase price and the India Collective is trying to raise the remaining \$200,000 balance.

Please watch this 5-minute video of Pearlyn discussing this important IGM initiative!



Renee Shelter has the potential to become a beacon of safety for legions of young women in southern India attempting to begin independent and productive lives. Please help us make this vision a reality for these incredible young women by donating to this worthy cause.

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Thank you for your support!

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