



# Right Sharing

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## Personal Growth and Connection

A vital part of Right Sharing of World Resources' (RSWR) partnership with women's groups is self-esteem and empathy training, which strengthens a sense of self-worth and connections with others. These skills are foundational for the success of communities.

One such activity RSWR uses is the "Spider Web." In this exercise, a group sits in a circle with a ball of yarn. One woman tosses the yarn to another, sharing something she appreciates about her. As the yarn is passed, a web is created—each connection marked by kind words. Afterward, the group reflects on how it felt to give and receive compliments.



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The "Spider Web" helps participants recognize their own value and that of others. It encourages listening, empathy, and mutual support—qualities essential in group environments. Women who understand one another's emotions are more likely to collaborate, resolve conflicts peacefully, and build lasting support networks.

*Women from Olopa, Chiquimula, Guatemala implement the activity "The Web of Empathy." The goal is to create bonds of unity, teamwork, and connection within the women's group*

Self-esteem training like this boosts confidence, enabling women to make bold choices in life. When a woman sees her peers valuing her, she begins to value herself. And when she feels part of a shared web of care, she gains the courage to grow.

By including emotional development alongside other tools, RSWR ensures that community transformation is lasting and shared. When rooted in empathy, RSWR's partnerships become pathways not just to income—but to dignity, community, and change. We invite you to try the "Spider Web" exercise with your community and consider how it might shift your perspective on yourself and others.

### PARTNERING WITH WOMEN IN COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

WE ARE CALLED TO THE RIGHT SHARING OF WORLD RESOURCES, FROM THE BURDENS OF POVERTY AND MATERIALISM INTO THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S LOVE, TO WORK TOWARD EQUITY AND LIVES OF DIGNITY THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUR HUMAN FAMILY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

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## A Partner Spotlight: Kavitha

Kavitha, 42, has been married for 17 years and is a mother of two school-going children. Her marriage, a love match, was not accepted by her husband's family, and tensions remain. Her husband worked irregularly as a wage laborer in the vegetable market, and their financial situation was often unstable.

Concerned about her children's future, Kavitha took matters into her own hands. She began working six days a week at a local sweet manufacturing company, earning Rs.1,080 per week (\$12.56 USD). With this, she managed basic groceries and meals, but it wasn't enough to meet all the family's needs.

Her situation changed when she met Mrs. Jayakumari of the Jeyam Society, who introduced her to the RSWR revolving loan model. After training and joining a women's group, she received a Rs.10,000 (\$116.30 USD) loan. Kavitha bought spices in Madurai, packed them at home, and sold them in nearby villages.

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Kavitha stands in her juice shop in Ramanathapuram District, Tamil Nadu, India. With her own hard work and support from her group, Kavitha went from earning less than \$13 per week in a factory to earning over \$17 per day in her own business while employing others.

Gradually, she earned Rs.400–600 (\$4.65 - \$7.00 USD) a day.

With time and effort, she expanded her business, rented a shop, and hired another woman to help. She saved enough to start a juice and grocery store. Now, she earns around Rs.1,500 (\$17.45 USD) per day and continues to attend training sessions through the Jeyam Society, a RSWR partner.

Kavitha's story is one of resilience and determination. Through hard work and support, she created a stable life for her children and regained control of her future.



Kavitha is a member of the Jeyam Society in Tamil Nadu, India. The Jeyam Society is a past partner of RSWR and works for the welfare of Dalit and Tribal communities in Ramanathapuram District of Tamil Nadu. Mrs. Jayakumari, the founder of the NGO, has significant experience with women and community development programs. Jayem Society received one RSWR grant and completed the project in December 2022. The initial revolving fund has grown from 35 women to 180.

Women from the initial project with Jeyam Society in 2023

# RSWR Resources for You

Have you ever given thanks for your toilet?

How about your electricity?

What about your friends?

RSWR's recently released gratitude calendar, which is available in both adult and children's versions, encourages us all to think about and appreciate the many comforts and conveniences of modern life that we often take for granted. For every week there's a theme with a larger task on Sunday, small practices throughout the week, and ending with a reflection on Saturday.

Taking a few minutes each day to reflect on what you're thankful for—big or small—fosters a shared sense of joy. It helps children and adults alike recognize everyday blessings, encouraging empathy and optimism.

Explore this resource with your community today!



## GRATITUDE CALENDAR for KIDS!

Theme

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

|   | YOU!   | COMMUNITY   | MATERIAL NEEDS  | WIDER SOCIETY  | EARTH  |
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| ...for learning and education.<br>Spend 30 minutes doing something you are learning.                                    | ...for your feelings.<br>Tell someone what you are feeling.  | ...for mental clarity.<br>Spend 10 minutes sitting quietly.   | ...for joy!<br>Tell someone what you're excited about.  | ...for challenges.<br>What was a hard project or conversation that helped you learn?                           | ...for role models.<br>Who is someone that you've learned from? Thank them.  |
| ...for friends.<br>Talk to a friend you haven't talked to in a while.   | ...for fun and health.<br>Play a game with someone.  | ...for humour and laughter.<br>What's a recent joke or funny meme you've seen? Share it with someone who you know will laugh.   | ...for family.<br>Tell a family member or someone who feels like family why they are important to you.                      | ...for music.<br>Sing a song with someone (or to someone who wants to hear you sing).                          | ...for the ability to exercise.<br>Do something active with friends.   |
| ...for shelter.<br>Invite someone to your home for a visit or an overnight.   | ...for running water.<br>When did you use water yesterday? What would your life be like if you couldn't turn on the faucet?                    | ...for transportation.<br>How do you get places? What if you had fewer choices about how to travel?                             | ...for electricity.<br>How did you use electricity yesterday? What would your life be like without electricity?             | ...for healthy and nourishing food.<br>Help prepare a favorite meal with family.                               | ...heat and air conditioning.<br>Do you have heat in the winter? Air conditioning in the summer? What if you didn't?                                   |
| ...for the global community.<br>Learn about people in another country. What is similar to your life? What is different? | ...for civil servants.<br>Tell your mail carrier thank you – or write them a note.   | ...for the wisdom of age.<br>Tell someone who is a lot older than you how they have helped you or what you admire about them.   | ...for the next younger ones.<br>Tell someone who is younger than you how they have helped you or what you like about them. | ...for kindness.<br>Think of something kind that someone has done for you. Do something kind for someone else. | ...for audio and video calls.<br>Who do you talk with by phone or computer that you don't usually see in person?                                       |
| ...for a clean environment.<br>Go with your family to pick up trash on a walk together.                                 | ...for nature.<br>What is one thing/being you appreciate in nature (a tree, an animal, a river, etc.)? Do something good for that thing/being. | ...for reuse opportunities.<br>Instead of throwing something away, find someone who wants it OR find a different way to use it. | ...for sunsets.<br>Go outside and watch the sunset with someone else.   | ...for the seasons.<br>Tell someone what you like about the current season.                                    | ...for fresh food.<br>What's your favorite fruit or vegetable? Imagine and appreciate all the people who helped grow it and help get it to your house. |

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RSWR recently released an updated "Gratitude Calendar for Kids". This is a great daily reflection tool for your family to build a sense of abundance and gratitude.

## Power of Enough

Join Right Sharing of World Resources at Woolman Hill Retreat Center in Western Massachusetts from September 26-28 for an in-person "Power of Enough" workshop. Co-facilitators Traci Hjelt Sullivan and Jackie Stillwell will create space to explore the central query: How can we balance our use of time, energy, and "things," to free us for action to do God's work and to contribute to right order in our community? We'll explore this question in various ways, and by the end discern concrete actions in which this "power of enough" can manifest in our day to day lives.

Go to Woolman Hill's website to learn more: <https://woolmanhill.org/upcomingprograms/power-of-enough/>





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Melvin is a member of Tambua Sifa Women's Group in Vihiga County, Kenya. The mother of five children, Melvin operates a mobile market kiosk

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