



trifc.org newsletter

The mission of The Rose International Fund for Children (TRIFC) is to improve the lives of children in developing countries who have a disability, are orphaned or are disadvantaged. TRIFC raises funds through donations, grants, and hands-on fundraising activities. With the funds raised, we provide financial support to existing non-profit organizations in Nepal that share our goals and vision. Our focus is on providing support in the areas of education, medical needs, nutrition, facilities, and environment improvements. We participate in project planning, coordination, and implementation. In addition, we raise awareness of the living conditions of these children by documenting and publishing our project work. TRIFC believes in sharing resources with those less fortunate.

Sponsorship Update

We have added three new sponsored children at the Kathmandu School for the Deaf bringing our total to fourteen at the school and twenty-five overall. Ten of the children are from the Nandumaya Orphan Home, fourteen are from the School for the Deaf, and one- Basanta (pictured to the right) is being sponsored individually. Rob and Gina are looking forward to meeting all of the children on their upcoming visit, especially "Lovely" who is sponsored by Rob & Gina! Sponsors will be writing letters to their sponsored children for Rob and Gina to give to them on their visit in January/February. Rob will also be bringing back video and photos of the kids for their sponsors to see!

As 2007 draws to a close and we prepare to welcome in 2008, please consider a tax-deductible donation to TRIFC. Your generous contributions allow us to continue and expand our programs.



About Basanta Thapaliya

Basanta Thapaliya is 9 years of age and is sponsored by Tina Fineza, sister of Gina Rose. His mother died giving birth to his still-born sister and his father went into depression after this incident and he left home. No one knows where his father is. His aunt has been taking care of him but he only stays with her during the longer school holidays. It is a great burden financially on the aunt to care for him. Also, he has a brother aged six.

The school provided exercise books for him as they would do with students until grade three, but from class four onwards the children have to buy these things themselves. He is very interested in studying and he is the one to come earliest when called for class. I think it will be great to see this kid helped in nurturing his interest in learning. He has been using the old clothes of his colleagues and seniors and the staff have been helping him with the toothpaste, soap, towels, and other things with the help of other students staying at the hostel and their personal contribution, at times.

-Sanjeev Dahal
Sponsorship coordinator for Basanta

Congratulations to Sunita and Suramaya from DNC

This past summer, Sunita Dangi and Suramaya Shrestha from the Newlife Center for Children with Disabilities (DNC) received word that they had successfully passed their SLC exam (School Leaving Certificate), which is a crucial final exam before entering college. TRIFC would like to acknowledge their hard-work, outstanding accomplishments, and bright future as they have chosen to continue their education! TRIFC, through the generosity of one of our donors is proud to sponsor these two fine young women as they are the future of Nepal and higher education is their door to opportunity.

New TRIFC Board Members

The Board of Directors of TRIFC is pleased to announce the election of two additional directors to the board.



Amit Shrestha is the USA Controller for the Microsoft Corporation and has been a longtime friend, volunteer, and supporter of TRIFC. He lives in Redmond with his wife, Sabrina who is also volunteering. In addition to his sound advice in all matters Nepali and his expertise in the financial world, Amit has been a regular participant in our newsletter-stuffing parties!



Tsering Lama (pronounced: "churring") is a native Nepali who lives with his wife, Anne in West Seattle. Tsering was a trekking guide in Nepal when he met his wife-to-be, Anne on a trek he was guiding in 1996! He is proud to be a United States citizen and has lived in the USA for 7 years. He recently graduated with a degree from Seattle Central Community College. Like Amit, Tsering adds greatly to our efforts at TRIFC. His local-knowledge of Nepal and practical advice has been invaluable, his word is his bond, and his integrity unquestionable. Plus, he can sing Nepali songs and accompany himself on the guitar like a pro!

Our New Nepali Volunteer



Many of our readers may have met, or know of our new volunteer in Nepal, Nirmala Gyawali. Nirmala is a recent graduate of Colorado State University in Boulder, visiting from Nepal on a Fulbright Scholarship. Her degree is in Sociology and she is very interested in being of service to the 'differently-abled' in Nepal. Although she was born blind, she excels in whatever she undertakes and her dedication and determination are unparalleled! We are very fortunate to have Nirmala on the TRIFC team. If you would like to contact Nirmala, you can send her an email at: nirmalagyawali@yahoo.com Please reference TRIFC in your email and understand that she isn't able to access her email every day, so her reply may take a few days.



Rob & Gina's upcoming trip to Nepal 2008!

Rob and Gina are looking forward to their yearly trip to Nepal in January and February. Rob will be leaving in early January for a two-month visit and Gina will be arriving in mid-February with a group of Rotarians who will be visiting to partner with Nepali Rotarians on an exciting Rotary project to help the 'differently-abled'. Over twenty Rotarians and spouses/family members are preparing for the ten-day visit. Rob & Gina will return the second week of March after visiting all of our partner organizations and projects. You can keep up with their travels through Rob's trip-blog which will be posted on our trifc.org website during the trip.

Registered Logo

We are pleased to report that Catherine Maxon is working to legally register our new logo. Catherine is with the law firm Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, well-known for helping small non-profits like ours get up and running in the best possible manner. Our thanks go out to Catherine for the pro-bono work. Also, thanks to Brian Todd of DWT for referring Catherine!