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The Rose International Fund for Children

Fostering Hope, Compassion,
and Opportunity for
Individuals with
Disability in Nepal

Summer 2012



Upcoming Events

Sept. 22 **SAVE THE DATE**
2012 TRIFC Dinner
Fundraiser: 6-9pm



Nov. 13-28 Trek to Annapurna Base
Camp



DHC, one year later

In November 2011, TRIFC added a couple of homes to our roster of projects – Disabled Rehabilitation Center (DRC) and Disabled Children New Life Center (DHCNLC). Both homes are located in Kathmandu valley and serve disabled and disadvantaged children from different parts of Nepal.

In December, TRIFC partnered with the Jolkona Foundation to raise funds for secondary education for DHCNLC. We are happy to report that we were able to meet our funding goal for this school year. The children residing in the home continue to excel in their studies and five of them will soon be taking the School Leaving Certificate examination, which marks the completion of their mandatory secondary education. After passing the SLC, they will move onto college. As with our project homes, we will continue to fundraise for their education and other needs.

Want to trek to Annapurna Base Camp?

Trek 13,000 feet above sea level to witness the majestic Himalayan Mountain peaks on a guided tour, complete with accommodations, meals, park fees, flight arrangements, and sightseeing. Contact Gina Rose at info@trifc.org for more information.



Camping with 32 Kids in Nepal

Can you imagine taking 32 children camping? In Nepal? TRIFC can and did this past May.

Just 45 minutes outside Kathmandu is the scenic town of Dhulikhel, and in early May of this year, TRIFC volunteers descended upon this spot to prepare for the 32 children from the Disabled Newlife Center who would soon be joining them. As our Sherpa helpers and Everest Express Travel staff set up tents and began to cook lunch, the Rotary volunteers helped set-up games and logistics. We

brought balls and games, but the biggest hit at the park was the face-painting set brought by Doug and Sonja Kyes from the Renton Rotary Club. An artist by trade, Doug set up his paints, and within five minutes, there was a long line of kids awaiting his talented brushes. When Doug began to tire, 15-year-old DNC resident Puskar Magar took over. After a delicious Nepali lunch, the kids made pillows to bring home

with them. A fun and easy project, these pillows will also serve as great souvenirs. After finding the park's sound system, we put on Nepali music, and everyone danced until dinnertime. Following dinner, the sun began to set, and the children headed to their tents. Special thanks goes out to all who funded and helped prepare for this TRIFC-sponsored trip.

DNC's Puste attending college

Puste was born without his right hip and leg, and his left leg is shortened, as he has no thighbone. He is also missing two fingers on his right hand. But none of these disabilities have stopped Puste from flourishing at the DNC and becoming a talented artist. When Puste first came to the

DNC, he was unable to walk and wasn't attending school because his parents were ashamed of his physical abnormalities. With the use of a crutch, Puste is now mobile and enjoys participating in sports. He passed his School Learning Certificate (SLC) in first division and is now



attending Shrijana Art College and studying computer animation at Maya Academy.



Sima and Sagar transfer schools

Sima Tamang and Sagar Lama are now attending Laboratory School in Kathmandu. They are studying in the blind/visually-impaired (BVI) program and are being looked after by our TRIFC volunteer, Sita Gyawali, who teaches at the school.



This is a wonderful opportunity for Sima and Sagar as the learning environment at the school is one of the best in Nepal for BVI children. Both children are bright and inquisitive and are flourishing in their new environment. This transfer was made possible by donations from Rob and Gina Rose, Charlotte Ellis, Emilie Knutson, and the organization "Send Girls to School."



Deaf Women's Empowerment Group

Creating Bonds While Crafting Cards

The Deaf Women's Empowerment Group began in 2011, with the primary goal of developing community amongst deaf women in Kathmandu. The group meets bi-monthly to make embroidered greeting cards. Happily, the organization is continuing to attract new members. In our April 2012 meeting, we had four new women.

Our members have worked hard to improve their card-making skills, and now the women relish getting together every other week to share stories of their lives and work on new patterns and stitches. We're pleased to see how much the women have bonded after only one short year together.

We are marketing the cards at the Hotel Excelsior in Thamel, Nepal with a Nepali Rotarian through his non-profit organization. Here in the U.S., cards are sold in bulk at wholesale price to groups or individuals for fundraisers and to retailers. Cards are also available for personal use with a package of 5 for \$20.

We will be participating in the Local Fair Trade craft bazaars in autumn. Our application to become a member of the Fair Trade Federation is in progress, and we hope to be fully accredited by September. This designation will provide many larger venue opportunities as we market our products to benefit TRIFC programs.



Thank you for supporting The Rose International Fund for Children. We hope these updates have provided you with an understanding about the great strides our organization has undertaken this year. If you would like to participate in any of these ongoing programs, please contact Rob Rose at info@trifc.org.

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