

Newsletter #13 January 2017

Happy New Year To All Of Our Supporters!

We are very excited to have our new logo & expect our revamped website to be live next week, so check it out! We are looking forward to it!

Scholarship Program News.

It has been a busy few weeks for our scholarship students who have been completing exams. We are pleased to report that Manju, our law student, was chosen to act as master of ceremonies of a 16 day program 'Against violence to Women' & to also represent her class level in a recent speaking competition. We are very proud of this amazing young woman. (Manju in middle of photo left of logo)



The other students are all doing well, with 3 of them about to embark on the second year of their studies. Two of the students, Bishal & Sandeep, have moved to a better hostel & Manju is planning to move to the newly constructed women's hostel on the university campus as soon as it is completed. Exciting times for them! This year we plan to feature a news report from each student!

Allocating Our Funds!

Over the past few weeks we have funded several additional requests from the students. These have included extra winter blankets & educational trips for the 3 students completing their final year of high school.



Anjana, pictured on her trip, requested funding for a 3-day school trip to Chitwan National Park, which was part of her sociology practical exam. She enjoyed this trip very much!

Bhanu & Ganesh, who both wish to study hotel management, have requested funding for a 3-day school trip to Pokhara, where they will learn about running a hotel & local village food.

Thanks to your support we have been able to fund these extra requests, & provide these life changing educational excursions for these young people.

Thanks also to Bhim our education manager, who helps us navigate our way through all of the issues & last minute requests to support these students. Without him nothing would happen!

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2017 Committee Member Nepal Visits

Lynne Rawson, our intrepid fundraising chairperson, will be travelling to Nepal in February. While she is there she will check on all of the student's welfare & progress & help our high school students make decisions about their futures when school finishes in May. She plans to visit the Orphanage & DRMIS school & discuss future scholarship applicants with management. She will also research hostel options & interview possible Nepali mentors for the students. She has limited luggage but will manage to carry several donated handknitted beanies & other warm items & a laptop or 2!

We hope that Lynne will be able to bring some of our art student Sandeep's art works (see fox sketch) for sale or to use to make greeting cards for us to sell!

Ainsley & Denise are also planning a follow up trip in late May, to consolidate Lynne's work & provide further support to the students.



Fundraising.

Our first fundraiser will be the new Australian movie 'Jasper Jones' on Thursday March 2 at Capri Theatre, Goodwood.

Tickets are \$20 & include wine, beer or soft drink on arrival.



JASPER JONES is a riveting and moving Australian coming of age story about Charlie Bucktin, a bookish boy of 14. On the night that Jasper Jones, the town's mixed race outcast shows him the dead body of young Laura Wiseheart, his life is changed forever. Entrusted with this secret, and believing Jasper to be innocent, Charlie embarks on a dangerous journey to find the killer. Set over the scorching summer holidays of 1965, Charlie defeats the local racists, faces the break up of his parents and falls head over heels in love as he discovers what it means to be truly courageous.

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Trash & Treasure- We will hold this event in March – details to follow!

Coming Events.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in June 2017 – details to follow

Gala Dinner & Silent Auction is planned for August with a new format this year! (TBA)

Sponsor Appreciation Function - We haven't forgotten you & will announce details shortly! Fitting around schedules is proving difficult!

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Meet Sanjeev Bishwokarma.

Sanjeev has just begun the second year of his IT scholarship. We would like to thank the Children's Future Fund, a group of young German humanitarians, for their generous support in paying his second year course fees.

Sanjeev has assumed extra responsibilities this year, assisting Bhim with banking issues & acting as team leader for the scholarship students. Here is his report!



Hi everyone,

I am Sanjeev B.K. and I am currently studying IT at Softwarica College of IT and e-commerce via the support of scholarship program run by FONAI (Friends of Nepal Adelaide). I feel very lucky that I got the opportunity to study the subject of my interest which wouldn't have been possible without your help and support. So, I am very much thankful to you all for supporting us.

Recently I finished my first year and I did the exam well and the result is yet to come.

The first year was pretty awesome. We learned many things. At first it was quite difficult since the way of teaching and learning was quite different since it was the university level education. Slowly we got used to it and now it's normal. The teaching and learning style is completely different from the traditional way of our country. It is based more on research and self-studies rather than theoretical lectures given by the tutors which is common in our country. And also, friends are so friendly and helpful.

During my +2 study I didn't have much friend so never expected to get such friends in my university. They are always there to help me when I am in trouble and I am also always there for them. We sometimes go to visit places around the valley and enjoy the moment. We are familiar with their family as well. Sometimes we go to their house and stay the night and sometimes they come to ours. We are more like family then friends and I am very happy that I got such friends in the university.

Now, we are starting class from December 15 of second year and I am sure it will also be memorable year. Many of my friends will be going abroad for the further study which is a sad thing that we will have to be apart, despite that we will be in touch. Also, the course is getting much difficult this year and have to work hard and obviously I will work hard and achieve the best result.

Lastly, thank u everyone for your help and support and I feel lucky and privileged to be a part of this big family of ours.

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