

Newsletter January 2018

Happy New Year To All Of Our Supporters!

Scholarship Program News.

It has been a busy few weeks for our scholarship students who have recently completed their second semester exams. We are pleased to report that all doing well, despite a few medical issues which we believe are linked to early malnutrition. Some are now enjoying a 10-day winter break. It's freezing in Kathmandu. We have received several student reports which we will share with you over the next few months. Anjana's is attached!

We need Sponsors!

We are currently planning for students who will complete their current courses in or shortly after June 2018. We are desperately seeking more sponsors to help us support their dreams. If you know of anyone who would like to sponsor a young person through graduate studies please let us know. The students are from the Dalit or lowest caste & getting higher educational qualifications can help them break the cycle of discrimination & poverty still prevalent in Nepal's caste system.

2017 Committee Member Nepal Visits

Lynne Rawson, our intrepid fundraising chairperson, recently travelled to Nepal with her family & managed to survive a trekking 'holiday' despite battling altitude sickness! Brave lady!

A highlight for her was meeting Nirmala, a member of our management team NGO, & mentor for Anjana our fashion design student. Nirmala is providing a dressmaking traineeship for Anjana who goes straight to work in her shop after college. Anjana is learning many seamstress skills which will be of great use to her in her future. In return Anjana is sharing her designs & teaching Nirmala English!



Lynne also returned with 4 more beautiful pieces of art work by Sandeep which we are currently having framed for future sale.

One, a black & white sketch, is pictured!
Thankyou Sandeep!

Lynne also managed to meet with our management team & assist them with some administration.



Lynne & her family hosted a Christmas party for the team, our students & other supporters.
Great fun was had by all!

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2018 Fundraising.

Our first fundraiser is the English comedy movie 'Finding your Feet'
Wednesday Feb 28 . Capri Theatre, 141 Goodwood Rd., Goodwood.
 It stars Joanna Lumley & Timothy Spall.



'On the eve of retirement a middle class, judgmental snob discovers her husband has been having an affair with her best friend and is forced into exile with her bohemian sister who lives on an impoverished inner-city council estate'

Arrival time 5.30 for a 6.30 showing!

Tickets are \$25 adult, \$15 child & include wine, beer or soft drink & nibbles on arrival.

There will be a raffle & a Nepali artefact stall with Eftpos facilities for the big spenders!

<https://www.trybooking.com/344222>



****Please bring printed copy of tickets on the night****

Rotary Conference Barossa Showcase

March 23-25 2018

FONAI enjoys tremendous support from the Rotary movement & we are very proud to announce that we have been chosen to be one of the NGO's participating in the "Showcase" at this inspirational event.



Please come & visit us to learn more about our scholarship program & about the other programs we have supported & are currently supporting in Nepal. We look forward to sharing our stories about the amazing CDS SEEP (Self Employment through Education) program, a Rotaract prison library program we have partnered with local Rotary clubs & South Pacific School Aid to support & more!

Thanks again to Rotary for this wonderful opportunity to showcase our programs & our work!

Congratulations to our new committee member Bernie Jarvis on becoming a proud member of the Rotary Club of Seaford, the third Rotarian on our small committee!

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Outreach programs.

Partnerships Child Development Society

In 2017 FONAI became involved in several projects in Nepal. These included facilitating funds to the SEEP program run by the Child Development Society (CDS) in Nepal. This amazing program aims to lift families in very poor & high human trafficking & child labour districts, out of poverty by educating illiterate women to become small business owners.



SEEP Facilitator training

This enables them to keep their children in school & not force them to work in the brick kilns. The program has amazing results which we were able to see first hand on our visits. FONAI receives 3-month narrative reports of this program which we can share with you on request.

Future Plans

FONAI has been busy applying for grants & if we are successful in this & in securing more sponsorship, we hope to expand our scholarship program to support young girls recommended by CDS to continue their education. http://cds.org.np/post/post_details/36

South Pacific School School Aid



FONAI has been working closely with SPSA over the past 12 months to facilitate book shipments to Nepal. In August 2017 we successfully sent 3-pallets of books to build a community library for the Chelsea Foundation.

We are very proud to announce that we are facilitating a second 4-pallet shipment in 2018! The shipment which includes books, stationary & science equipment donated to Prem Oli & SAB schools by Pulteney Grammar & Unley High School, during his recent visit, will benefit 5 significant projects.

- Rotaract Club of Dillibazar Prison Library Project
- Canopy Nepal – Community & home work study library
- SAB schools
- David Rajan International Memorial School – class supplies & books
- Social Work College – resource library (project of Sanjeev Dahal)



FONAI is very proud to be able to facilitate this project but we could not have achieved this without the support of the following. A big thankyou to you all for your generosity.

- Rotary Club of Adelaide \$1,000
- RAWCS \$1,000
- Rotary Club of Blackwood & Brownhill Creek combined meeting \$476.80
- Lindsay Bowey donations to SAB school
- Rotary Club of Blackwood \$530 – a very generous donation to cover the costs of 1 pallet!

And a BIG thankyou to the wonderful volunteers at SPSA who donate, sort & pack the books!

Packing has already started & will resume Feb 2018, for a March shipment date!

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Please enjoy Anjana's report!



Anjana (19 years) Current program: Diploma of Fashion Design
IEC College

I'm Anjana , who has just completed +2 from Reliance Int'l Academy. After the completion of my +2, I researched about the courses for my gap period. Then, I got the chance to join IEC family for 15 months to carry on my Diploma in Fashion Designing course. Now a days I'm busy with my classes that I've enrolled in. I feel more determined and focused after joining IEC. They've given me more knowledge to

explore my hidden talent. Therefore, I'm really happy with my choice and program and this is all I asked for.

Besides my classes, I'm doing my internship at boutique where I've gained new skills about tailoring. I work there after my class till 5:00 pm and that's what makes me busy right now. It gives me extra knowledge to explore my knowledge related my course and tries to learn more about local and traditional Nepalese clothes which is really needed for a professional designer. Also, I took part in internal fashion designing contest which



was organized by IEC where I got the title of "Upcoming Designer" among 200 plus contestant. This is the beginning of my life there's lot to do in coming future. I look forward to complete my internship through which I will be able to work as a designer. Also, I will be learning about the tailoring and designing concepts.

In last four months there were lots of things happened in my life. Among them all I will consider my "Upcoming Designer" title as one of the biggest achievement. It has build up my confidence to be more conscious about my designer career. Life is all about ups and downs but Ive challenged myself to knock this all out with my hopes and dreams. Therefore, I'm happy what I'm doing and will be always.

Education is the key to success where knowledge will makes me more powerful and unstoppable. Including this all, I have my genuine request about my bachelor program. I really want to graduate with my bachelor's degree to stand up on my own two feet. So that, I will be able to create a bright future .

At last, I really want to thank all of my sponsors from the bottom of my heart. You are the people who inspire me in my every situation. I will always make you proud with my dedication and kind heart that has been provided by you all. Love always wins and hope one day I'll be able to give you all back as much as you've given me.

Thank you! Yours sincerely, Anjana