

Newsletter December 2019



Dear supporters!

Merry Christmas & best wishes to you all for a happy & healthy New Year. We wish to thank you for your continued support of our programs. We could not achieve anything without your encouragement & support.

FESSHIP - Scholarship Program Update

We have been pleased to welcome 7 new students to our scholarship program & are now proudly sponsoring a total of 14 students to complete either senior secondary or post secondary studies. Continuing graduate students include Anjana, second year of her Bachelor of Fashion Design, Bishal, final year of his Bachelor of Business Studies & Bijay, currently completing the final internship requirements for his Diploma of Cooking. Shrinkhala & Sushant are completing year 10 & year 12, Hem & Prachandra are due to start university studies shortly & Saugat is now in his second year of a Bachelor in Developmental Finance.

We are delighted that we have surpassed our program gender equity goal as we now have 8 girls & 6 boys on scholarship! Six of our new scholars are completing senior secondary or post secondary studies majoring in nursing. Sajina (pictured) has just started her Diploma of Nursing.



Self Employment through Education Program Update.

FONAI recently facilitated funding support for two new SEEP programs in Kavre district in Nepal. Fifty women are currently attending literacy & numeracy classes & information sessions have also been held to raise their awareness of child labour, child marriage, child rights and child friendly local governance.



Fundraising.

A big thank you to all who attended our annual Gala Fundraising Dinner & Auction at Taste of Himalayas last month. Thanks to your generosity over \$9,500 was raised on this night! We raised another \$1300 at the Rotary Club of Blackwood Christmas Fair on 10 November. We will have our final fundraising stall at the Montessori Children's Centre Twilight Picnic at McLaren Vale on 12 Dec.

We thank everyone who supported us in so many ways this year! This support has enabled us to expand the scholarship program to reach more significantly disadvantaged young people in Nepal. We really appreciate you all!

