

## Newsletter December 2021

### Namaste! Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!

We have made it successfully through another challenging year! We wish to thank all of our supporters for their ongoing sponsorship & generosity which has enabled us to sustain our scholarship program & provide much needed funding for other COVID19 projects to help the people of Nepal. We could not achieve anything without your support & we really appreciate it. Thanks also to our hardworking Nepali team who have mentored & supported the students through many difficult situations.

### FESSHIP - Scholarship Program Update

Nepalis have resumed normal lives & tourism has reopened. We are pleased to report that all of our students have resumed their face to face studies & most have done extremely well in their latest exams. Saugat, a visually impaired student, recently secured an internship at a bank, enabling him to meet the practical requirements of his almost completed Bachelor in Developmental Finance. Our team worked very hard to get this positive outcome for Saugat & we are very proud for them all.

We are also proud to welcome to two new female scholars to our FESSHIP family both of whom are completing Year 11 &, for the first time, come from outside the Kathmandu Valley!

We were able to offer these additional scholarships due to an unexpected generous donation & our management team has selected these girls, who were at risk of dropping out, to receive much needed funding to complete their higher education. The donation is also supporting Canopy to implement valuable workshops for female students to encourage & inspire them to stay in school. Thanks to all concerned who have made this possible.



### Thankyou & Farewell.

#### The Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek.

This month we farewell two major donors of our scholarship program. Firstly, the Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek, with whom we have enjoyed a close relationship since 2013 when we began fundraising to build the school at DMUK orphanage & established a scholarship program for children to attend it.

Brownhill Creek Rotarians have been long term student sponsors & we are signatories to the RAWCS SEEP program established by the club.

We were extremely humbled to be the recipients of the generous donation of \$5,000 from the Club funds as they finalised their accounts for the disbanding of the club.

This donation ensures the sustainability of our program over the next 18 months.

Thanks Malcolm & all the members of the club. You will all be missed.

We are delighted that the Rotary Club of Mitcham is taking over the club's Nepali projects & look forward to a close relationship with them also.



## Cherilyn Fleming

Cherilyn has been selling second hand books at the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay Goolwa & Port Eliot markets for the past few years. Her hard work has raised over \$10,000 for our scholarship program, an amazing effort from one person. We thank Cherilyn for her dedication & support & wish her well in her other volunteering projects. Cherilyn, who does not like her photo taken, is pictured here with Hilary Flynn at an AGM, where we recognised them for their efforts.



## Self Employment through Education Program Update.

We are still waiting the final report from the Child Development Society for the program we have been supporting which was deferred until October 2021 due to COVID 19 restrictions.

## Fundraising.

**The Gin for Good** fundraiser has concluded successfully thanks to the generosity of Ainsley & Sharon from Montessori Children's Centre & Jock & Emily Harvey. Final figures are not yet available & we thank everyone who bought a bottle from us.

The wine from the wine drive will be available shortly also.



A big thankyou to Hilary Flynn, her friend Bronwyn, Jan & Bob Arnold & the many donors who provide craft, jam & other items for sale for us. It's amazing how much we raise from your generosity. Best wishes to Bob Arnold also as he has not been well.

**Urrbrae Farm Market Dec 4** – come & see us this Saturday morning at our final market for 2021. We have lots of beautiful Christmas items & marmalade jam for your gift giving needs!



**We wish you all a safe, happy & healthy holiday season.**

