

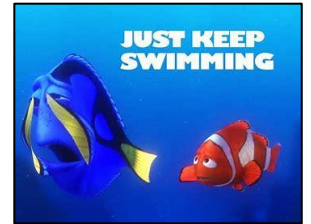
Newsletter July 2021

Namaste!

It's been a busy & challenging, but ultimately rewarding year, for our small group & it's many projects!

Here's a quick up date on our activities as we begin the second year of our current partnership agreement with Canopy Nepal to manage our scholarship program.

The situation in Nepal remains serious. Kathmandu is in partial lockdown with schools & colleges still closed. Our team continues to monitor and support our students and their families who are in their villages.



FESSHIP Program Report.

Four of our students are known to have had COVID. Sushant (17 years) has been the most seriously impacted. His village is 4 hours from a medical centre, is locked down & has intermittent internet access. Our manager Deekshak was tireless in his efforts to help Sushant & was able to get reliable medical advice to him by phone. Sushant continues to recover in isolation at his home. Other students are continuing their studies online, with regular & much valued support from our wonderful team.



Self Employment through Education Program Update.

Completion of the current SEEP program has been deferred during lockdown & we are waiting further further updates from CDS in Nepal.

COVID Relief Projects

We thank everyone who supported our recent urgent COVID relief programs. Thanks to your amazing generosity we have disbursed \$3,000 to the Medical Kit Program managed by Cocina Mittho Cha (project now closed) & \$15,000 to the COVID Infection Clinic facilitated by the Rotary Club of Dilibazaar. (project ongoing)

We exceeded our original target of \$15,000 & have been able to fund more nurses to work in the Clinic.

The CIC will revert to a hospital after the pandemic which is wonderful news for the families in the area. The support has been greatly appreciated in Nepal.

Here is Rotarian & project coordinator Samjhana's latest report! She is pictured handing over the first cheque!



'We Rotarians from RC Dillibazar are highly impressed and thankful by the team efforts of friends of FONAI. It not only made us feel gratitude but has extended kindness, love, care and support to the newly jointly established Covid Isolation Center of 25 beds at Maitidevi, Ratopul in partnership with Ward 30 Office. The CIC is providing very good services to the patients.'



Fundraising

Coming soon **'Gin for Good!'** project. We expect this project to be very popular! We have received amazing support from incredibly generous donors & great collaboration with our management team in Nepal has resulted in them designing our beautiful labels. Details will be available shortly from committee members.



Rotary Club of Blackwood Art Show – FONAI has been chosen as the featured charity this year & Nepali artefacts, marmalade jam & other goods will be available for purchase for the duration.

Thanks to chairperson Lyn Muller & fellow Rotarians for the ongoing support!

Urrbrae Farm Market

Our next planned market is Aug 7 2021, weather permitting!



Mark your calendar

- **AGM – Change of date & venue!** See below!
- Saturday Nov 6 2021 Gala Fundraising Dinner 'A Taste of the Himalayas.'



Thursday August 12 2021
Venue: Taste of the Himalayas
489 Brighton Rd., Brighton 5048
Time: Arrival 6.30 for 7 pm

A G E N D A

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Chairperson's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Office Bearers
6. Appointment of Auditor
7. General Business

Join us for a delicious Nepalese meal after the formalities conclude
\$35 per head BYO or bar service available.
Bookings essential
RSVP Denise 0414358106 by Monday August 5th 2021