



Friends of Nepal - Adelaide Inc.

Proud Supporters of Socio-Economic Empowerment through Education.

Winter Newsletter May 2021

Namaste!

We have been busy planning fundraising activities as you can see below!

The need is great as Nepal has entered a second lockdown and all schools and colleges have moved to online classes.

Thanks to the Canopy team Digital Hub project all FESSHIP students have access to laptops and should be able to continue their studies online.

We thank our team for their foresight and perseverance in designing and completing this digital learning project.

Nepal Update

The situation in Nepal is extremely serious. Kathmandu has entered its second major lockdown after experiencing a rapid escalation in COVID 19 cases. Our team has worked very hard to return all students safely to their villages for the duration of the lockdown and will continue to monitor and support them and their families during this challenging period.



FESSHIP Program Report.

All of our students had resumed their studies and were doing well. We have attached Shrinkhala's 2020 report to the newsletter. It gives a clear insight into the challenges she and her family faced and we are very proud that she managed to do so well in her studies. We hope she can resume her face to face studies soon.

Thankyou to Deekshak and the team for continuing to provide financial and emotional support to these young people who have suffered so much over the past 18 months. We really appreciate all you do for the students.

Self Employment through Education Program Update.

Completion of the current SEEP program has been deferred until May 2021.

Fundraising.

We are proud to announce our first movie fundraising event for 2021. (Flyer attached) We will be hosting one of the limited cinema releases of the amazing award winning documentary **'We Don't Deserve Dogs'** at Mitcham Cinemas on Sunday May 23 at 4 pm. You will be able to see how Nepali's celebrate dogs on their special day!

This movie will appeal to all animal lovers and we are very much looking forward to seeing these beautiful dogs on the big screen. The documentary was made by two young and very talented Adelaide filmmakers. Bookings now open!

Saturday May 1 Urrbrae farmer's market – 8-12 noon.

Come and say hello! We have lots of beautiful Mother's day items available thanks to the generosity of long time supporter Hilary and her friend Bronwyn. We really appreciate your efforts.

Mark your calendar

- Gala Dinner 'A Taste of the Himalayas.' Saturday Nov 6 2021
- AGM – Wednesday 11/8/21 7.00 pm at Namaste, George St Parkside

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Please join us at 2021 Movie Fundraiser



**SUNDAY MAY 23 2021 at 4pm at
WALLIS CINEMA - Mitcham Shopping Centre**

'We Don't Deserve Dogs' is a contemplative odyssey across our planet looking at the simple but extraordinary ways dogs influence our daily lives. This award winning film is the work of two very talented young South Australian filmmakers.

Bookings essential

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

Adults \$25 - All adult tickets go into the raffle draw for a chance to win many exciting prizes.

Students and Children (under 12) \$15

Funds raised will go directly to support students to continue their education.

Shrinkhala aged 18 years – Annual Report.

Shrinkhala is studying a Bachelor of Business Studies. She has been a FESSHIP scholar since July 2018. Shrinkhala was awarded Scholarship A, course fees and associated costs. Less than 25% of women in Nepal are enrolled in higher education (2018 Borgen project) and with your generous support we are very proud to be able to continue to assist Shrinkhala to realise her dream.

2020 FESSHIP Annual Scholarship Review

It was the year of 2020, March when the world suffered from the pandemic of covid-19. It affected Nepal, too. Then the Nepal government decided to Lockdown. The lockdown continued for 8 long months. In that period of time, I was preparing for my +2 board but suddenly it got postponed because of the pandemic. But, then virtual classes started. I attended most of the classes. In the meantime, while staying at home, I spent my time staying close to my family while stayed virtually connected with my friends. At home, I spent my time watching shows and eating many delicious foods. I also attended every meeting organized by Canopy where I was always motivated and supported.



Because of the pandemic, many people lost their jobs of which my family also became its victim. My father as well as my sister lost their jobs because of the lockdown. So, the time was very challenging to us emotionally and financially. I however, received help from Canopy and it was really hard to sustain in its single help. Slowly, after few months, the lockdown eventually got lighter. The system of odd/even vehicle got started. So, my father got his job back. The situation at house became a little good. After 8 months of lockdown, the situation got normal. Also, my sister interviewed for new online job and got selected. Finally, our board exam was decided and I did well. I scored good grades for which I was congratulated by my family, friends, relatives as well as from Canopy.

Then, I started to look for college to continue my study. Meetings in Canopy also got started in live. I was selected as a volunteer for Canopy along with another member from there. Life went back to normal. After a long research, I chose a well reputed college and went there to know about it in detail. The name of the college is Kathmandu Model College which is also known as KMC, located at Bagbazar, Kathmandu, Nepal. I went there with my father. Also, Deekshak sir from Canopy went there by himself and talked about the fee structure. I am now admitted to this college and today, 19th April, 2021, it was my second day there.

I am now truly happy and content. I am really grateful towards Canopy and its team for being there in such hard time and helping us in every possible way. I look forward to do well in my college and get Bachelor's degree.

***This report was written before full lockdown was imposed. (29/4/21)
Shrinkhala is no longer able to attend face to face classes but is learning online.***