

NEWSLETTER JULY 2014

Enjoy!



Children waiting in line to wash their hands before their lunch at Triple Gem School

INVITATION! AUCTION OF PROMISES – 3RD OCTOBER 2014 AT CRANLEIGH VILLAGE HALL

This is our main fundraising event for 2014 and we hope you will come along and enjoy a great evening. There will be a two-course supper with wine. We have entertainment and an amazing auction. To name four of the ‘money cannot buy’ auction items.....

Cocktails for four at the fabulous ‘One Aldwych’ with Joanna Lumley (our patron)

Winner of Masterchef 2013, Steven Edwards will plan and cook dinner in your own home for up to 10 people

Dinner in the House of Lords with an Earl!

A week in a fabulous house in Koh Samui

There will also be a silent auction
Tables are for 8 people – £20 per person
Please contact barbaradat@aol.com to reserve your table!

C.H.A.N.C.E. 100 CLUB

We are currently running at 95 members. We need **100!!!** With 100 members we raise £6,000 of which £3,000 is paid out in prize money and £3,000 goes directly to fund our projects. For just £5 per month by standing order or a one off cheque of £60 for the year, you too can make a difference to the lives of many children in Nepal. If you would like to come on board, please email: barbaradat@aol.com.

1st prize - £120 - 2nd prize - £80 - 3rd prize - £50

The draw takes place at Cranleigh Golf and Leisure Club, Cranleigh, on the first Monday of each month.
The results are published on our website.

QUIZ NIGHTS

Our Quiz nights continue to be a great success and raise between £200 – £300 per quiz for a specific project in Nepal. Jane and Brian, the landlords at *The Keep in Guildford* do a sterling job in hosting the quiz which is held every other month on a Thursday evening at 8.00pm. We are always happy to see new faces at these fun evenings. The cost to participate is £5 per person. Teams are for four or six people and there is a generous complimentary cheese and pate board with French bread and pickles provided for each table. There is also a raffle.

If you would like to enter a team or need further information, please email [**barbaradat@aol.com**](mailto:barbaradat@aol.com)

Our next quiz night is on Thursday 24th July.

UPDATE ON OUR PROJECTS IN NEPAL

HEALTH

We continue our vital work with Burn Victim Support (BVS). There are many appalling and truly heartbreaking cases. Frustratingly, many could be prevented. Open fires in the home where a baby or small child is left unattended, for just a few moments, can mean the difference between life and death! Large pots of water put on to boil, everyone in one room, mother attending to another child and the consequences can be tragic.

BIR HOSPITAL In June there was the appalling case of Chanda. Her brother-in-law doused a room with petrol, locked the door with his two nephews, Riyajul aged 3, Rihan aged 10 months and his niece, Mariyam aged 5 inside and set it on fire because of a financial dispute with his brother. Chanda was badly burned whilst she tried to rescue her children. After four days, Riyal who had 30% burn injures died. Mariyam died after two weeks of treatment. The children had inhaled large amounts of toxic petrol fumes. Chandra is slowly recovering with her baby Rihan. The staffs in the unit were naturally traumatized by this appalling event.

Then there is Rihanna, whose husband and mother-in-law felt she had not brought sufficient dowry into the marriage. After being married a year the husband decided he wanted a new motorbike. Because his wife was not able to help financially he set her alight and she suffered horrendous burns to her lower body. She was 19 and 7 months pregnant. Sadly, she lost her baby and is still being treated at the burns unit at the Bir Hospital. Her father had to sell his four goats, his livelihood, to fund Rihanna's medical costs.



Rihanna

I told this tragic story to a dear friend who in turn went on to fund raise for Rihanna and her family and raised a fantastic £510 primarily for the father to replace his four goats. There is enough left over to help Rihanna start a small business back in her village.

We continue with the VITAL physiotherapy and counselling 4 times a week on the unit. In the case of Rihanna and Chanda, both have benefited greatly from this service, which will continue in helping them get her life back together. Rihanna is due to leave the unit during July.

The 'Goody Bag' project, including a high calorie weekly food basket and 100% funded by C.H.A.N.C.E, continues to bring a smile to every child coming onto the burns unit at the Kanti along with a high calorie food basket. Children need two and a half times their usual calorie intake to aid a speedy recovery from burns.

SKIN GRAFTS The Herrod Foundation continues their support through C.H.A.N.C.E for skin graft operations at the Kanti Children's Hospital and Aspiyal Hospital. Twenty children have benefited from their donation in the first half of this year.



Sushmita Shrestha is 3 years old and suffered 15% burns to his body. His family have a small doughnut shop and were heating up some oil to fry doughnuts. Sushmita picked up a stick and poked it in the hot oil! The next thing, the vessel tipped over and he got burned. He was rushed to a local hospital, and the next day was transferred to the specialist burns unit at the Kanti Children's Hospital. He is recovering well as you can see riding in his sports car!



This is Arun Thapa aged two and a half. His parents were boiling water to clean an animal which was to be sacrificed, and the vessel tipped over and Arun received 10% burns to his body. He is recovering well in the Kanti. In front of him is a nutritional food basket every child receives on the ward.

These are not isolated cases, they happen all too frequently. When I am there in November I will look to supporting a campaign for a trained person, versed in the dangers of open fires and factory accidents, to go to outlying regions to educate the village people and give talks in the village school about how to protect themselves from these all too often, could be avoided accidents.

EDUCATION

We are currently supporting a milk programme for the nursery and kindergarten classes at both the Triple Gem and Pegasus English School in Kathmandu as well as providing educational materials for these schools.





Children in the kindergarten at Pegasus School enjoying the Montessori teaching aids we funded in 2010, which are still going strong!

Children at both Pegasus and Triple Gem Schools receive a daily cup of warm milk for the nursery and kindergarten classes.

SHREE SECONDARY SCHOOL – CHITWAN

We are now entering our third year at Shree Secondary School in Chitwan. Our ‘Tiffin’ lunch programme is going well. The children receive Dhal Bat, with the addition of eggs or fruit and milk for the nursery and kindergarten children.

In the first three months of this year we funded a teacher to go on a three month Montessori teacher training course to enhance her teachings skills. She is now implementing this training in her every day teaching of the children. We also supplied teaching materials to the nursery and kindergarten classes in the first quarter of this year.



Kindergarten children at Shree School

STREET CHILDREN

PAPA'S HOME



Lunch at Papa's Home

We continue to fund the food bill for Papa's Home which is the main project of Volunteer Foundation Nepal (VFN). This organization was established in 2010. Lalit offers short term and emergency shelter as well as long-term accommodation for child victims of natural disaster and conflict as well as orphaned and abused children. He and his wife are currently offering a caring and loving family environment to 22 children plus his own two children and the child of the cook. They all attend school except for one child who has severe learning difficulties.

In February of this year we funded a large water tank making taking a shower and general washing much easier for the home. This funding was from one of our regular quiz nights. We give sponsorship for one child at Papa's.



Contemplative! What is my future! What are my dreams!

In January this year we funded our third clothes distribution (VFN) for street children around Boudanath, giving warm blankets and roll up mattresses as well as clothes. We will be funding the distribution of roll out mattresses and blankets towards the end of the year as winter approaches.

VOCATIONAL

Vocational Skills Training – WCS – Helping women support their families

Mushroom Farming Training – The Women's Cooperative Society (WCS) organized its fourth, four-day course in mushroom farming in February 2014, sharing fungi farming skills with 26 women from Syuchatar-Barpipal, a village just west of Kathmandu.

This is our fifth year of supporting WCS for vocational skills training. Around 250 women benefit from these trainings each year. In addition to learning basic cultivation skills, participants visited Sarita Lama who has been in the mushroom growing business for over 10 years and currently cultivates 47 mushroom tunnels that produce an astonishing 200-600 kg of mushrooms each day!

Sarita proudly says that it wasn't long ago that she once worked for others, but now she has purchased land, built a house, owns a vehicle, employs nine workers, and is able to offer her two sons a good education. This is quite an accomplishment and a source of great inspiration for the new trainees!

My thanks to the **Herrod Foundation** who fund this project through C.H.A.N.C.E.



Happy Faces After a Days Training

ANIMAL WELFARE

ANIMAL VACCINATION PROGRAMME

Rabies Vaccination Programme, many hands make light work. It is great to see the children involved. Nearly 1000 dogs were vaccinated against rabies in February of this year. We continue to support the Saturday morning rescue operation set up around the Stupa in Boudhanath. Anyone can bring a dog needing treatment.



Many hands make light work – Great to get the children involved and learn about the dangers of rabies

EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP

We have currently 33 children receiving educational sponsorship at Pegasus School in Boudhanath and The Triple Gem School at Swayambu and 1 child at Papa's Home. If there are any of you who would like to sponsor a child or would like further information then please telephone 01483 277484. The cost of a boarding fee is £430 per year and £220 for a day student.

SHENPEN is our partner on the ground in Nepal. Anamika Aryal, the Project Coordinator for SHENPEN regularly monitors the projects for Street Children, the 'Goody Bags', Animal Welfare and Skills Training. SHENPEN is a non-profit organization which helps the most needy in Nepal and is run by Westerners who work and live there and give their time to Shenpen as volunteers. We have been working closely with Shenpen for the past 7 years. www.shenpennepal.org

Raissa Distefano monitors our Education and Health projects. I have known Raissa for the past 10 years.

Please keep in touch by visiting our website and liking our C.H.A.N.C.E for Nepal FACEBOOK page!

With warmest wishes,

Barbara

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