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Education - Roots to a Brighter Future

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One Year Anniversary

Happy 1st Birthday! Nga Gyur Shed Dup Choe Ling School. It was September last year that the school has first opened its door to 63 Tibetan orphans and poor children.



The stove in the center of the room is the only heating source and keep everyone warm. Water and food can be cooked on top of the stove at the same time.

The children ages 6 to 14 years old have learned how to read Tibetan. They have learned all 30 alphabets and 4 vowels. They can read most Tibetan texts event though they do not comprehend them. Comprehension and grammar are the next stage of teaching. They are now starting to learn how to write Tibetan and also how to write their names. Its a lot to these children, who had never held a crayon or been exposed to any Tibetan text, this is huge progress. They are like our kindergarteners in their first



year of school.

We are told the children study long hours during winter and class ends around 9 pm. Last summer, the children spent more time studying outdoor, enjoying the sun and the nice warm weather. The summer class time was shorter with no class at night. Both the children and the teachers deserved a more relaxed summer school.

I asked Rinpoche what was the biggest change he's see in the past year? He said the local villagers and the teachers are so proud of the fact that **the children now know how to READ.**



A glimpse of the inside of a student quarter.



Top: A young student



Top: The kids sitting outdoors in front of their rooms. Left: Teachers Right: Buying bedding for children



Holiday Drive for Orphan Girls' Shelter and Education

\$1 a day.

A Hope Everyday

Holiday Drive for Orphan Girls' Shelter and Education

Traditionally in a lot of Asia countries including Tibet, girls have not been given the same opportunity as boys when come to education and training. This is much more apparent in this remote part of Tibet. We believe all children should be given the **SAME OPPORTUNITY** to learn and to reach their full potentials. For this reason, this year's Holiday Drive will focus on providing a **new dormitory, food, and clothing for orphan girls** at "Nga Gyur Shed Dup Cho Ling' School, Eastern Tibet. Your help is needed to change the lives of these young girls. Remember, this is an **tax-deductable** contributions.

What Your Donations Can Provide:

\$1/Day Sponsors one (1) girl for food, clothing, shelter and education for a day. You may make donations for \$30/monthly, \$180 half yearly, or \$360/yr.

Any Donation Amount is greatly appreciated for the construction of the new dormitory for 15 orphan girls. No gift is too small nor too big.

For your convenience, online donation can be made at our web site <http://www.vdfus.org/donate.htm>

BLESSING of The God of Wealth 'Black Zambala' Showering, Dec 5, 2009.

In this difficult time, each one of us can use a blessing from Sonam Rinpoche, a visiting Tibetan Master, to gain merit, wealth and prosperity for ourselves and our family. Location: Sakya Monastery, Seattle. 9:30am Breakfast, 10 am ceremony. Order tickets today by visiting http://www.vdfus.org/Black_Zambala_Puja.htm

All proceeds go toward the 'Holiday Drive for Orphan Girls' Shelter & Education'.

SHOES AND SOCKS DRIVE RESULTS

BELLEVUE FESTIVAL OF ARTS & TIBET FEST

Target: \$ 1,100 USD for 70 pairs of shoes and socks

Result: \$ 1,300 USD



THANK YOU to all the donors who helped to make it happen despite a difficult year for so many. With your generosity, VDF can afford to provide one (1) pair of shoes and few pairs of socks per child to the "Nga Gyur She Dup Cho Ling" School, Eastern Tibet. Your generosity and compassion help to keep their **small toes and feet warm for the entire year** at a high plateau. The children usually will wear a few pair of socks at the same time and keep wearing them until they wear out. What a comfort this is to the kids.



Top row: Volunteers at Bellevue Festival of Arts, July 2009.

Bottom row: Tibet Fest, Seattle Center, WA, August 2009.

VDF appreciates the support of the Bellevue Festival of Arts on July 24 and 26, 2009. The 'Shoes and Socks Drive' was launched there and continued through the end of Tibet Festival on August 22 and 23, 2009. Many people stopped by the booth attracted by the colorful Tibetan Flags and Posters. The Volunteers have worked very hard selling raffle tickets which lead to a successful 'Shoes and Socks' Drive.

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers: Estra, Jiamyoung, Guru, Kristen, Mosas, Patrick, Sean, Sheilagh and Yuko, who had volunteered their time and energy to make this events a success.



Vajrayana Dharma Foundation (VDF)
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Mission: To provide a home and education opportunity for needy Tibetan children and seniors in Garze Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture (Eastern Tibet), China.

The project was initiated by **Sonam Rinpoche**, a native Tibetan, who was recognized as the reincarnation of Ahzom Losel Rinpoche by **H.H. 14th Dalai Lama** and H.H. Dordrubchan Rinpoche. Rinpoche has earned the title “Khenpo”, which is equivalent to a Ph. D, after 18 years of Buddhism philosophy studies in Tibet and India.

To read more on Sonam Rinpoche, the school progress or how you can help, please go to our web site www.vdfus.org

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What Coming Next?

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**Dec 5th - The God of
Wealth Blessing and
Showering**

**Holiday Tax-Deductable
giving to your family &
friends**



Please help to sponsor a child for \$30/month for 1 year. For **less than \$1 a day**, your donation will cover the **food, clothing, shelter and teachers compensation for one child**. You may choose to do a one time payment (\$360), or choose automatic credit card payments of \$180 every half year, \$30 every month, or any amount. Thank you for helping the children.

Tibetan Children Sponsoring Form

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Birthday (DD/MM): _____ Telephone: _____

I agreed for automatic charges of my credit card for (please circle):

Once/month (\$30 x12), Half yearly (\$180 x 2), One time payment (\$360) or
Other Amount _____

Name of card: _____ Type (please circle): Master, Visa, Am Ex

Card billing address (if different from above): _____

Credit card number: _____

3 or 4 digit codes: _____ Expiration (MM/YYYY): _____

Alternate payment method: Via check payable to **“VDF” or “Vajrayana Dharma Foundation”** or online payment via Paypal, please visit

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