

Annual Report 2015 - 2016

Enriching the Lives of Impoverished Children in Eastern Tibet.



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Letter from our President

I have had the privilege of being on the board of Education at Elevation for several years now. The dedication of this group is inspiring. With your contributions, we have helped many children receive the education that they need to move ahead in this world. As they move on to higher education and employment, our graduates continue to support their entire families. Rather than hardship and bare subsistence, a more comfortable and fulfilling life is now possible for them.

The only compensation that our board members receive is the satisfaction of helping others. In our divided world, the loudest voices often speak only for themselves, and perhaps for those who are similar to them. To witness a group of people working hard on behalf of others who are half a world away gives me hope for the future. You, our generous donors, continue to open your wallets to help people who you may never even meet. Your compassion is exactly what the world needs most.

Your contributions continue to make a huge difference in the lives of the children who attend school in Tibet. You have given these children food, shelter, and school supplies; more importantly, you have given the crucial gifts of opportunity and hope. As we work also to improve the lives of the seniors in the community, your contributions will continue to be used efficiently to help others. On behalf of the board at E@E and the families in the region, I am honored to say. "Thank You."

Patti Shelton, MD.

President

Education At Elevation (E@E)

School Program

32 boys are currently enrolled in the school where they learn reading, writing and math. They learn the Tibetan language as well as Mandarin (when there is a visiting Chinese teacher). There are two resident Tibetan teachers at the school. With the water system now completed they are encouraged to wash their hands frequently and brush their teeth. E@E funds are used to provide nutritious meals, warm clothing (coats, shoes and hats) and basic school supplies and maintenance. Supplies included replacement solar panels, tables, books, malas, toothpaste and toothbrushes, toilet paper, towels, teacher salaries, and warm carpets. Food purchased included barley and wheat flour, dried noodles, rice, cooking oil and vegetables.



Sonam Rinpoche made his annual visit to the school in summer 2016 to review progress and meet with the students and teachers. Students are learning and getting the nutritional, health and warm clothing needed to thrive in school in this remote, high altitude region!

Due to the remote and harsh environment of the school, the two teachers generally just stay a year. New teachers arrived at the beginning of the 2016 – 2017 school year to teach students.

This is the 2nd year where no girls have been enrolled. Families are more likely to send boys away to school because girls are often needed at home to assist with care of siblings and/or family livestock. The E@E Board has begun discussing ideas to enroll more girls and young women in the school perhaps through a sewing program.

Peek into the daily life of the students
(Clockwise)

- An older student usually cooks for the entire class.
- The kids enjoying their lunch outside their classroom in winter under the warmth of sun.
- Kids washing their hands with warm water.



Playtime

Q: What games do the kids play at rural Tibet?

A: Stone rolling and stone stacking





A special day for
the students!
Yummy snacks
for the students
when new food
supplies arrived
at the school.

Sponsoring Girls to Attend College

Each year E@E sponsors two young Tibetan women so they can attend college.

Deyang

After two years of our support, Deyang has graduated from Hunan Province Vocational College with a major in multimedia. From a closely-knit family in Yushu in Qinghai, she has always dreamed of working in multimedia. Her parents worked hard to pay her school fees and then E@E provided support to further her education in college. We wish Deyang the very best for her future career!





Yangchen Palden

Yangchen Palden is currently in her second year of sponsorship by E@E and is a literature and history major. She attends Qinghai University for Nationalities in Xining. She also grew up in Yushu with 2 brothers and a sister. Her father is a tailor, and her mother passed away due to illness. Her younger brother is in college, and the family would have had difficulty paying Yangchen's college expenses without support from E@E. She enjoys reading literature and writing essays and poems. She says she also loves sports, "but to be very honest I am not good at any sports." However, her "love and passion in reading books have grown stronger."



Machig Kyid

After Deyang graduated in 2016, E@E began sponsoring Machig Kyid who is studying Tibetan medicine at Gansu Medical College. Machig is 24 years old and grew up in a farming family in Xiahe County, Gansu. Her father passed away when she was very young, so her mother supported the family of 4 doing various jobs in shops, restaurants and construction. The family views Machig's education as very important, and Machig aspires to becoming a "good and very professional doctor" who can help people lead healthy lives.



We look forward to following the education and careers of these young women!

Local Activities





E@E booth sponsored by Bellevue Festival of Art, July 2016. – Thank You

Smoke puja, Oahu, Oct 2016.

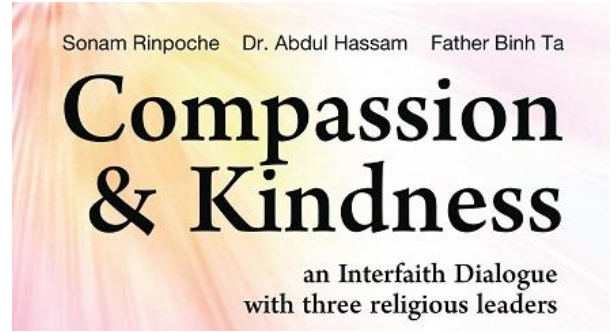
Interfaith Dialogue. Nov 3rd, 2016 at *Sacred Heart Parish*, Seattle to benefit Queen Anne Food Bank.

Meditation & Teaching. Nov 2016 at Portland, OR, *Root 2 Rise* yoga and *Atamayatarama Monastery*, Woodinville, WA

Fire puja, Woodinville, Nov 2016

Holiday cookie baking & fundraiser, Dec 2016






Tibetan Master Sonam Rinpoche
presents

Meditation & Teaching

Locations:
Root 2 Rise Yoga. 2 pm Nov 12, 2016
 13317 NE 175th St, Suite C, Woodinville.
Atamayarama Monastery
 7 pm Nov 16, 2016
 19301 176th Ave. NE, Woodinville

Suggested Donations \$5 - \$30

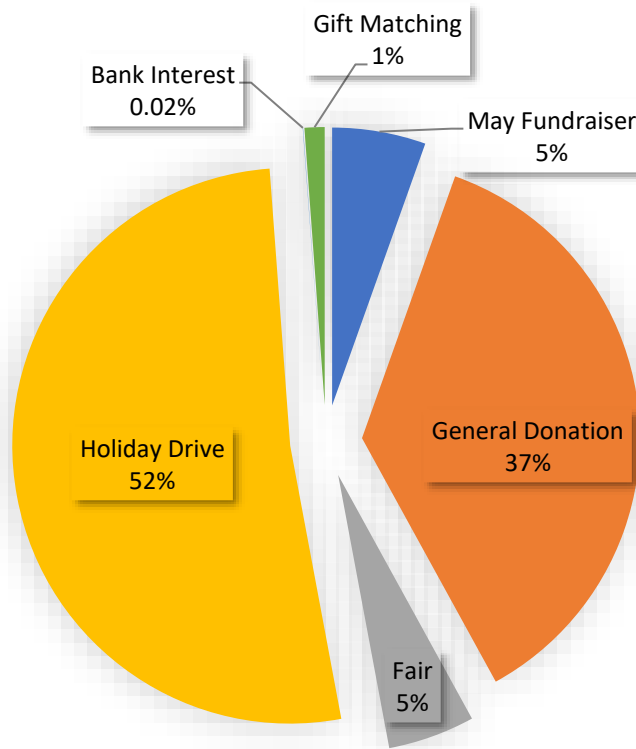
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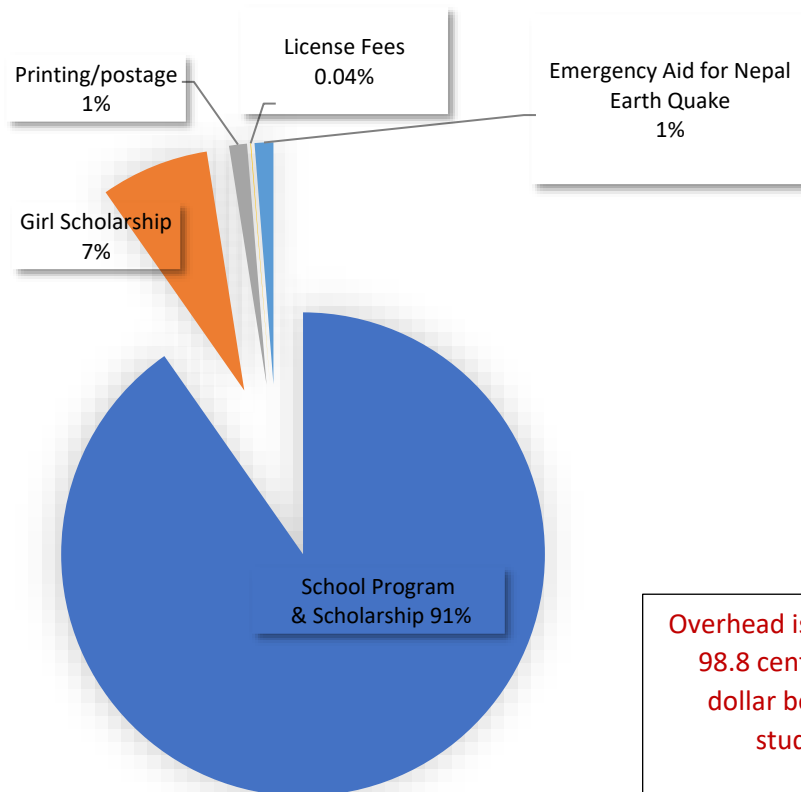


Financial Report (July 2015 – June 2016)

Revenue
Total \$13,785



Expenses
Total \$ 25,228



Overhead is ONLY 1.2%.
98.8 cents of every
dollar benefit the
students.



*Late spring 2016 food
delivery to school*

As part of the school program E@E provided books, clothing, education, food and shelter to the school.





Supply list for the year July 2015 to June 2016

Rice	2900	Jin (~ lb)
Flour	2900	Jin (~ lb)
Dried noodles	248	bags
Cooking oil	90	ea
Tsampa flour	1100	Jin (~ lb)
Rice noodle	300	ea
Vegetable	2200	ea
Sugar	12	bags
Solar panel replacement	1	ea
Sitting carpets	21	ea
Winter coats	30	ea
Shoes	30	pairs
Tea	280	ea
Books	30	ea
Stationary	30	sets
Tables	30	ea
Toilet paper	12	pack
Malas	12	ea
Toiletries	1	lot
Cooking sauce	1	Lot



Consolidated Statement

<u>Consolidated Statements of Activities</u>			
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016			
		2015-2016	2014-2015
Revenue and support		\$	\$
May fundraiser		750	1676
General donation		5,040	5,759
Fair (Bellevue Festival of Arts)		696	630
Holiday drive		7,135	6,930
Bank interest		3	2
Social media fundraiser (Gofundme)		-	1008
Gift matching		160	161
		13,784	16,166
Expenses			
Program services - School program		22776	1800
Program services - Scholarship		1,825	-
Program services - Water project		-	3,657
Printing/postage		302	100
Professional fees/License fees		10	10
Others (Emergency aid for Nepal Earthquake)		315	
		25,228	5,567
Net Assets			
Beginning		18,832	8,233
Ending		7,388	18,832

Board of Directors

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