

# Annual Report 2017 - 2018

Enriching the Lives of Impoverished Children in Eastern Tibet.



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A federal 501 c (3) non-profit organization

## *Letter from our President*

Tashi Delek (*greeting in Tibetan*),

It has been over 10 years since my Yuko and I joined some passionate friends and started Education at Elevation. I've been blessed to be part of this organization. Providing education for children in addition to food and shelter. It has been such a joy to see the changes in children's faces after their enrollment in the school. They smile a lot, look generally happier, and more peaceful and confident. We have graduated more than sixty students and currently support thirty-two with basic reading, writing and arithmetic. Some of the graduates moved to a city for a new job or to continue their education - which they had never thought about before going to school.

We happily continue our support in providing scholarships to two college female students every year through the Tibetan Village Project.

Education at Elevation had just two fund raising efforts this past year: a winter holiday cookie drive, and our Tibetan meditation day in Bothell, Washington.

We are sponsoring a new classroom within a bigger school next to the original school. Local seniors are planned to move into the existing school. There will be a pathway between these buildings, so elders and children can go back and forth. In this way, building community will have a place to gather, study, eat and sleep.

All this has been possible because of your continuous support. Your contributions go to basic needs such as food, clothes, and teacher salaries. The resources you provide also brought special projects into fruition, including construction of the first school and a much needed water system. You have made it possible for these children to dream and hope for new opportunities. Thank you for believing in and supporting our students for 10 years!

Warmly,

*Sean Caras,*

President

Education At Elevation (E@E)

## School Program 2017-2018

How we helped the kids and the young women in Eastern Tibet:

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Postage            | 100           |
| School programs    | 17,287        |
| Professional fees  | 10            |
| Girl scholarships  | 3,600         |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>20,997</b> |

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**99.5 cents of every dollar benefit the kids.**

How did the donations come in?

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| General donation    | 3218.74         |
| Gift matching       | 326.52          |
| Holiday drive       | 10178.57        |
| Monthly kid sponsor | 3118.71         |
| Spring fundraiser   | 1656.95         |
| Bank Interest       | 2.26            |
| <b>Grand Total</b>  | <b>19110.84</b> |



Kids from current school year

What differences did you make?



At the Nga Gyur She Dup Cho Ling School, we have provided:

- 12 months of food for 33 kids and teachers
- Supply of winter coats for all 33 students and teachers
- One-year salary for 2 teachers
- 6-month salary for school's chef
- \$5,000 towards the new school building construction (with remaining \$5,000 to be paid in 2018-19)



Teachers meeting with Sonam Rinpoche with the students waiting patiently. The existing school has only one classroom (above).



The monks making blanket purchase among many basis necessities (middle).



The bigger students helped to unload food and clothing from the delivery truck (bottom).



Looking east from the top of the hill (above).

Looking west from bottom of the hill, photo taken in Fall 2018 (below)



## *Sponsoring Girls to Attend College*

Each year E@E sponsors two young Tibetan women so they can attend college. Last year we continued to sponsor the tuition fees for two young Tibetan women for their last year of college.

***Congratulation*** to our 2018 college graduates!

We wish them all the best on their next chapter in life.



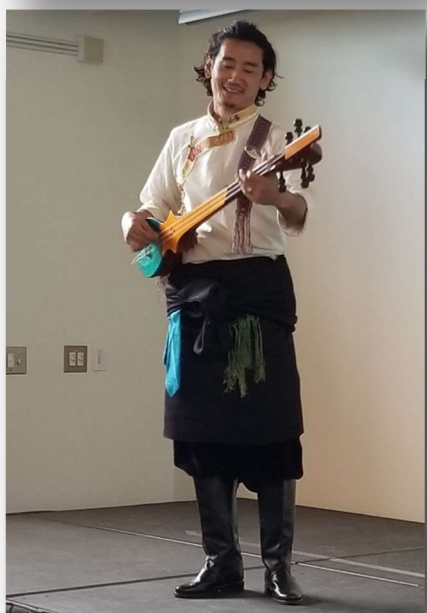
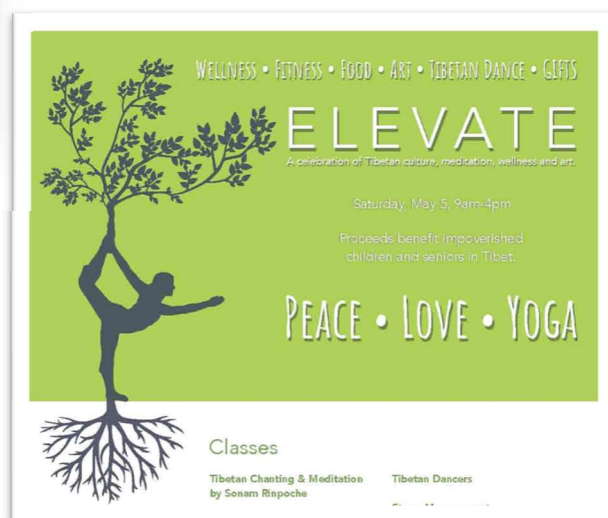
Yangchen Paldon, a graduate from Qinghai University with major in Literature and History.



Machig Kyid, a graduate from Gansu Medical College with major in Tibetan medicine.

## Local Activities

### Celebrating 10 years of Education At Elevation

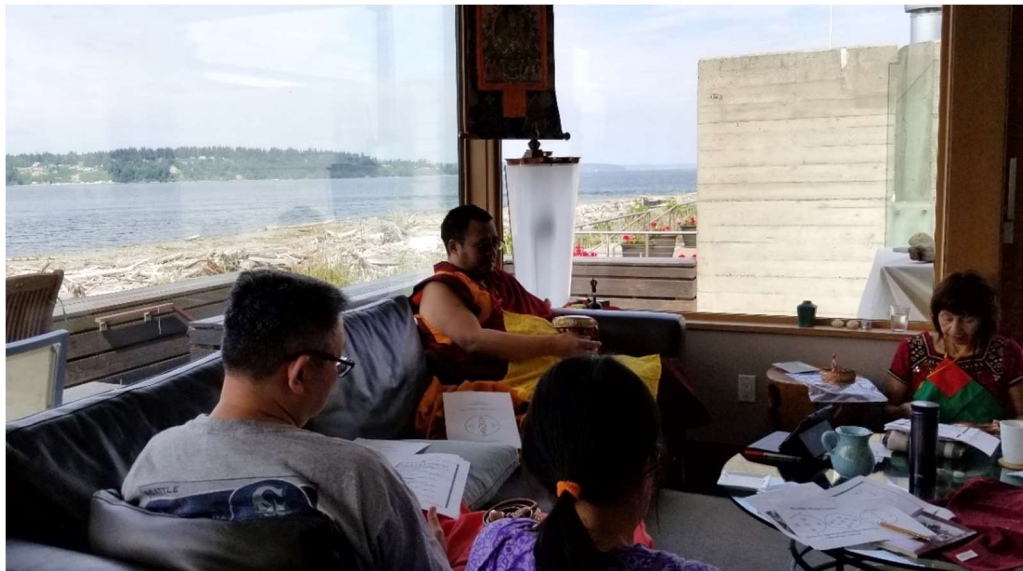






**THANK YOU** all who attended the event at Brightwater Center in May 2018. **Special thank you to** Sonam Rinpoche, Tibetan Culture and Language School (Seattle), volunteer speakers, teachers and volunteers for a beautiful celebration.





**Serene Retreat at Head Island (above).**

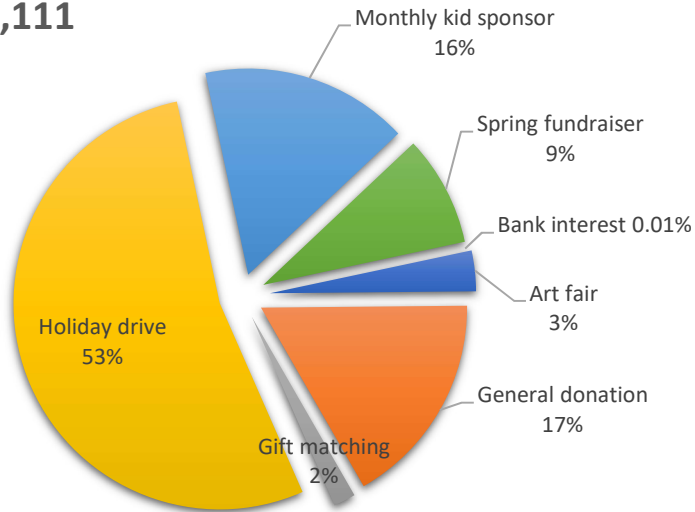
**An evening talk with Sonam Rinpoche on topic "Transforming suffering into happiness and a balanced life" (left, below)**

**THANK YOU** *3 Petals Healing* for hosting the event!



# Financial Report (July 2017 – June 2018)

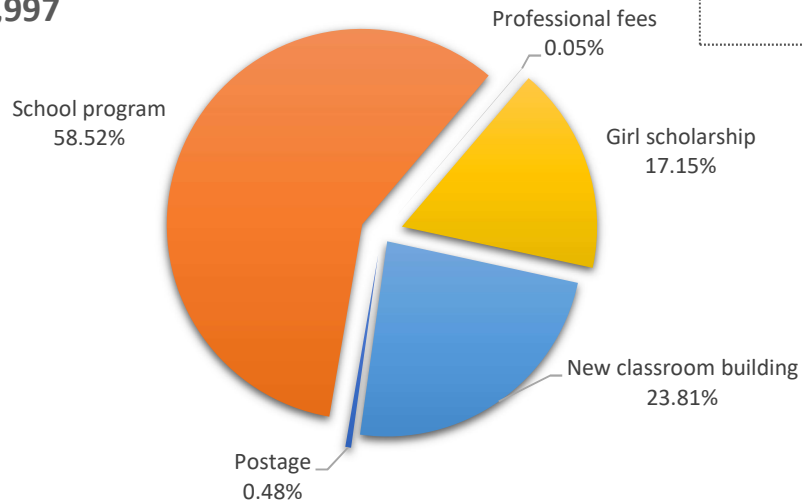
## Revenue \$19,111



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## EXPENSES \$20,997



## Consolidated Statement

| <u>Consolidated Statement of Activities</u> |                                      |                  |               |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018                |                                      |                  |               |
|   |                                      | <b>2017-2018</b> | 2016-2017     |
| <b>Revenue and support</b>                  |                                      | \$               | \$            |
|   | May fundraiser                       | 1,657            | 2915          |
|   | General donations                    | 3,219            | 4,089         |
|   | Fair (Bellevue Festival of Arts)     | 609              | 962           |
|   | Holiday drive                        | 10,179           | 7,449         |
|   | Bank interest                        | 2                | 2             |
|   | Gift matching                        | 326              | 44            |
|   | Rinpoche classes                     | -                | <b>3,830</b>  |
|   | Monthly kid sponsor                  | 3,119            |               |
|   |                                      | <b>19,111</b>    | 19,291        |
| <b>Expenses</b>                             |                                      |                  |               |
|   | Program services - School program    | 12,287           | 11,200        |
|   | Program services – Girl scholarship  | 3,600            | (Note 1)      |
|   | Printing/postage                     | 100              | 100           |
|   | Professional fees/License fees       | 10               | 10            |
|   | New classroom building sponsor       | 5,000            | -             |
|   |                                      | <b>20,997</b>    | <b>11,310</b> |
|   | Reserve fund (classroom sponsorship) | 5,000            | 5,000         |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                           |                                      |                  |               |
|   | Beginning                            | <b>15,369</b>    | 7,388         |
|   | Ending                               | <b>13,483</b>    | 15,369        |

Note 1: Girls' scholarship payment of \$1,800 from previous year was recorded in this financial year.

## *Board of Directors*

|                    |                |
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