



Himalayan Children 's Charities

Helping children one life at a time



annual report 2010



2010 WAS AN INCREDIBLE YEAR FOR HIMALAYAN CHILDREN'S CHARITIES (HCC). We saw a lot of changes in our programs, adding a new group home for our older children, more children attending college and continuing to expand and improve the life skills program. To see these formerly orphaned and abandoned children transforming into empowered adults is both rewarding and fulfilling.

Our new group home opened in March of 2010 with 7 children moving in. Dinesh and Hira Sapkota, our house parents, have done a wonderful job creating a family atmosphere for the children. As a charity, HCC is unique in its efforts to assist these children through college or technical school.

HCC is fostered by the donations and support of many individuals and a dedicated group of volunteers in the US who have taken the opportunity to impact the lives of children in Nepal. I am honored to work with such individuals and witness their impact on our children the three times I visited in 2010.

I feel proud to present an overview of HCC in 2010 to all the people who have supported our charity and who have partnered with us to transform the lives of children in Nepal. We are helping to create confident, empowered young people who will contribute to changing the conditions of their impoverished country and be a benefit to a future world.

Bruce Keenan
President
Himalayan Children's Charities



SPONSORSHIP

HCC sponsored seven new children in Nepal in 2010. These children were taken from the overcrowded Bal Mandir orphanage in Kathmandu and placed in clean, English-medium boarding schools. That brought to 48 the total number of sponsored, orphaned or abandoned children that are under direct care of HCC and its sister organization in Nepal, Creating Possibilities.

In 2010, HCC had 11 older students in 2-year college prep programs. These courses included business management, math and science, and Health Assistant. We also provided career counseling, since the students must determine their area of interest before applying to college.

GROUP HOME

In conjunction with Creating Possibilities, Nepal, HCC established a group home in 2010 with house parents and a security guard. To start out, it housed seven of our high school graduates and will include two more grads the spring of 2011. The house has three floors: the kitchen and the boys rooms on the ground floor; an office, bedroom for the house parents (Dinesh and Hira) and spare bedrooms on the second floor; the older girls on the third floor. All of the children take turns cleaning, cooking and doing the dishes. Students are responsible for washing their own clothes. They take public transportation each morning to their school and spend evenings after dinner studying. During school holidays and one weekend per month, the 35 younger children join the older kids at the group home. This ensures that the younger ones won't be sent back to the orphanage on holidays and creates a family atmosphere between the older and younger children.

Highlights and Accomplishments



LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

We created the Life Skills Program to prepare the children to be self-sufficient when they finish their education. Our seven oldest students attended a computer training course, where they learned basic skills in Word, Excel, Powerpoint and email. They proudly received a diploma upon completion of the course.

At the group home, the students also received coaching in the areas of banking, purchasing food and essentials, and in managing a specific home budget (food, toiletries, clothes, etc). When they are of proper age, the children will also be trained to drive a motorcycle, a common mode of transportation in Nepal.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LESSONS

We provided an American college graduate for six weeks to work with our older students on English diction and grammar. HCC students attend English-medium boarding schools, but many of the English teachers in these classes teach with a heavy accent. She also coached them in writing emails and correspondence, and the proper pronunciation of the “th” and “z” sounds in English (which are hard for Nepalis to pronounce).

SKYPE

In 2010, HCC set up Skype in our group home. We are using this new form of communication across the long distance and many time zones to have regular meetings with our house parents, to keep updated on group home finances, and to basically “keep in touch” with the progress of our students. Additionally, email capabilities were established in the group home.





ATLANTA FUNDRAISER

In November, thanks to our Atlanta donors, we had a successful fund- raising gala in Atlanta which raised over \$10,000. We sold Nepali items such as pashmina shawls and hand-crafted jewelry, original photographs and silent auction items. Bruce Keenan, our president, gave a short speech on the status and direction of HCC and showed three videos produced for HCC that appear on Youtube.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

In 2010, HCC improved its website, including pictures of our sponsored children and those children still awaiting sponsorship. We also added on-line donation capabilities through Paypal. A Facebook page was established for HCC, along with a Cause page, where sponsors can request donations be given to HCC for their birthdays or other occasions.

ADVISORY BOARD

We created an expanded infrastructure of the HCC Advisory Board. The purpose of this board is to have regular meetings to advise the Board of Directors on programs, policies and direction for HCC. Two Advisory Board meetings were held in 2010 with a commitment from all members to have quarterly meetings in 2011.



Namaste everyone!

*I am so happy to write a new letter on a new topic!
I would like to give my regards to everyone before
I proceed forward with my writing.*

*HCC has been supporting me since I were little girl.
Now I have finished my high school and have started
going to college. HCC has been a great support to me in
every aspect and I am really thankful for that. If HCC
had not been supporting me, I would have to live a life
with no hopes and dreams like other people who leave
the Bal Mandir orphanage and start life on their own.
I feel lucky that I am not one of them. I don't have to
struggle for food, clothes and to get admitted in a good
college because HCC has been working hard to get all
of my needs fulfilled. Besides these, it has provided me
a family who loves me very much and care for me a
lot. That is why I feel I am one of the luckiest girls in
the world!!*

Nari

Dearest everyone namaste,

I really blessed and content to have you all in my life. I cannot express my happiness through words. I have made lots of drastic changes since I have come to HCC. I have learned many valuable things which I assure you that it will help me a lot in my future. I have learned to do everything on my own from cooking, studying, tackling with problems and to sort out my own ideas, shopping alone, living with co-operation in a family and lot more things. This has been possible due to your support and the care given by Dinesh and Hira. I really can't imagine how changed I am comparing before when I was in Bal Mandir. I have changed from a shy girl to an independent girl and this credit goes all to HCC. I will work hard to fulfill my ambition and set an example to other younger kids of HCC. I will make maximum utilization of all the facilities given by HCC and this is my great challenge.

Thank you for providing chance to write about this new topic. I have enjoyed a lot to be able to express my words. Thank you for yours priceless love and care.

*With lots and lots of love from,
Laxmi*





STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2010 and 2009

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	2010	2009
Cash	\$ 90,049	\$ 199,777
Certificate of Deposit	126,513	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	216,562	199,777
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS	2010	2009
Unrestricted - available for operations	\$ 216,562	\$ 199,777
TOTAL NET ASSETS	216,562	199,777
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 216,562	\$ 199,777



STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

December 31, 2010 and 2009

REVENUE	2010	2009
Contributions	\$ 117,401	\$ 68,469
Interest Income	2,063	1,394
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 119,464	\$ 69,863
EXPENSES	2010	2009
Program Services		
Creating Possibilities Nepal	\$ 100,262	\$ 58,130
Operating Expenses		
Bank Charges	442	25
Other Operating Expenses	1,975	1,188
TOTAL EXPENSES	102,679	59,343
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	16,785	10,520
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	199,777	189,257
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 216,562	\$ 199,777





