



Himalayan Children 's Charities

Helping children one life at a time



annual report 2011



HIMALAYAN CHILDREN'S CHARITIES (HCC) MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THE GROWTH OF OUR PROGRAMS IN 2011. Some of these changes included:

- Establishing a flat separate from our main group home for five of our older boys
- Five students beginning their university studies to obtain bachelor's degrees
- Establishing a Mentorship (leadership) Program for our children over the age of 16

To see these children who came from dire situations transforming into empowered adults is both rewarding and fulfilling.

Our new flat opened in November of 2011 with five boys moving in. These boys are now self-sufficient, doing their own cooking and shopping. They are also responsible for transportation to school and for managing their schedules and study time. To insure a successful path to independence, HCC is unique in its efforts to assist these children through college or technical school.

Michelle Bonneau, a respected Canadian educator living in Nepal, created a Mentorship Program for our older children. It taught them how to interact with others in a positive, "win-win" manner and how to express themselves clearly and effectively. Through this program, they have developed a higher degree of self-confidence.

HCC is empowered by the donations and support of many individuals and a dedicated group of volunteers in the US who are committed to saving the lives of children in Nepal. I am honored to work with such heartfelt individuals and to witness first-hand their valuable impact on our children during my two visits to Nepal in 2011.

I feel proud to present the 2011 overview of HCC to all of the people who have partnered with us to transform the lives of destitute children. We are helping to create confident, empowered young people with the ability to change the conditions of their impoverished country and be a benefit to a future world.

Bruce Keenan
President
Himalayan Children's Charities



SPONSORSHIP

HCC sponsored two new children in Nepal in 2011; one to replace a boy that was adopted to Spain and another was a sister of two of our existing students. They were both placed in clean, English-medium boarding schools in Kathmandu. That brought to 50 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 2011, HCC had 8 students in 2-year college prep programs (called a plus-2 college). These courses included business management, math and science, and Health Assistant. We also instituted career counseling, since the students must determine their area of interest before applying to college. In 2011 we enrolled 5 older students in universities in Kathmandu to begin studying for their bachelor's degrees in hotel management, NGO management and accounting. These majors will allow the students to get rewarding jobs once they are finished with university.

GROUP HOME STATUS/ANNEX

HCC established a group home in 2010 with house parents and a security guard. In 2011 it housed 6 students full time who are attending plus-2 college. During school holidays and one weekend per month, 35 of our 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.

In 2011, HCC established a student apartment, called the Annex, for boys who are attending a plus-2 college or university. We currently have 5 students residing in the apartment which helped free up room in our group home for 3 more incoming students in 2012. The apartment has 2 bedrooms, kitchen and a bathroom.

Highlights and Accomplishments



LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

In the spring of 2011, Michelle Bonneau, a Canadian teacher who lives in Nepal, implemented a personal empowerment and group leadership program for 7 students at our group home. The program consisted of a once a week meeting over a period of 3 months. Students were taught how to express themselves in a group setting, what personality traits might hold them back from a successful career and how to create win-win solutions.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LESSONS

We provided English language lessons at the British Embassy for 2 students who had finished their secondary school and were awaiting admittance to a plus-2 college. We are planning on having all students attend this course when their secondary education is complete.

FUNDRAISERS

In March, HCC held our first fundraising event at Amuse Restaurant in Miami. The event was attended by over 50 people and raised over \$9,000. One new sponsor of a child also joined the HCC family. We sold Nepali items such as pashmina shawls and hand-crafted jewelry, original photographs and silent auction items.

In November, thanks to our Atlanta donors, we had a successful fund-raising gala at J Tribble Antiques which raised over \$13,000. 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. Michael Gallo and Chris Toner provided live music which was enjoyed by all.





WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

In 2011, HCC updated its website, including pictures of our sponsored children with background stories. Our Facebook page has grown in followers, along with a Cause page, where sponsors can request donations be given to HCC for their birthdays or other occasions. To date, we have raised over \$2,000 on Facebook Causes.

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. Four Advisory Board meetings were held in 2011 with a majority of members in attendance at each meeting.

GOALS FOR 2012

- Raise over \$25,000 from fundraising events to support the costs of the group home and Annex.
- Enroll 5 more students into a Nepali university to begin work on their bachelor's degrees.
- Expand our Facebook presence.
- Provide better current information to our sponsors on the status of the student they support.
- Improve the quality and attendance in our fundraising events.
- Increase corporate donations and corporate matching funds



Namaskar!

I am Khil Bahadur Thapa from Sindhupalchok district. Currently I am studying Bachelor in Public Health in Nobel College at Sinamangal. I feel very happy and proud to be in HCC project, working for the welfare of poor orphanage children through Creating Possibilities Nepal. It has been supporting more than fifty such children for education keeping them in the hostel in different boarding school in the capital. In fact they are supported for accommodation, food and other activities too.

When I was at the orphanage I didn't have proper environment for education and I wasn't much exposed to other activities. In fact life in the orphanage was quite difficult. There was hard time for the orphanage to handle all the students with their increasing needs and demands.

When HCC realized that life in the orphanage was difficult and they did not have supporting system after grade ten. So HCC in collaboration with Creating Possibilities Nepal decided to keep the children in the hostel so that they will have better environment for education and other thing.

HCC has rented a house where senior boys and girls who study in grade 11 and 12 stay with house parents. HCC has been supporting them proving family environment. Where we are also taught life skills such as cooking, cleaning, and buying daily require thing for the house, talking to other people etc. This house is called KHUSI GHAR where not only senior boys and girls stay but also those children who are kept in the hostel come and stay during long holiday. Senior boys and girls help these children with their studies and involve them in creative work like painting, dancing, poem and essay writing in order to find their hidden talents. Here they live as a big family and cooperate with each other.

Now I have been in HCC for eight years. It has been great support for my academic and personal development. I am learning to live as a young adult. I have attained a mentorship program which has really changed my life. It has taught me different disciplines needed for successful and a happy life. For example self confidence, self motivation, having positive thoughts and also become influential and make difference in own and someone else life. Besides these I also have learnt the importance of family meeting and child counseling. All these have helped me to cope with my family and personal problems and generate a better solution for peaceful and happy life.

There is no word to express my gratitude for HCC family for their love, care and support. Today whatever I have, where I am and what I am doing, all

the credit goes to HCC family and other people who love and support me. Without their love and support I wouldn't have been at this stage in my life. Thank you so much for shaping my future and teaching me how to stand on my own feet and give back what I was given. In this way HCC has played a parenting role to shape the future of many orphanage children including me.

Thank you, Khil

Hi

I am Nikesh Rimal and I am 19 years old now. I am a part of HCC and I feel very happy that I am supported and guided by this particular organization. It has provided me a quality life which would be impossible if I was in an orphanage and it is also helping to built my career. I am extremely thankful for its kindness and gratitude towards me.

It is already 8 years that the HCC has been taking care of me and providing me with good education. Now I am doing pharmacy and can decide about my future. If I had stayed in an orphanage I never would have had my dreams come true. The credit for all this goes to HCC. Its support has provided me a safe life and accommodation in my society.



Today I sometimes think what it would be like if I was still in an orphanage. Surely, I can tell that I would not be as successful as I am today. I could never be in position where I could make decisions on my life. I would really be having a tough life because I would not have any options.

Here at Khushi Ghar all of us are under the care of HCC. We are living like a family. We help each other and do learn many things from one another. For example when one gets sick we comfort him/her with all that we can. At Khushi Ghar we can also have our own opinions even though we live in group home. Our House Parents teach us life important activities like cooking, cleaning, decision making, problem solving. We do learn such things through our family meetings too. It is nice that we can have our problems solved by the support of our HCC Uncle and Aunt. I am very happy to be a part of HCC and I really thank Barton, Bruce uncle and Susan aunt and sponsors for their great effort.

We really thank you and from all of us we would like to tell you that we love you.

Nikesh



STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Cash Basis)

December 31, 2011 and 2010

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	2011	2010
Cash	\$ 78,363	\$ 90,049
Certificate of Deposit	128,027	126,513
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	206,390	216,562
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

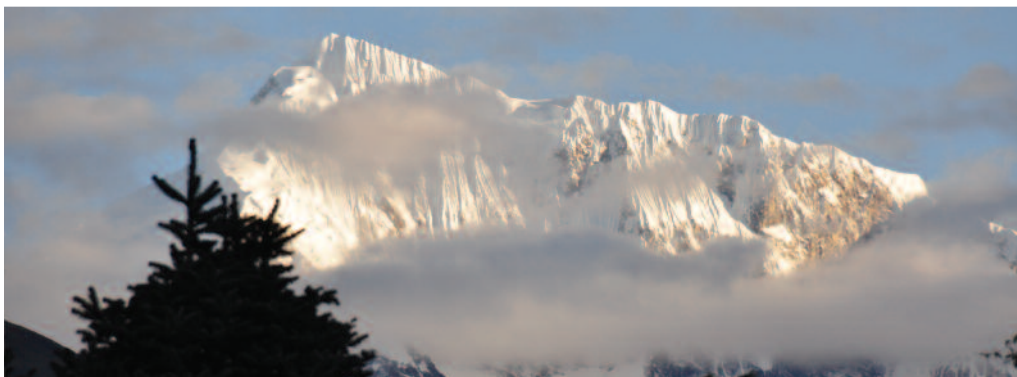
NET ASSETS	2010	2009
Unrestricted - available for operations	\$ 206,390	\$ 216,562
TOTAL NET ASSETS	206,390	216,562
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 206,390	\$ 216,562

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Cash Basis)

December 31, 2011

CASH FLOWS USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Increase in net assets	\$ (10,172)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ (10,172)
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(10,172)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	216,562
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 206,390



STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES (Cash Basis)

For the Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

REVENUE	2011	2010
Contributions	\$ 179,938	\$ 117,401
Special Event Income	9,113	0
Interest Income	1,754	2,063
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 190,805	\$ 119,464
EXPENSES	2011	2010
Program Services		
Creating Possibilities Nepal	\$ 183,150	\$ 100,262
Management and General Expenses		
Bank Charges	611	442
Other Operating Expenses	1,355	1,975
Fundraising Expenses		
Fundraising Expenses	15,861	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	200,977	102,679
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(10,172)	16,785
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	216,562	199,777
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 206,390	\$ 216,562



