

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



**Himalayan
Children's Charities**





OUR STORY

Himalayan Children's Charities creates paths out of poverty for vulnerable children and at-risk youth in Nepal. Through investment in quality education, innovative mentorship and a loving family environment, we help build lives of success and leadership.

As we reflect on 2023, HCC is proud to share the progress and milestones that have shaped our journey. In a year marked by resilience and growth, we remained steadfast in our mission to helping children achieve their full potential regardless of the circumstances they were born into. This annual report highlights our strategic achievements, financial performance, and the dedicated efforts of our students and team in Nepal.

AND YOU

None of this would have been possible without you—our sponsors and donors. Your generosity, belief in our work, and continued support are the driving force behind every achievement. Because of you, we've been able to expand our reach, deepen our impact, and move confidently toward our long-term goals. This report is not just a record of what we've done—it's a reflection of what we've accomplished together.

IN 2023 HCC SUPPORTED THE EDUCATION OF 434 STUDENTS



THE PEAK PROGRAM SUPPORTED 41 STUDENTS IN :

- 20 in junior college (grades 11 & 12)
- 3 in technical school
- 18 in university

OUR PEAK STUDENTS :

- 75% are girls
- 80% have lost one or both parents
- 54% are from a marginalized caste or indigenous community

THE RISE PROGRAM SUPPORTED 97 STUDENTS IN :

- 53 in elementary school
- 44 in high school

OUR RISE STUDENTS :

- 65% are girls
- 85% have lost one or both parents
- 81% are from a marginalized caste or indigenous community



THE BENIGHAT STUDENT RELIEF PROJECT HELPED 296 CHILDREN, THEIR FAMILIES & SCHOOLS WITH:

- 3 food distributions
- 2 clothing and school uniform distributions
- 2 books and school supplies distributions
- 40 bench desks, 30 group tables and carpeting and cushions for 8 nursery classrooms.

PEAK PROGRAM

As our Signature Program students grew into young adults, our programs in Kathmandu evolved to support students in higher education. This year, our last two Signature Program students began college, and we combined the Signature Program and the Higher Education Scholarship Program together to become **the PEAK Program**.

The PEAK Program provides students ages 16-24 with educational scholarships for college, technical school or university and includes tuition, housing, living expenses, medical care, access to HCC's mentorship programs and inclusion in HCC's family culture. The PEAK Program students are admitted based on merit, motivation, and academic dedication.

THE PEAK PROGRAM IN 2023:

- **41 students were supported in high school, technical school & university**
- **2 students graduated with Bachelor degrees**





RISE PROGRAM

Our rural scholarship program has gone through a few name changes since its beginning in 2015. The program was founded to help children orphaned by the 2015 earthquakes, and today has grown to support any rural child in need. The Rural Education Scholarship Program has now been conclusively renamed as the **RISE Program**.

The RISE Program serves marginalized and impoverished children ages 5-18 in rural areas of Nepal. The Program provides educational scholarships and support for students through grade 12, keeping children safe and strengthening local communities.

THE RISE PROGRAM IN 2023:

- **97 students were supported**
- **15 new students joined the program.**
- **8 students graduated with high school degrees**



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

HCC's community outreach projects serve rural communities with library books, educational workshops, and even internet installation at rural schools. In 2021, the Himalayan Children's Charities team in Nepal learned of a critical situation in Benighat, Dhading, a remote district west of Kathmandu. This area is home to many marginalised people and suffers from widespread poverty, food insecurity, and lack of running water and sanitation.

HCC's Benighat Student Relief Project provides food relief, clothing and school supplies to children and their families in this community. The Project also works to help local elementary schools, which often lack everything from books and desks, to toilets and potable water tanks.

In 2023, HCC's Benighat Student Relief Project:

- Completed three distributions to 300 students and their families, including school uniforms, winter clothing, hygiene items and school supplies.
- Provided five schools with needed furniture, greatly improving the learning environment for the students. In total, the schools received: 40 bench desks, 30 group tables, 115 cushions and carpeting in 8 nursery classrooms.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

STUDENT MILESTONES

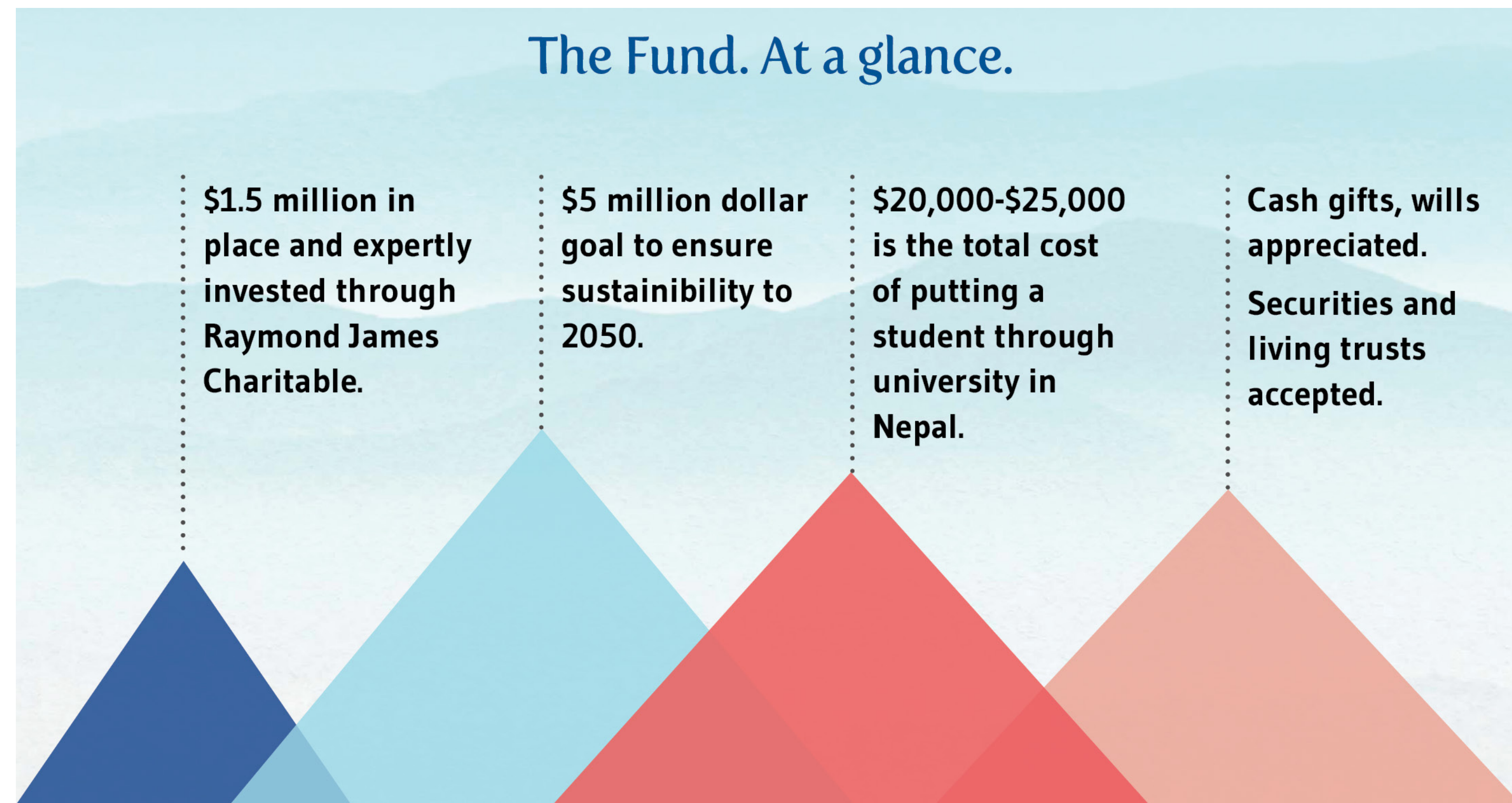
- University senior, Ram, interned as a chef in a Michelin starred restaurant in France
- HCC graduate Nikesh started a PhD in Pharmacology in South Korea
- Rise student, Bishal, graduated from high school and secured his own funding for university. He has now left his village and is a university freshman in Kathmandu!
- 92 students with high school diplomas
- 18 students with Bachelor degrees
- 4 with Masters degrees

The average person in Nepal receives 5-6 years of schooling.
Your support has helped us see these students through graduation!



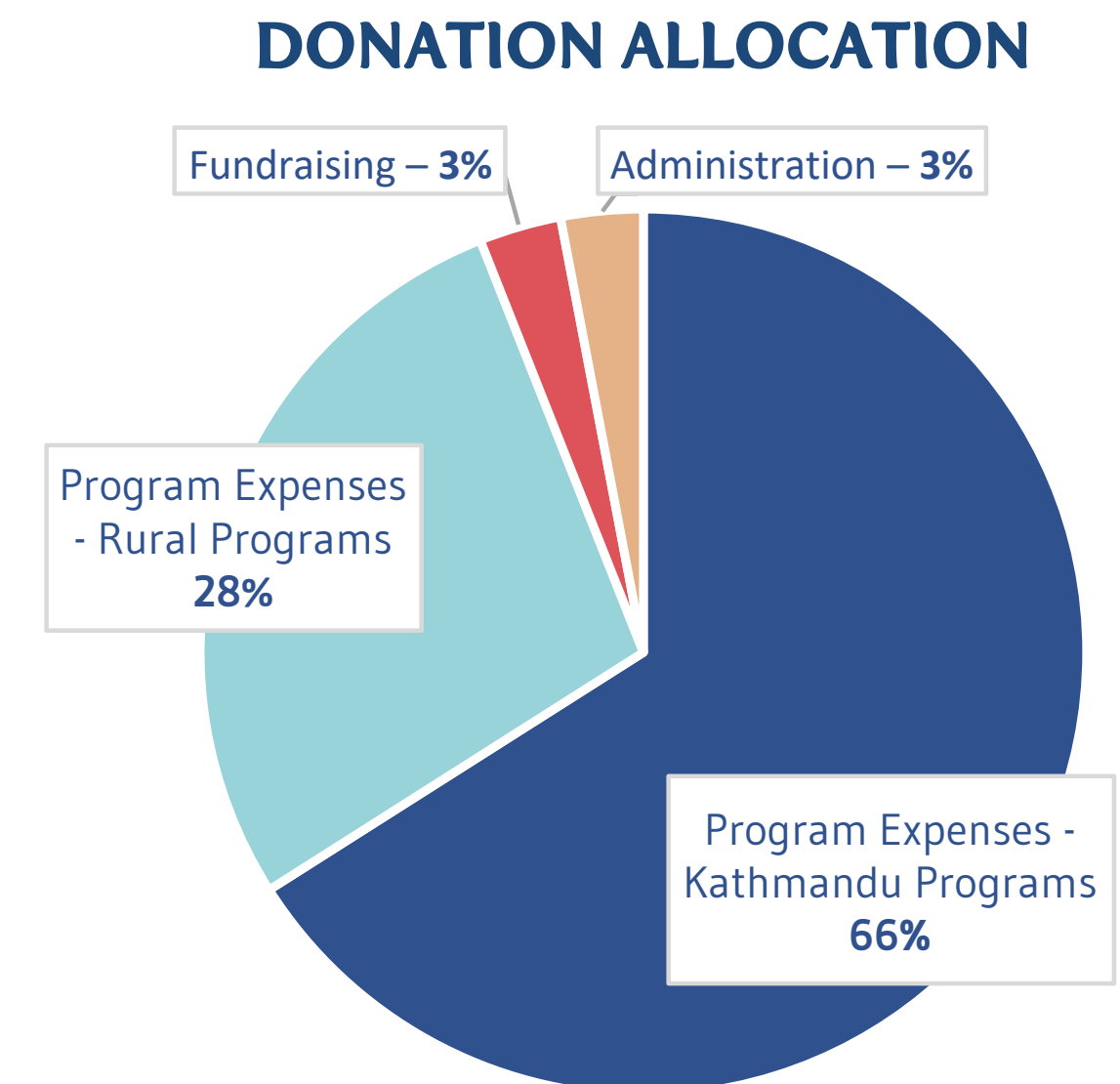
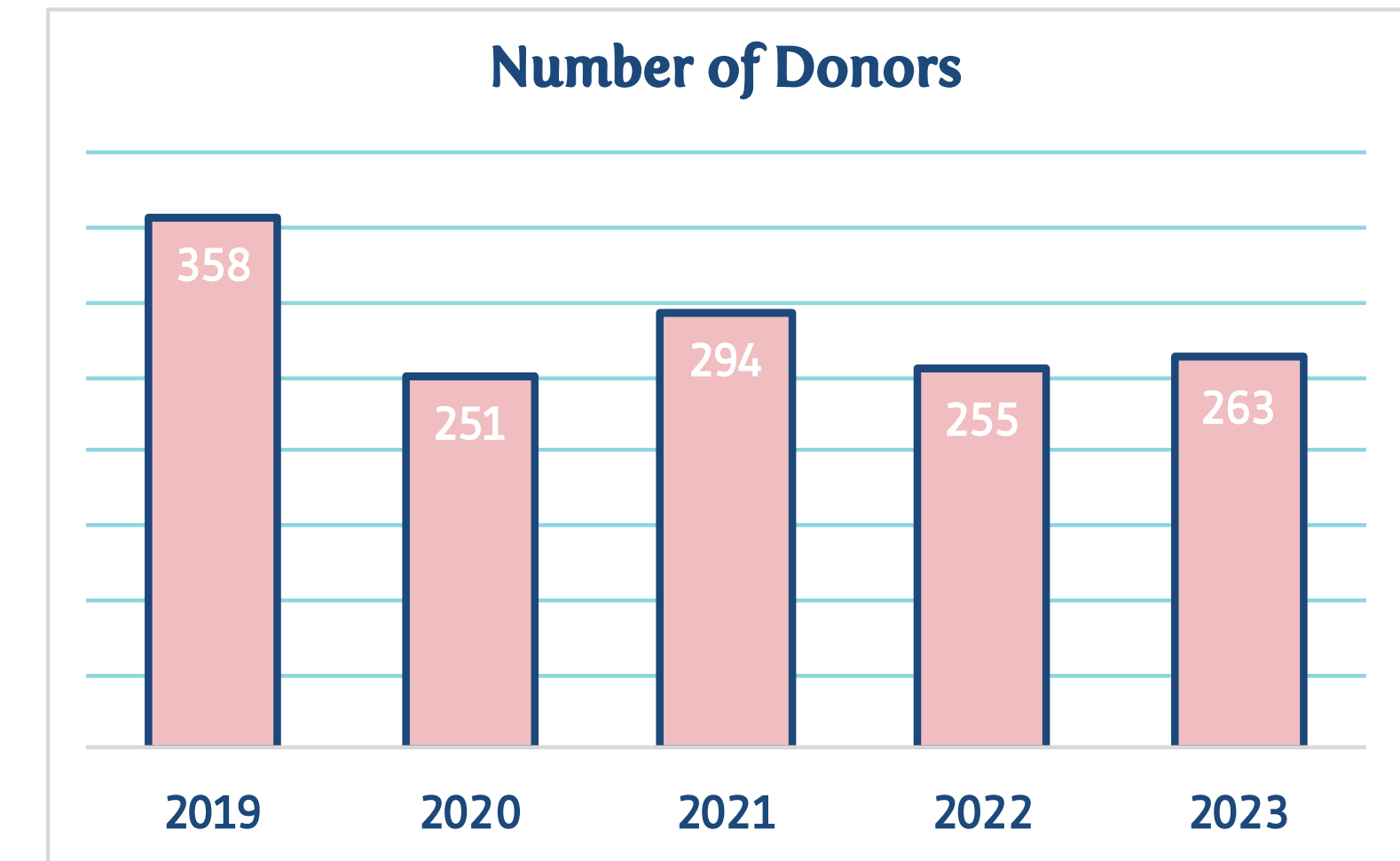
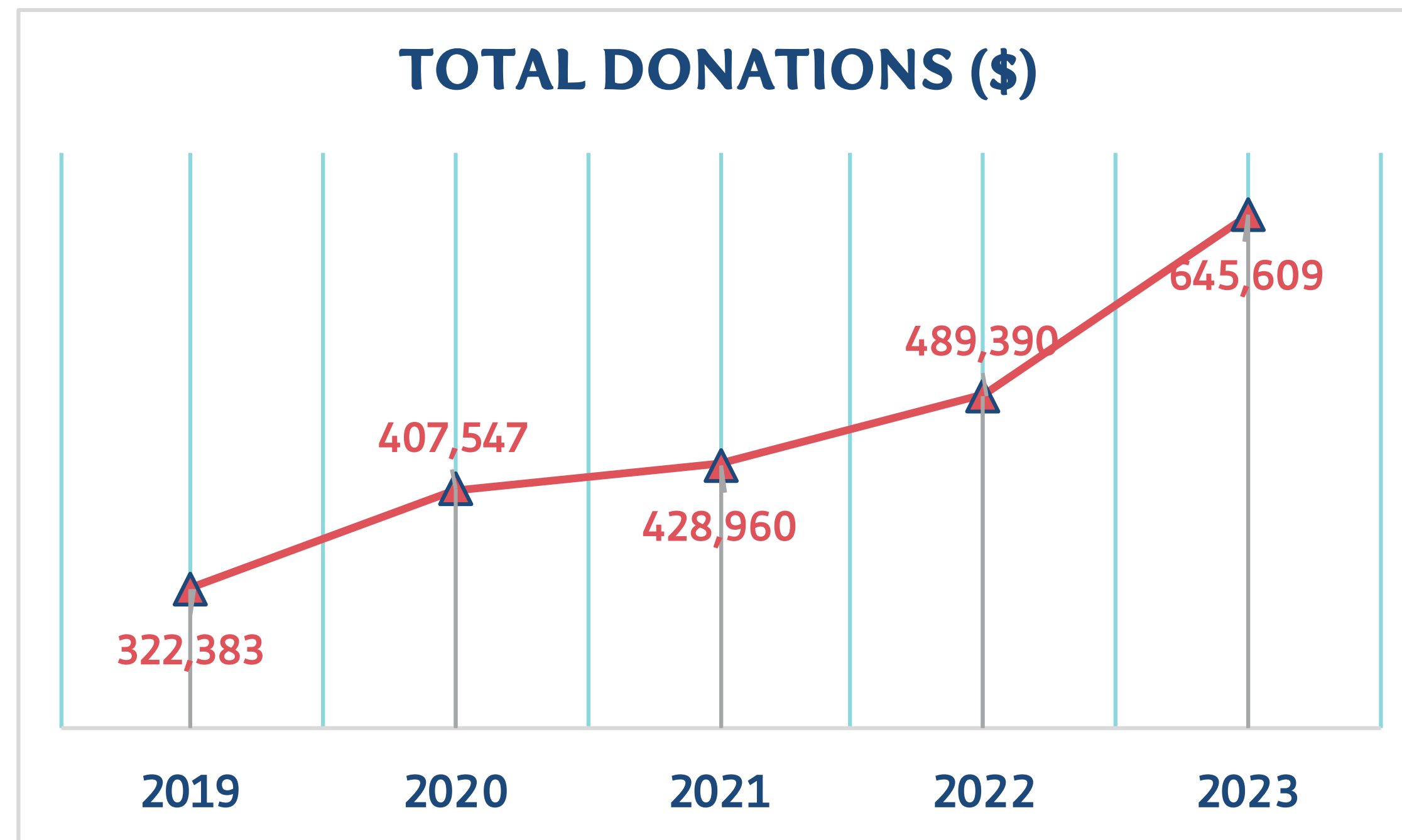
HCC'S LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND

In 2020, we created HCC's Legacy Endowment Fund to ensure the continuation and sustainability of HCC's programs until 2050. Our programs have been developed over decades of experience in Nepal. They are designed to meet the needs of each student, as we guide them in their journey through higher education and into adulthood. We support inspired and inspiring youth who would not be able to otherwise continue their education and reach their full potential.



A gift to the endowment today ensures transformative programs in Nepal for generations to come. We are looking for partnerships with inspired philanthropists to help fund this endowment, and we invite you to join us in our mission. Together, we will change lives, and make a lasting impact.

2023 FINANCES



Detailed financial information is available on our website – hccnepal.org/reports-financials



HCC Peak students with Dinesh & Bruce, HCC's Founder



RISE Students in Nuwakot



Family helped by Benighat Relief Project



Desks provided by HCC's Benighat Relief Project



HCC Graduates, students & staff



PEAK students at Khushi Ghar



Peak student taking music lessons at Khushi Ghar



Backpacks distributed to all HCC students



HCC staff visits RISE students in Dhading Besi



HCC Founders & Team in Kathmandu



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