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giving a future to the children of Nepal



Chairman's Address

The year 2010 has seen Nagarhope build on both its sponsorship programme and assistance to local schools in the Nagarkot area. Nagarhope Nepal has been officially registered as an NGO in Nepal just over one year which has given us full legitimacy to help those we see as most in need of assistance.

Our plans to build a children's home and community centre have been well-researched to date and we hope to start construction by early 2011. Many poor and deprived local people will benefit from this centre through education, vocational training and advice.

The Nagarhope SponsorKidz programme has been in operation now for over 30 months, and has seen our first batch of kids in Sunrise school enter their third year of formal schooling. As of September 2010, this programme has seen 130 children benefit from an ongoing education. Much work is being done both in the schools and behind the scenes to ensure that these children receive the full benefits of the education on offer to them. We hold bi-annual meetings with their parents to ensure that they are aware of the importance of attending school regularly, passing exams and respecting their school environment.

In Teku, Kathmandu, our Kalimati Kidz project has been running smoothly and successfully for 18 months in providing a quality education not just to 45 children in local schools, but also to their families and the wider community as a whole. Our centre along the banks of the Bagmati River, though small, has been highly effective in supporting the many needs of uneducated children, many of them immigrants from the impoverished North Indian state of Bihar. Our day classes in the centre cater to women and children who have had little or no education, and the skills we impart are important for their daily lives as well as furthering their educational goals.

The largest Secondary school in Nagarkot – Shree Mahankali HSS has benefitted in 2010 from three new classrooms, 80% of which Nagarhope funded. These 3 new rooms will accommodate 9 and 10 class, as well as a computer room / library that still needs funding. Our constant communication with Mahankali HSS has given us a good foothold in Nagarkot, and we receive great support from both the teaching staff and the management committee.

None of this work would be possible without the dedication of our Committee, fundraisers, sponsors, volunteers and donors. Nagarhope's aims and ideals would be nothing without this support, and I for one have seen the difference it has made in a developing country such as Nepal. I certainly have taken many things for granted throughout my life, but seeing the hardship people here have to suffer, I have been instilled with a greater hope for simple things like literacy, clean water, access to healthcare and electricity.

Nagarhope will continue to provide assistance to those in need, only made possible by the many that have helped make this a reality. My humble thanks, once again, to one and all.

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Fachtna 'Doc' Clandillon *September 30th 2010*



Nagarhope – a History

In the summer of 2006, Doc, a 32 year old Dubliner, and Dhurba, a 42 year old Nepali native, met in the small Himalayan village of Nagarkot. Both could see the need to help Nepali children through education, such was the need at the time. Since then, they have worked together with locals and schools to provide schooling to deprived and needy children and families. Thus, Nagarhope was born.

Their plan to construct and operate an 'orphanage' in Nagarkot has evolved to incorporate a community / social centre that will service the wider community's needs, and help to alleviate problems such as illiteracy, life and training skills, women's empowerment and social stigma's that very often have negative effects on the development of individuals and groups, especially low-caste and indigenous peoples.

Nagarhope has been well-established in Nagarkot and Kathmandu and is literally reaching out to hundreds of families in some way, mainly through education and community based programmes.



Sun Rise School

Nagarhope currently sponsors 53 children in Sunrise School. For only €10 Euro per month, a child's education for one year will be covered. Sunrise has progressed in the three years since forming a working relationship with Nagarhope, and has been able to provide a quality education to over 200 kids with the help of a qualified teaching staff. As with all schools we deal with, we hold high values in issues related to human rights, gender equality and correct teaching methods. On occasion, college students we assist give back time by volunteering in the schools that we help.



Mahankali School

Completed in August 2010, Mahankali Secondary School now boasts three new classrooms, one of which will be utilised as a computer room / library. Nagarhope has contributed around 80% of the total costs and has overseen various aspects of the planning and building. About 20 students in Mahankali receive assistance as they would not be able to continue their education otherwise. We also arrange tuition classes for exam-year students in preparation for state and district level examinations.



Kent School

From April 2010, Nagarhope has sponsored 20 very needy students in Kent Public School. The school itself has been struggling financially, and has also had problems in recruiting staff and students. With each school we start to assist, we collect information and give advice on ways to improve the teaching and overall standards of the school. Both Kent and Sunrise school have benefitted from Umbrella Foundation volunteers in the last year – capable students who have four months off after their final High School exams.



College Students

When students finish their SLC (School Leavers Certificate) and move on to college level, Nagarhope assists them through preparation, easing financial constraints and choosing a suitable course. Nagarhope currently assists 13 college going students, some of whom give back by volunteering as teachers in local village schools. We try to encourage them, whenever possible, to use their time in college wisely so that they will reap the benefits of their education.



Teachers

Due to lack of qualified teachers at the primary and secondary levels, many schools, both private and government, are running classes with unsuitable and under qualified teachers. We try to find local qualified teachers and place them in government schools to try and combat this problem and give a boost to badly resourced schools.

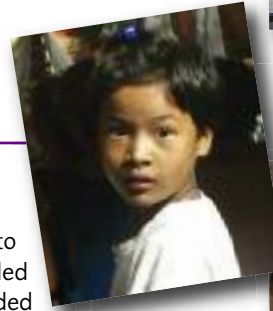
The Kalimati Kidz Project

Started in April 2009, our Kalimati Kidz Project directly works with the urban poor in Teku, Kathmandu. A total of 45 children attend local primary and secondary schools and also benefit from our education centre and classroom, where extra day-classes are being run for mothers and previously uneducated children. Other cultural programmes and training skills are imparted to those locals who wish to avail of our services. Divya, our full time teacher, is fluent in Nepali and also has excellent English and Hindi. As opposed to our work and sponsorships in schools where organisation and teachers are in place, the Kalimati Project is funded wholly by Nagarhope and has been given good support by volunteers and other NGO's too. It has been generously supported by Harry Coogan, the Chairman of Umbrella Ireland, and Dave Cutler, one of the Founders of Umbrella Foundation Nepal.



Umbrella Foundation Nepal

Umbrella Foundation Nepal is an INGO / NGO based in Kimdol, Swayambhu, Kathmandu and acts as a children's home. Umbrella is home to over 315 children, many of whom have been neglected, orphaned, abused, trafficked or displaced due to a 10-year civil conflict in Nepal which ended in February 2006. Nagarhope has provided volunteers and assistance to Umbrella on occasion, and also benefits from much needed advice regarding the day to day running of an organisation here in Nepal. Three fellow Dubs, Stephen Jenkinson, Conor Fox and Amy Mulcahy are currently the directors of Umbrella Foundation and have done an outstanding job of managing and guiding Umbrella in the right direction. For more info on Umbrella log onto www.umbrellafoundationnepal.org.



Government School Programmes



In 2009, Nagarhope ran a very successful Quiz programme for 15 government schools in the Nagarkot Area. Since then, we have established a link with each school and we visit these schools on occasion. Some are very poorly funded by the government and Nagarhope can utilise its expertise in helping these schools through extracurricular events or repairs to damaged buildings. At the time of writing, Nagarhope is helping one such school – Shree Nanda Jyoti Primary School in Kavre District, a one and a half hour walk from Nagarkot. Two classrooms in Nanda Jyoti were damaged during the monsoon season when rain and muck from a nearby hill collapsed two walls and damaged benches and windows.

Shree Terse Talarang



Through Team Nepal, a Nepali NGO working in Sindupalchowk District, 6 hours north-east of Kathmandu, Nagarhope assisted in constructing a three roomed school building in 2009 for Shree Terse Secondary School, Talarang. In May 2010, a group of volunteers returned to Talarang and gave the new classrooms a facelift by painting the walls for students in Nursery, 1 and 2 classes. Whilst working, Team Nepal accommodated the volunteers in their own Children's Home and provided them with meals. Also in February 2010, the new wing of the school was officially opened by Nagarhope and Shree Terse. Lorna and Niall Duffy from Lucan were the chief guests on the day and Nagarhope's Nepali committee made the long journey to witness the event.



Mahankali Computer Room and Library Fund

The newly completed classrooms in Shree Mahankali Secondary School in Nagarkot includes an, as yet, unfunded computer room and library. We are keeping this fund separate as between €4000 and €5000 Euros are needed to completely fit the room with all facilities including 10 computers, shelves and both Nepali and English books mainly geared toward the Primary and Nursery sections of the school. We are hoping that this amount will be raised within one year, and not only will it be used for the 500-plus children attending classes in Mahankali, but also four or five other local schools in the vicinity.



Fundraising Events 2010

In January and June of this year, local bands took to the stage again for Valentino 2 & 3. These concerts were supported by Lucan Spa Hotel and held in the County Bar, Lucan. An array of musical talent graced the stages to perform their own music as well as covers, and it gave some of the up-and-coming acts a chance to show their talents in front of the crowds. Many thanks to all the performers, organisers, staff and Ian Smith who gave up his time to oversee the sound on both nights.

The Hope World Cup in June 2010 was a lottery draw participated by 32 people. Prizes included a hand-carved World Cup and a Nepali home-cooked meal for 4 lucky draw winners. Griffeen Valley Educate Together School made a collection of clothes and football jerseys, and Lucan BNS 5th Class created a calendar to raise money for Nagarhope. Lucan Lions club have always donated the takings from a raffle to Nagarhope.

The big fundraiser this year is the 3rd annual Nagarhope Fancy Dress party, on Saturday 30th October in Lucan Sarsfield's GAA Club, Newcastle Road. This has attracted many club members and locals alike over the last two years and always promises to be a big night and lots of fun. Contact Tadhg on 087 9225103 for tickets or more info. This year's event is called the GOOD THE BAD AND THE UGLY; keep an eye out in the local Newsletter and Newspapers for more details. Tickets are €20.

In December 2010 / January 2011, Pat Power from Dublin is organising a group of ten performers to come to Nepal for a two week stint where they will perform for various organisations including Nagarhope and Umbrella. They have been busy raising money to fund their trip and will have a calendar of events set up for them. Their troupe includes jugglers, magicians, clowns and musicians. For more info, email Pat on magician@ireland.com



For anyone interested in Sponsoring a child in Sunrise, Miniland or Kent, sponsoring a college student or a teacher, volunteering or organising a fundraiser, please use the contact details below.



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