



Summer 2018



Words from John

Namaste!

Nobody can dispute that it has been a difficult year for the aid sector. Scandals resulting from lack of adequate governance and unacceptable complacency have impacted not only the reputation of the individual agencies concerned but the aid sector as a whole. While it is for others to decide what action is required to restore the public's trust and more importantly to ensure the vulnerable are no longer exploited, I have always maintained that donors need to be mindful of the causes and the organizations they support and perform personal due diligence before donating.

Children of the Mountain, despite our impact over the past nine years, remains a small organization and we value our personal relationship with all our supporters. This relationship is built upon trust and we accept the responsibilities that comes along with your emotional and financial investment. We will continue to provide full accountability on use of funds and publish regular measurement of our impact. Most importantly we will do our utmost to ensure that the children we support are nurtured and protected and that all our team members are fully aware of their responsibility as custodians of your trust.

From the beginning we have encouraged our parents & teachers to adopt a new leadership practice; one with a moral dimension, based upon shared purpose, values and belief. This we are convinced will transform a school from a cave into a community. This year we introduced our long held organizational values to the classrooms with the launch of our unique values based education program, providing practical advice to enable parents to guide children in values such as respect & honesty and supporting teachers to champion teamwork and cooperation. Our programs improve literacy and numeracy but also critically they support the development of a protective, nurturing and motivating school environment.

In Nepal it has been a very positive six months. We opened our 12th primary school and 23rd Kindergarten. Today over 1,000 children benefit from dual language learning and 500 take their first steps every day with creativity and joy. In the coming year we will open our 13th primary school and bring our kindergartens number to 25. We will also introduce our unique Hati labs providing over 500 children with their first access to computerized creative learning. We could do none of this without you, our Yaks!

Danybhad!
John

OUR IMPACT

SINCE 2009 WE HAVE INVESTED OVER £500,000. WE HAVE BUILT FORTY-FIVE CLASSROOMS ACROSS TWELVE LOCATIONS. OUR CLASSROOMS PROVIDE LEARNING SPACES FOR ONE THOUSAND STUDENTS, WITH FIVE HUNDRED ATTENDING OUR TWENTY KINDERGARTENS DAILY.

HIGHLIGHTS



12

SCHOOLS



20+

KINDERGARTENS



100+

TRAINED TEACHERS



500+

PRESCHOOLS



1000+

STUDENTS



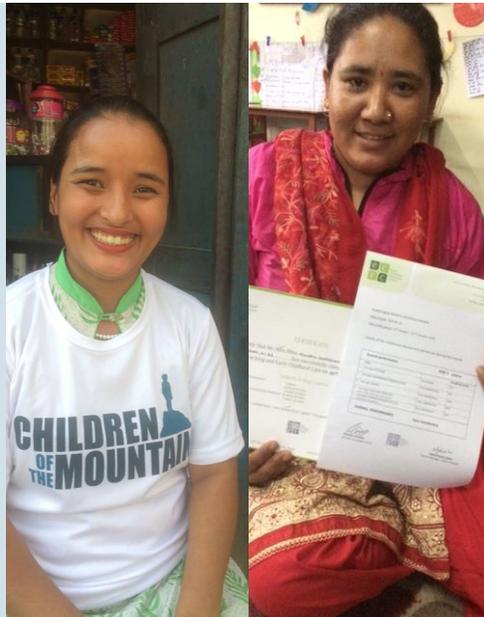
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BOOKS



Jolly Yak has completed her mission and hands over day to day management to the new look team in Nepal. In the past year Joli has introduced structure recruited and trained a team and had a huge impact. The team now has a new manager. Raju Bishowkarma a native of Bandipur district brings with him invaluable experience of the education sector and a passion for equality.

A warm Yak welcome also to our two new teacher trainers, Mundeera & Surita, who join Bikram and Aruna. Both have received intensive training and are already having an immediate impact in the classroom.



KAN SHE? SHE CAN!

It was a privilege to meet Kanchhi Maya Tamang, a young lady who against the odds graduated from school and went on to conquer Everest. Kanchhi now promotes equal rights and opportunity for girls in Nepal and we are delighted to welcome her as an ambassador for our girls count! program.

Our first initiative is the sponsorship of 25 girls from Sindupalchowk district to school for 5 years from grade 5 to graduation made possible by the Victoria Buchanan fund.



Victoria

Sadly this year we lost Victoria Buchanan, a wife, mother, teacher and friend of Nepal who had a positive impact on everyone she met. We hope that her indomitable spirit will live on in the schools she helped create and children will be inspired everyday by her efforts. Funds raised by her friends in her memory were used to open a kindergarten and to launch the girls count! sponsorship program.

IN THE HILLS

Sankor gets a new school!

The school at Sankor was destroyed the earthquake and the kids have attended school under the hot sun and in the pouring rain. We are delighted to opened the new school our 12th inclusive of a new khakuua



klub and renovated toilet block. A huge thank you to Naturfreunde and BGH Austria.

Having recently agreed to support 6 schools in the district of Tanahu we opened three khakuua klubs in Bandipur.

HATI LABS IS UNDERWAY!

Hati labs underway! Our logo for our new primary school computer labs program is an Elephant. Elephants are clever and wise and never forget the joy of learning! Three labs will open in Tandrang this year. The purpose of the labs is not to teach 'computer study' but to provide content rich software that supports teachers foster creativity curiosity and interactive learning across the curriculum.



If you are interested in joining us "get active get involved!" Contact: info@childrenofthemountain.org



Our intrepid volunteers bring their creativity to remote Nepal!

We'd like to thank Blake & Issy our two in field volunteers who had a major impact on the quality of the education program. Both brought unique experiences to the classroom and we are extremely grateful for their contribution.



We don't do easy!

We were asked to help the children in remote Taplejung To reach this area you need to fly to east Nepal, take a 10 hour journey by jeep , and finally hike 4 hours up the mountain. Dont worry, we wont be asking for volunteers to make the journey! But Helmut Neuwirth COTM board member in Austria, did and through his fund raising efforts we built a 3 classroom school and opened the districts first khakuua klub.



Austrian Board!

The New Austrian Board of Yaks hold their first meeting. In the tradition of the herd they all adopted yak names: Candy Yak, Striker Yak, Yakity Yak, VeggiYak & Curly Yak!



Northcote continues to deliver

Lisa Goodwin-Allen will cook a one-off menu to celebrate the flavours of Nepal as Northcote aims to raise over £10,000.

She will introduce her menu and talk about her life balancing being a Mum and running a Michelin star kitchen. The menu will be specially created for this evening only - don't miss a rare opportunity to enjoy Nepalese dishes cooked by Lisa Goodwin-Allen. Friday 28 September 2018.

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The Chairmans annual fund raising dinner was held at the luxurious Stafford Hotel in London . Mike Smith our Chairman outlined the achievements of the past year and Craig Bancroft MD of Northcote Hotel presided over the auction. A huge thank you to Stuart Procter general manager and all his staff. A successful event that will be surely as popular next year.

 YOU LIKE US!!15,921 TIMES!

OAKMAN INNS

OAKMAN INNS START A PIGGY BANK!

Oakman Inns have selected Children OfThe Mountain as their official charity of choice from 2018. As a Corporate Sponsor, for every pork belly dish sold in any of the 25 restaurants around the U.K, 25p will be donated to the charity. Their target will be to raise an annual total of at least £10K for the children of Nepal.



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