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DREAM BIG... GIRLS' JOURNEY FROM AN ORPHANAGE TO UNIVERSITY

Don't we all have a dream for a child to grow up healthy, succeed at school, obtain a college degree, and become a responsible adult? We are proud to report to you that your generous support has made that dream a reality for our ten girls at Paropakar Girls' orphanage. These highly motivated, ambitious,



and spirited girls have joined universities with big aspirations for their adult lives. The girls' outstanding academic achievements are testimony to their noble ambitions to rise above abusive beginnings and seek the future that they can be proud of. Please join us in congratulating the girls for achieving a great milestone in their lives and wishing them success in their university studies in Nursing, Biotechnology, IT Engineering, Hotel Management, Public Health, Social Work, and Accounting.

While we celebrate the tremendous academic success achieved by the girls, every child is a reminder of our purpose. With your continued love and support, we are poised to educate all of our children, and provide them with a decent future.

OUR COMMITMENT HAS STRENGTHENED...

With three new members joining this year, VCN now has a fully seated Board with decades of leadership experience in nonprofit management, financial oversight and educational advancement. Together, we strive to improve the lives of Nepali orphaned and physically impaired children motivated by our compassion and personal experience. We are committed to helping the least fortunate children of Nepal.

MICHAEL BASILE
Treasurer



Michael Basile is a Finance and Accounting Executive. He is currently a Chief Financial Officer and holds both the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) designations. Michael lives in Seattle, Washington and in his free time enjoys camping, hiking, snowboarding and travelling. He looks forward to visiting Nepal and meeting the VCN team and the children we serve.

WILLIAM S. WIENSTEIN
Board Member



Bill is an attorney, entrepreneur, and hedge fund manager. He first visited Nepal in 1985. His Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader, Warren Storkman, introduced him to Paropakar Girls' Orphanage. Bill set up a charitable trust in the names of Warren and Dixie Storkman to provide college scholarships for the Paropakar girls. He has visited Nepal many times and enjoys a warm relationship with the girls he helps.

BIDYA SUBEDI
Board Member



Bidya Subedi was born and raised in Nepal. She has a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and a Master's degree in Nonprofit Management. Her passion lies in advancing access to education and healthcare, especially for women and girls. Bidya brings experience in nonprofit management and leadership, and the perfect combination of skills to VCN.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Children begin to return to in-person classes at school. The girls and boys from the orphanages begin to plan their new lives beyond the walls of the orphanages. The scholarship students are preparing for their university coursework. Life for the children is slowly returning to normalcy while our team in Nepal is closely monitoring the health directives and COVID situation. Thank you all for your generous support and love to these children. We will continue to strive to improve the lives of Nepali children and to nurture them toward self-reliance through the numerous programs we monitor and support. VCN wants every child to have the right to survival, stability and education, as well as a happy, healthy and safe childhood. We ask for your continued support of VCN. Virtually 100% of tax-deductible donations go to our beneficiaries in Nepal.

PAROPAKAR GIRLS' ORPHANAGE

Mamata, the oldest sister of 25 girls at Paropakar Girls' Orphanage, is excited to explore her new life at the university. She and nine other university-bound girls are anxious to leave the orphanage, start a new life and learn new skills – cooking, shopping, managing time, budgeting expenses... As the girls move forward with optimism beyond life in the orphanage and begin to explore in the "real world", we recognize that each child carries deep within an incredibly painful history. We continue our parental role with all these children, guiding



Celebrating Tihar/Diwali festival

them through a new phase of their lives with special attention to all the opportunities that will enable them to have comfortable lives, walk proudly and succeed in future challenges.

Her ambition to succeed has led Anusha to pursue a Biotechnology Engineering degree, Jenny is venturing in Information Technology, Mamata is studying Public Health Management. The younger sisters in the orphanage, who have chosen Nursing, Hotel Management, Accounting and Social Work are excited about their choices of majors in the universities. Alina did exceptionally well in her national exam (SEE) and wants to pursue a degree in Health Assistant (a close comparison would be a Physician's Assistant in the US). We are proud of the children for their outstanding academic achievements. The younger girls in 9th grade did well and have moved on to 10th grade.

PAROPAKAR BOYS' ORPHANAGE

The remarkable 17 young residents of the boys' orphanage inspire us to become involved in their lives.

The boys are quick to express gratitude for their opportunity for a good education. With your generous donation, VCN has been able to improve living conditions for the children. We provide warm winter clothing, school shoes, inner clothing, warm quilts, sports equipment, as well as miscellaneous house repairs and any needed emergency items. The boys are reminded by VCN that the true givers are the very special friends and supporters in America who generously make possible these most needed and appreciated gifts.



As in the previous years, the time has come for four boys [Deepak Negai, Rabindra Nepali, Mijash Rai, and Deepak Basnet] to leave the orphanage and venture out into the world. The boys have done exceptionally well at school. VCN, with love and support from our donors, has been able to add these boys to our scholarship program. We wish them all a safe and painless transition from life in the orphanage to independence.

Virtue's Children Nepal is an ALL-VOLUNTEER FOUNDATION

No funds are spent for U.S. salaries, office rent, or special benefits. Board members cover their own travel expenses. Administration costs in Nepal are minimal and are covered by Board member contributions.

BAL SARATHI SCHOOL

The past couple of years have been a challenging time for Bal Sarathi School. The pandemic has revealed the resiliency of the team and the determination to overcome the crises. Throughout the pandemic, the team at Bal Sarathi has continued to provide free nutritious meals to over 100 children from the poor communities around the Pashupatinath temple area. While it was a struggle, the teachers and staff carried on, keeping the children learning and providing them a safe place to play. Now- the teachers and staff are fully vaccinated, we are optimistic that the situation will slowly improve. Children are returning to classrooms for in-person classes with enthusiasm. Street children aged three to fourteen receive education up to fifth grade. The textbooks, school uniforms, and stationaries plus healthy meals are provided all free of cost.



Sarita Dahal, one of Bal Sarathi girls, received a full scholarship to attend Xavier International College. She is pursuing her passion in Computer Science. VNC will continue to provide her with school supplies, uniforms and accessories needed to succeed in school. With your love and support, these poor children are achieving remarkable success. We thank you for your generosity and compassion. A child, like Sarita, demonstrates a passion for education that inspires and deserves attention and support. They need you and your generous help to achieve their potential.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships for blind, physically impaired and impoverished students continue to be a top VCN challenge in our efforts to secure decent life opportunities for outstanding students. Our students immediately recognize the rare lifeline they are given and struggle to achieve the highest honors in their schools. To make our support possible, we continually seek sponsors for all of the children we support. Scholarship costs vary according to situations, but average about \$750 - \$1000 per year, covering all living and school expenses. Please consider joining us in this most important provision to some of the most disadvantaged children on earth. Contact us for specific information on children needing your support and any financing arrangement that would suit your preference.

BLIND CHILDREN AT ERC

At ERC, we support six brave blind children. All come from impoverished backgrounds where education was not financially possible until VCN and sponsors become involved. We have been fortunate to receive heartfelt support from Francisco Hernandez over ten years. All six blind children at ERC have done well at school. All have been promoted to the next grade level. They are delighted to start in-person classes – smiles on their faces say it all. Our continued support of these children brings enormous rewards - for the children and for VCN.



COVID-19 UPDATE

Our young adults of age 18 and over have been fully vaccinated with COVID-19. Children are happy to return to school and take in-person classes. Life for the students is slowly becoming normal. Our team in Nepal is closely monitoring the health directives and changes in the COVID situation in the Kathmandu Valley.

WE WORK AS VOLUNTEERS TO DIRECTLY RESCUE AND SUPPORT THE MOST DESTITUTE AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN OF NEPAL

- ❖ We help provide shelter, food, clothing, school supplies, tutoring and scholarships for 25 girls and 17 boys at Paropakar Girls' and Boys' Orphanages in Kathmandu.
- ❖ We support six blind children who live at the Early Rehabilitation Center (ERC)
- ❖ We support the Bal Sarathi School, which provides free education and daily meals to the children of beggars and untouchable castes around the Pashupatinath temple complex.
- ❖ We provide scholarships to 27 Nepalese children to attend university and to 25 young children attending primary and secondary school.

A NON-PROFIT, ALL-VOLUNTEER, CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Virtue's Children Nepal is a U.S. 501 (c)(3), charitable foundation. Donations to our organization are tax-deductible and acknowledgement letters are provided for donations received. We operate without U.S. salaries, office rent or benefits, but always with special affection and parental concerns for the children in our care. We directly manage all expenses and payments in Nepal from our U.S. office, assuring our supporters of responsible management and that we are making every effort to reach and serve the most children possible.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RUBIN NEPALI Director	BIDYA SUBEDI Board Member
WENDY BREWER LAMA Secretary	WILLIAM WIENSTEIN Board Member
MICHAEL BASILE Treasurer	In memoriam ALLAN AISTROPE Founder (1937-2018)
KATHLEEN HASSEN Girls' College Fund Director	

VCN BOARD MEMBER KATHLEEN HASSEN



has been pouring out her love to 25 girls at Paropakar Girls' Orphanage. The girls are blossoming, have achieved great academic success and continue to concur their success in universities. Kathleen oversees the college scholarships provided through VCN to girls once they complete Class 12 at the Girls' Orphanage in Kathmandu. These scholarships are funded by VCN Board member William Weinstein. Kathleen travels annually to Nepal and maintains a close relationship with the Paropakar girls, supplementing their well-tended needs with educational resources including shared laptop computers. She has always been in the service of others, as a Girl Scout leader, working for Meals on Wheels and through her varied professions as a teacher, travel agent, real estate agent and tax preparer. She has lived in England and in Iran and is a passionate traveler, having visited all 52 US states, all 7 continents and altogether 85 countries, taking time to hike in Nepal, Tibet, Mt. Kilimanjaro and Machu Picchu. She stepped in to help a Nepalese family rebuild their home after the devastating earthquakes of 2015, seeing first-hand the fragility of village life in Nepal and the joys that sponsorship brings.

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