



Namaste and Welcome,

Namaste to all our members, supporters and donors to CLCR's Decembers E-Newsletter.

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The past 6 months has seen huge positive shifts within our Nepali school project, The Heartland Children's Academy (HCA). We have been busy with building new facilities, Heartland program developments, fundraising events and teacher training. The photos and text below represent both our efforts and Heartland's development during the last few months during the middle of a very busy school year.

We would like to again thank our donors, members and community partners for their most valued support. Without the consistent support of these groups at our events and via donations we would not be able to make the gains that have been possible throughout the last 6 months.

CLCR: "Creating Opportunity through Education in Nepal"



Karan's trip to Australia: Professional Development and School Immersion

During the month of October we coordinated a three and half week trip to Australia for our Heartland Principal, Mr Karan Goyala. This trip is the first part of a new programme we are trialing based on our commitment to developing the teaching skills of our HCA teachers and improving the delivery of the play-based democratic education model we are coordinating at HCA.

Karan's trip was part immersion within the Australian schools we have community partnerships with, meeting scholarship donors and supporters, and the attendance at the most recent AAPAE education conference held at Currumbena Primary and Preschool over the October long weekend. Below are a few photos of Karan's trip and experiences throughout his time in Australia. We would like to thank all our members who joined us for the events we held throughout this period and the schools who hosted Karan during this trip.



Can you sponsor a student? If you would like to donate to our Heartland [scholarship programme](#), which supports the education of Nepali women, visit our website and make a secure tax deductible donation today. You really can make a difference to someone's life...

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HCA Developments

During the last 6 months, HCA has gone through significant facility developments, culminating in the construction and re-configuration of our basketball court and four new specialist classrooms. This includes upgrades to larger, more student orientated learning spaces. These classrooms incorporate more individualised student furniture, larger whiteboards, lots of natural light and open space not commonly seen in Nepali schools.

Part of these shifts have involved revamping our **science** and **music lab** facilities to larger rooms, the introduction of a new **arts** and **crafts** facility and an expanded **sports** and **physical health department** to support the students' growing interest in sports participation and health education. Below are a few snaps of some of these developments in progress.



Would you like to support a specific area of education? Why not take on the sponsorship of a 'Adopt a Project (ADP)' package – for example a tax deductible \$100 donation will help us purchase soccer, volley, tennis, basketballs, cricket bats and badminton racquets for our sports programmes and free play initiatives.

Heartland tertiary education sector - 'Buy a Brick for Christmas' appeal

We mentioned the development of this sector during our last E-Newsletter in July. It is based on HCA being extended to encompass a tertiary education sector for years 11 and 12.

The target population will largely focus on opportunities for young women and marginalised caste sectors that do not usually get a chance to reach this level of education or receive a qualification of this standing. We are still finalising the curriculum and subject parameters but we have outlined a development plan which encompasses the creation of new specialised learning labs and classroom spaces unlike others in Nepal. To help develop these larger open learning spaces we need your help. We've recently launched the '[Buy a Brick for Christmas](#)' appeal. You can buy a brick for the development of our tertiary sector for just \$5 each, in which all donations are tax deductible and a great way to put your name to creating something that will truly change the lives of hundreds of underprivileged Nepali children.

So go on, buy a few bricks for someone as a present this Christmas.

All donated funds will go towards the development of this project activity during CLCR's upcoming trip to Nepal during January 2012.



We have recently encountered a number of [scholarship opportunities](#) at Heartland with us taking on some students from particular village areas steeped in poverty. Below is one of the cases we are sponsoring thus far and would love your help in supporting.

This is Sandeep Taman and he is in class two at the Heartland Children's Academy (HCA). Sandeep's mother and father moved from their village to Kathmandu in the hope of better opportunities for their son. Their familial relatives have a history of alcohol abuse and both his parents are uneducated. Opportunities for employment are few for this family, but you can

greatly alter their predicted life-course by investing in their son, Sandeep.

Our scholarship support program is tax deductible and a great way to give the gift of education to a child this Christmas.

Would you like to get involved with CLCR? There are many ways you can! Small NGOs like CLCR are heavily reliant on the assistance and generosity of people who want to make a difference, or just want to be involved with something bigger than themselves. You can [volunteer](#) here in Australia or at [HCA](#), our school in Nepal; or if you're short of time, you can become a [member](#) and receive invitations to all events and AGMs as well as quarterly newsletters and updates. You can [sponsor](#) a student, support the [Family Assistance Programme](#), [Adopt-a-Project](#), or join the [Circle of Child Sponsors](#). Come on, join us! You'll be surprised how good you feel helping children to change their future.

CLCR Events - Thanks for the support!

During the last four months we have had three fundraising events based on supporting the specific development of Heartland's Nursery sector and female scholarship students. All of these had a great level of support from our current members, supports and their friends. Our events featured a fantastically popular trivia night at the Longueville Sporting Club, our products and promotions stall at the Lane Cove Rotary Fair, and our 'Good, Food, Good Cause' dinner at Mustang Restaurant in Crows Nest. Each event helped promote our school and raise valuable funds for expansion, and the sustainability of our aid and educational development activities at Heartland. Thank you to all those involved!



Thanks for reading

So once again, thank you for supporting us in membership funds, donations and through attendance at our events this year. As you can see from the pictures and articles, your support is making a big difference to the lives of underprivileged Nepali children.

Copied in across to the right are some pictures of some of our most recent Heartland volunteers, who have just spent a few months working in the school and trekking around Nepal. If you would like to volunteer your time or are thinking of a trip to Nepal, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. You will be amazed at the level of impact you can have on our students even over a short period of time.

As always if you have queries, feedback, want to [Adopt a Project](#), [sponsor a child](#) or [donate](#), then please don't hesitate to contact us on the details listed on our website:

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With Kind Regards,



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