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Namaste to all our members, supporters and donors to July's CLCR E-Newsletter. The past 6 months has seen huge positive changes within our Nepali school project, [The Heartland Children's Academy \(HCA\)](#). We have been busy with many new student scholarships, facilities and developments.

We thank our generous community partners and donors who have supported and helped us realise these projects at HCA. Your support allows us to provide hundreds of children per day with a life-changing education. We also acknowledge Global Development Group for their continual encouragement and oversight of our approved humanitarian development project.

The photos within this newsletter are snapshots of the lives that experience your generosity every time you donate and support our CLCR activities, appeals and dinner events.

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CLCR and HeNN Fundraising dinner - May 2011

On the 4th of May, CLCR and the Help Nepal Network (HeNN) held our annual fundraising dinner to support scholarship education of Nepali women at HCA and the building of a library in the remote region of Kaski. This was a great night with over 130 people attending and supporting our organisation's projects and initiatives. Many people walked away with fantastic lucky door/ raffle prizes and silent auction items, whilst being entertained by traditional Nepali dance acts and tabla player Mr Dheeraj Shrestha.

We would like to thank all our event sponsors, particularly Porters of Longueville, and guests who attended on the night. The funds raised through this dinner go directly to sustaining the the scholarship programmes for the underprivileged at HCA.

These are some of the students who benefitted from the funds raised:



A big thanks to our coordinating partners in the HeNN team - a fantastic group of Nepali volunteers supporting education and health initiatives in Nepal. We look forward to our next event in 2012 with you!

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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Heartland update and School expansion

The past 6 months have seen some enormous developments at HCA, **including 92 new students!** This pushes us up to around 350 students. As a result, to provide better one-on-one learning opportunities for the increasing student numbers, we have employed another 5 new teachers - taking us to 30 full time staff at HCA. As part of our focus on providing the school community with the best facilities and approaches to educational delivery, we have supported the development of the following facilities:

- A new Nursery block, with larger class room space, more specific resources and a greater emphasis on play-based learning for this group.
- Two new class room blocks for our ever growing Lower Kindergarten (LKG) and Upper Kindergarten (UKG) student group. This development coincides with our teachers working in tandem and utilising team teaching techniques to implement best practice education.
- These class rooms are larger, lighter and equipped with a greater level of teaching and learning resources both purchased by CLCR and created by this staff sector.

Below are some pictures of these facilities under construction, those now built and our teachers in action



Part of these new facility developments include a new indoor, multi-purpose hall to expand our school play and sports activities throughout the year (but particularly during the monsoon season). With activity programmes ranging from our 'Democratic Friday' free choice initiative, to table tennis, indoor

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soccer, cricket, music and cultural dance. We will also use this space to facilitate teacher training programmes for our staff and other teachers from around Nepal, parent teacher sessions and presentations. With increased sports programmes, we also extended our '**Sports and Health Department**' by shifting it to a separate larger room with more resources, equipment and health specific literature to support lesson planning and sports delivery in HCA.



Are you able to support our sports activities at HCA? Why not take on the sponsorship of a '[Adopt a Project \(ADP\)](#)' sports package - a tax deductible \$100 will help us purchase soccer, volley, tennis, basketballs, cricket bats and badminton racquets for our sports programmes and free play initiatives.

Our new combined staff and learning resource room is fully equipped with shelves of subject materials including text books, worksheets, flash cards, posters, arts and crafts materials. There is also a variety of sized laminating machines, guillotines and a computer with net access for research and educational planning.



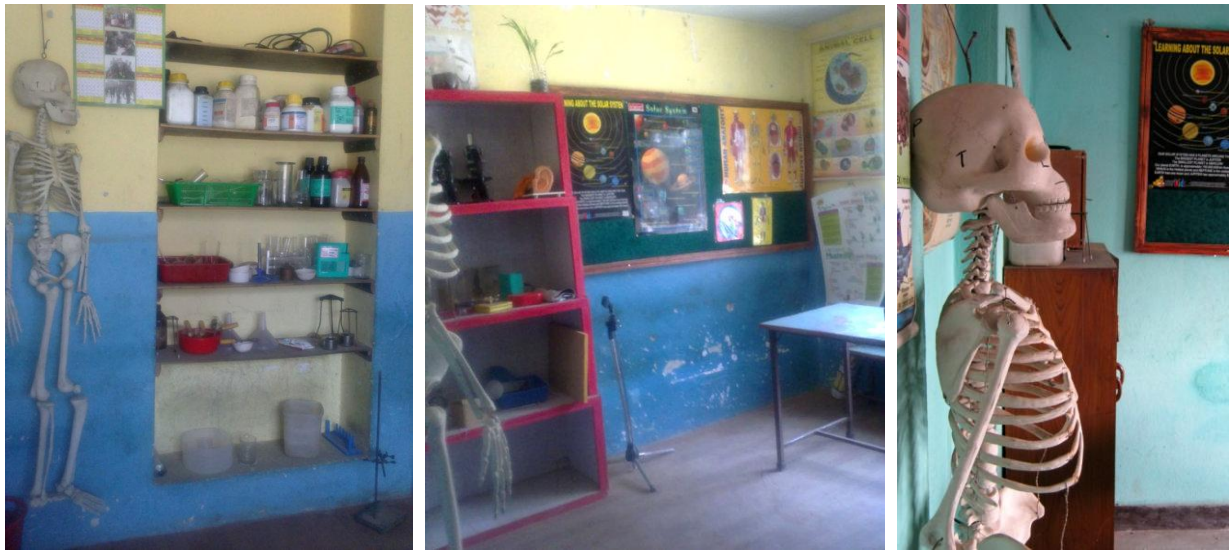
These activities are part of a large scale, long term programme to support the creation of better teaching and learning facilities at HCA for our current and building student population. Unfortunately, these types of facilities and resources are not common in other Nepali schools, and developments like these are only possible because of your support. Through education, the lives of the underprivileged Nepali children we are working for, is changed forever.

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We would also like to thank the following community partners and resource donors supporting this vision:

Officeworks (Artarmon), Ric Publications, Bartel Publishing and Eye In (sports products)

Here are few shots of our science lab - ready for some serious business! The equipment may appear to be in short supply when you compare it with Australian schools. However, when you consider that the vast majority of students in Nepal are taught solely from text books, the ability to apply their knowledge is extremely limited. We all know that experiencing science adds tremendously to a child's education, so we hope that this is the beginning of some great scientific fun! (And understanding, of course).



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.

New scholarship students at HCA

Sponsoring a Heartland student gives you a direct, tangible way of creating positive and lasting changes on an underprivileged child's life. With our student population growing each year, your support in sponsoring children is greatly appreciated and gives us the chance to have a direct impact through quality education. Below are a few photos of some of our current scholarship recipients who are being supported through our student and family sponsorship schemes (FAP).



We have many opportunities for families, schools and organisations to take on CLCR student/ family (FAP) scholarships. We often forget how easy it is here in the western world (particularly living in Australia) and can easily take for granted the educational opportunities we have here. Sponsoring a child's education at HCA gives the gift that can shift the future. Below is a not uncommon story in Nepal; a situation where a little bit of assistance can completely change the predicted future for a little person - so go on, donate and support us in this programme.



This is Subani Pandey, she has just begun with us at HCA in year 3. Subani is an orphan; her mother died during child birth and her father fled to India during the first year of her life. She is being looked after by her uncle on her mother's side. He is uneducated and works on the street as a vendor to make a living of less than US\$1 per day. Unfortunately this type of scenario is all too common in Nepal and for many within our HCA community. As part of our commitment to supporting the education of Nepalese women we are sponsoring her education at present. But if you would like to sponsor Subani and support her life changing education, please contact us. Just \$35/month (\$1.15/day) is all it takes to change a life forever through education!

Fundraising Trivia night!!! August 2011

We are holding a trivia night on **Saturday the 6th of August 2011** at 7:00pm, at the Longueville Sporting Club, River Road, Longueville. The cost of this night is \$35 pp. Download a [flyer](#) for more info. All money raised will go towards:

Scholarship education for girls

There will be great lucky door and raffle prizes (including a romantic getaway for 2 on the Hawkesbury!) to be won throughout the night, as well as Nepali handy-craft items on sale. All funds going directly to support our Nursery/ pre-school at HCA. To book directly or for more information, you can email us to confirm your place by contacting:

- Elizabeth Thornton on 0412 281 881 or email liz@forchildrights.com
- Or Robert Philip on 0408 290 941 or email robert@forchildrights.com

Please come along for a great night!

CLCR and Heartland tertiary college proposal

This initiative is strongly endorsed by our project partners Global Development Group, and is part of furthering the long term support of Nepali education and adding an extra tertiary college arm to HCA. It involves the creation of a year 11 and 12 set of classes featuring study options such as English language/ literature, Hospitality and Nursing. Enabling students to carry on their studies with us after year 10 and gain valuable tertiary qualifications that are recognised nationally and internationally. This would provide our students with greater employment opportunities, adding an extra dimension to HCA and its ability to provide a greater educational reach to the underprivileged and marginalised caste groups within Nepal. This initiative is still developing in concept; however we have confirmed that the predominant scholarship target group will be Nepalese women. This facility also will act as an out of hours study centre for students who have previously failed the Nepali SLC (the Australian equivalent of the HSC) and an extra edition to HCA's class room facilities. All this will lend us the ability to act as an *'Education Mega Centre'* in Kathmandu, covering multiple facets of education and development including schooling (P-12), teacher training, resource development and study support for SLC examination. We are tentatively calling this new CLCR education development *'The Heartland Tertiary College (HTC)'*.

More information to follow as we further develop this concept and gain support for this initiative, and to look to the future of CLCR educational activities in Nepal in conjunction with HCA and the Global Development Group.

Thanks for reading

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.

I would also like to re-highlight our upcoming trivia night and encourage all of you to get a table together for this fantastic event. Lastly to flag our '**Good Food, Good Cause**' fundraising dinner to be held at *Mustang Nepalese restaurant* in Crows-Nest on Friday the 28th of October, 2011 - more details to come here, but put it in the diary!

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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