



Himalayan Children's Charities
Annual Report
2018



Dear HCC Friends and Family,

Thanks to our generous donors, dedicated staff, and remarkable students, 2018 was a year of exciting growth and fulfilled dreams.

Our students in Kathmandu are thriving - they are happy, healthy, engaged, and supportive of each other. Additionally, big changes can be seen in the lives of the students served through HCC's rural and higher education programs, programs that are now managed and run by HCC graduates themselves. HCC's youth have achieved a number of impressive milestones this year, including our first student to obtain a master's degree! It is truly the individual successes of our students that keep us hopeful and motivated. And it is each moment of joy, laughter, and connection that reminds us why we choose to be a part of the HCC family.

It is an auspicious time for our organization, as HCC students and graduates take on leadership roles in Nepal with the establishment of their very own non-profit, HCC-Nepal. As of 2018, HCC-Nepal is fully operational, serving over 100 vulnerable children and youth. HCC-Nepal is proving to be a platform for the development of leadership and professional skills for our students. They have taken on roles as volunteers, interns, board members, and staff. Practicing their own power as self-reliant changemakers, they are enabling us to sustain the growth of HCC programs and soar to new heights. As you will see in the following pages, 2018 was a year of accomplishments that we achieved together, with you and with our inspiring students.

HCC's resolve to create pathways out of poverty and into leadership through care, education and mentorship is as strong as ever, and our aspirations for the young people we serve continue to grow. Thank you for your support and love. We look forward to many more years of achieving dreams together.

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Sadie R. Green

Director of Nepal Program Development
Himalayan Children's Charities

P.S. Our social media presence [@hccnepal](#) is better than ever! We now feature student-driven content and student-produced creative projects each month on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, as well as on our website. By engaging online you can directly acknowledge and provide encouragement to our students!



HIMALAYAN CHILDREN'S CHARITIES

creates paths out of poverty for orphaned and abandoned Nepali children.

Through investment in quality education, innovative mentorship and a loving family environment, we help build lives of leadership.



2018 Highlights

HCC SUPPORTED 140 STUDENTS IN GRADES KINDERGARTEN TO UNIVERSITY, AND PROVIDED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THREE MASTER'S STUDENTS.

Our Signature Program students living in Kathmandu are growing up! Six are now in middle school, 25 in high school (*high school girls pictured right*), and 12 are in university.

This year two students graduated the Signature Program. Nari graduated from university with a B.S. in Nursing, and Nikesh successfully completed his Master's degree in Pharmaceutical Science - both are now working in the medical field.



The Earthquake Orphan Scholarship Program expanded to support rural students who were orphaned or abandoned in the years since the 2015 earthquakes. To reflect this expansion, the program was renamed, the Rural Education Scholarship Program (RESP). In 2018 the program provided life-saving support to 87 children ages 5-18 in rural communities.

In 2018 four RESP students graduated high school - two were accepted into university and are now supported by HCC's Higher Education Scholarship Program.



The Higher Education Scholarship program offered more scholarships than ever before in 2018. By the end of the year, seven students were enrolled and working toward degrees in Business, Medical Technology and Physics.

This year, 3,750 copies of HCC's anti-trafficking comic book for children were distributed, as well as 550 copies of a Nepali-language comic book on women's health, written by HCC volunteer Maia Pandey.



2018 by the Numbers

WE SUPPORTED 140 STUDENTS IN OUR THREE MAIN PROGRAMS



46 in the Signature Program



87 in the Rural Education Scholarship Program



7 in the Higher Education Scholarship Program



5 Preschool students
62 Elementary students
52 High school students
18 University students
3 Master's students

WE PROVIDED 5,289 BOOKS TO CHILDREN IN NEED

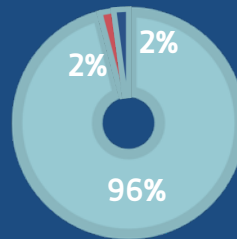


3,750 Anti-trafficking comic books

550 Menstrual health comic books for girls

989 Library books

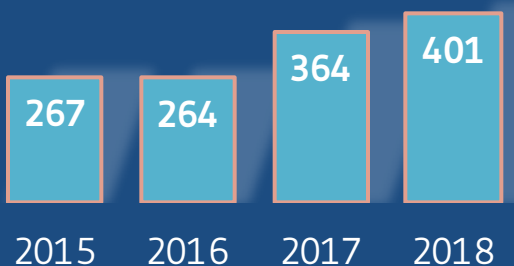
96% OF DONATIONS WENT TO OUR PROGRAMS



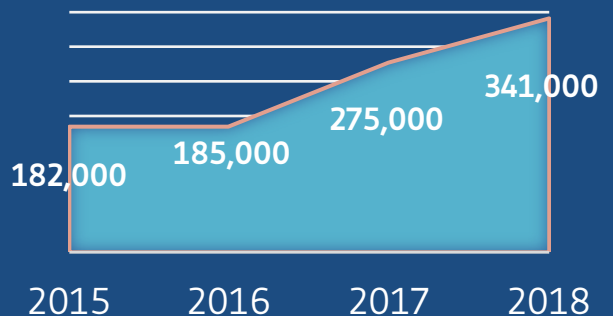
■ 96% Program Expenses
■ 2% Fundraising
■ 2% Management

WE HAD A RECORD YEAR OF FUNDRAISING

HCC DONORS



TOTAL DONATIONS (\$)



Stories from Nepal

SISTERS, NARI AND CHET, WERE THE FIRST TWO STUDENTS SUPPORTED BY HCC.

This year, Nari graduated with a B.S. in Nursing, and is now working as a neonatal ICU nurse in Kathmandu.



Chet is in her senior year of an undergraduate degree in Public Health and is the first HCC student to visit the U.S. In November, she gave speeches and met with donors at four fundraising events in Atlanta, New Paltz, New York City and Boston. She also experienced a number of 'firsts' on this trip, like seeing a Broadway show, trying Dairy Queen and having her first Thanksgiving!



HCC collaborated with two international NGOs, Start Up 4Kids NL and the Umbrella Foundation, to give a series of workshops for HCC and Umbrella students. Twelve workshops were given over the year and focused on topics such as financial literacy, children's rights, and career planning.

Stories from Nepal

THIS YEAR THREE STUDENTS TRAVELLED ABROAD TO PLAY IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS TOURNAMENTS. Anukaran travelled to China to play in the Gothaid Football Cup, and Bina and Pushpa were chosen for the Nepal Youth Rugby Team and attended the final in India. Sports are valuable to teach our students team building and confidence.



IN 2018, THE WIFI PROJECT CONDUCTED FOUR COMPUTER TRAINING SEMINARS FOR RURAL NEPALI TEACHERS. Since its inception, the project has installed WiFi at six rural schools and a food kitchen in the Dhading district, connecting 2,400 students and community members to the internet. At the end of the year, management of the project was handed over to the Prem Sagar Foundation, Nepal.



SITA SUCCESSFULLY FINISHED ALL RESTORATIVE SURGERIES ON HER ARM. When Sita was six years old she fell from a tree and broke her arm. Living in an isolated, impoverished community, she did not receive proper medical attention and was left crippled. HCC learned of Sita's situation through our outreach programs in her district, and with HCC's support she completed her third and final surgery in July. She is now a happy, healthy fifth grader enrolled in the Rural Education Scholarship Program and has regained full use of her arm!

Stories from Nepal

HCC SIGNATURE PROGRAM STUDENTS PUBLISHED THEIR FIRST STUDENT NEWSPAPER, RISING CHILDREN.

With the coaching of volunteer Maia Pandey, students wrote articles about milestones and events in their lives, current events in Nepal, and contributed poems and drawings.



HCC STUDENTS ARE DEDICATED TO GIVING BACK TO THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES. IN 2018 OUR STUDENTS VOLUNTEERED AND CONTRIBUTED TO A NUMBER OF SERVICE PROJECTS.

Signature Program students organized a letter-writing campaign advocating to the government for improved rights and anti-discrimination policies for orphaned children.

In partnership with ENGAGE, HCC students Bina and Pushpa coach wheelchair basketball for women, leading them to rank third in the city championships. They share their love of basketball with women who might not otherwise get to play.

In partnership with Girls Empowered by Travel-Nepal, HCC high school student, Sunita (back right), volunteers at a brick kiln factory, tutoring the children of workers who can't afford to send their children to school.

Update on HCC-Nepal

HCC WORKS TO CREATE A CYCLE OF GIVING, TEACHING OUR STUDENTS THE VALUE OF PHILANTHROPY, AND TRAINING THEM TO BE LEADERS IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES.

In 2017, HCC graduates and senior students established their own charity, HCC-Nepal, stepping into leadership roles in their community. Under the guidance of a dedicated advisory board comprised of local and international professionals, HCC-Nepal is now managing the Rural Education Scholarship Program (RESP).

Children in the RESP are spread across three rural districts, which are remote and impoverished with little infrastructure—in some cases it can take eight hours to travel only 30 miles. The HCC-Nepal team regularly visit these districts, checking on each student in the program and ensuring they are safe, well-cared for, and attending school.

Additionally, HCC-Nepal has started a number of community education initiatives, working to create change for marginalized groups in Nepal.



HCC-Nepal staff and board at the first Annual General Meeting with advisory team from HCC-USA and Creating Possibilities-Nepal.



HCC Volunteers & Visitors

In 2018, volunteers and visitors from around the world came to Nepal to fundraise, hold workshops, volunteer in rural villages and meet with our students. In addition, two groups of American high school students visited Khushi Ghar for intercultural exchanges.

Special thanks to Shaun Stafford, Maia Pandey, Ronnie Turiaf, Tom Watson, Wendy Whitman, Drue Robinson, the HCC Youth Ambassadors, and the Maya Gold Foundation for their time, effort, and generosity.



Words from our Supporters

“I have been so fortunate to visit the staff and youth of HCC several times since 2016. HCC is an amazing organization of dedicated and committed staff striving to educate and empower many young people.” - E.G.

“My wife and I have been supporting HCC since its inception, and can only say that Bruce and Susan Keenan have a stellar record of giving and serving. They put all donation money the foundation receives to work: into food, housing, and education for the kids. The results have been both miraculous and heart-warming.” - M.C.

“Thank you for all you do! So many lives are enriched because of your dedication to making the world a better place.” - G.S.



“Best non-profit I’ve experienced. Bruce and Susan Keenan work tirelessly to ensure these children have the best opportunities possible. After going to Nepal and meeting the kids they have helped, I am amazed at the facilities and educational opportunities they have established to change the lives of these kids. I can’t say enough positive things about this organization and am thrilled to be a small part of the change it has made for these people.” - K.K.

“It’s such an amazing cause and well organized. The events held are informative and have been very engaging. It’s amazing to see so many young lives impacted and shaped because of this charity. It was great to actually meet one of the children last year and I truly commend all the great work this charity has done for the children in Nepal. It truly is like a large family!” - A.D.

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