

Himalayan Children's Charities

2019 Annual Report



Empowering youth to elevate their world.



Looking Back on 2019



Creating Opportunities and Enhancing Capabilities

Last year was a fruitful and promising year at HCC. Our sponsors enabled us to reach many children through our educational support programs. Educational support for children in Nepal is critical to reduce school dropout and minimize the gender gap in school attendance, as well as to prevent child labor, early marriage and the danger of being trafficked. At the same time, our programs teach life skills, financial literacy, and career planning, all instrumental for students to become independent and help change our society for the better. In 2019, our programs directly helped 131 students in Nepal.

Our Signature Program students participated in many activities alongside their studies. They volunteered with other charities, like old age homes, animal rescue and environmental clean-up, to gain the experience of giving back. Mentorship training, workshops and trekking with international cultural exchange groups were some of the many pioneering activities done last year that inspired our students to see new possibilities for their futures. Career counseling helped them match to the right educational tracks for their career goals, and guided students interested in STEM to explore career paths that are currently in need of manpower in Nepal, specifically in the technology and healthcare sectors.


Our HCC team in Nepal also worked hard to ensure that our rural students in the districts around Kathmandu were safe, healthy and in school. We distributed educational materials, clothing and checked on their wellbeing. This rural program is instrumental to minimize early marriage and drop out rates for rural children.

We are growing everyday and very proud that our work has changed the lives of so many children and youth in need.

Many thanks for your support,

Dinesh Sapkota

In-country Director, HCC & Creating Possibilities, Nepal



“Without HCC, my dreams would have been just dreams and not a reality.” – Nari BK

Nari was one of the first students supported by HCC.
She is now a neo-natal nurse in Kathmandu.



2019 Highlights

In 2019, HCC supported the education and care of 131 extraordinary students in elementary, middle, high school and university, and provided educational materials to an additional 2,500 children across Nepal.



HCC Staff & Signature Program Students at our 2019 Annual Picnic

Our **Kathmandu Signature Program** students continue to impress us as they grow, excelling in their academic and creative endeavors. This year there were 38 students in the program - 25 in high school and 13 in university.



The **Rural Education Scholarship Program** continues to provide life changing education and support to orphaned or abandoned children in rural communities. In 2019, the RESP supported 84 students ages 6-18.



Our **Higher Education Scholarship Program** graduated its first student in 2019 and welcomed three new students! The program now has nine students, six of whom live in Kathmandu with HCC's Signature Program students.



HCC's programs are delivered by our Nepali partners **Creating Possibilities, Nepal** and **HCC-Nepal**. HCC-

Nepal was established in 2017 by HCC graduates and senior students. As of 2018, HCC-Nepal manages the Rural Education Scholarship Program, ensuring all the students in the program are safe, healthy and in school. This year HCC graduate, Mun Maya Rawal, who was one of HCC's first students, was named

Executive Director of HCC-Nepal.

Photo: Mun Maya with RESP student in Dhading



As part of our **Community Education Initiatives**, HCC distributed 1,712 anti-trafficking comic books, 710 menstrual education comic books and 280 library books to rural school libraries.

Photo: HCC student Pabitra enjoying her homework.



HCC staff with RESP students in January 2019

The backbone of our work in Nepal is providing education for orphaned, abandoned and disadvantaged children and youth in Nepal. To ensure our students make the most of every opportunity, we mentor and care for each individual student, support their dreams, show them the world of possibilities open to them, and encourage them to help others.

Our students know they can achieve anything.

HCC Students Give Back!

HCC high school and university students volunteer for five hours a month in an organization of their choice. In 2019, our students volunteered in local orphanages, a nursing home, with environmental clean up campaigns, at a dog and cat rescue center, a sports center for people with spinal injuries, a women's center, and a center for the blind.

Photo: HCC student Sunita volunteering at a center for impoverished children.



First student fundraiser at Khushi Ghar

In June 2019, HCC Signature and Higher Education Program students and staff in Kathmandu held the first ever student-led fundraiser in Nepal. Students hosted the event and sold handmade jewelry, savory spice jams, hand-stitched goods, and student artworks. Over 75 guests attended and almost \$2000 was raised!

Photo: HCC students sell their crafts at the fundraising event.



Women Leadership Summit

Chet, HCC senior student, and Hira, HCC Director of Student Services, attended the Women Leadership Summit 2019. The Summit is a six month leadership program that promotes the rights of women and girls and offers empowerment training for the workplace and development of leadership capacity across Nepali society.

Photo: Hira and Chet at the Leadership Summit



An Update on two RESP Students

After losing both parents in the 2015 earthquakes, sisters Sanu and Suntali have lived with their aunt and gone to school with the help of HCC. We work hard to keep our rural students with family, however last year their aunt told us that she could no longer care for the sisters. We enrolled them in a boarding school with four other RESP students, and their health and grades have dramatically improved. They still spend holidays with their aunt, who is so grateful that her nieces now have a bright future ahead of them. *Photo: RESP students Sanu and Suntali in 2019*



Laxmi Gets Her Masters

Laxmi graduated from HCC in 2016 and helped found HCC-Nepal, where she currently works as a program officer. This year she was the second HCC graduate to obtain a postgraduate degree, with a Masters in Business Administration. We are so impressed by her accomplishments and grateful to have her on the team! *Photo: HCC graduate & HCC-Nepal staff, Laxmi Karki in 2019*



Mun Maya Visits the US

In 2019, Mun Maya was the second HCC student or graduate to travel to the US for our Fall fundraising events. She said, "It was so fascinating to experience a new culture and all the traditions, food, and values. It was a wonderful meeting of all the HCC sponsors, donors that help us support our remarkable students!"

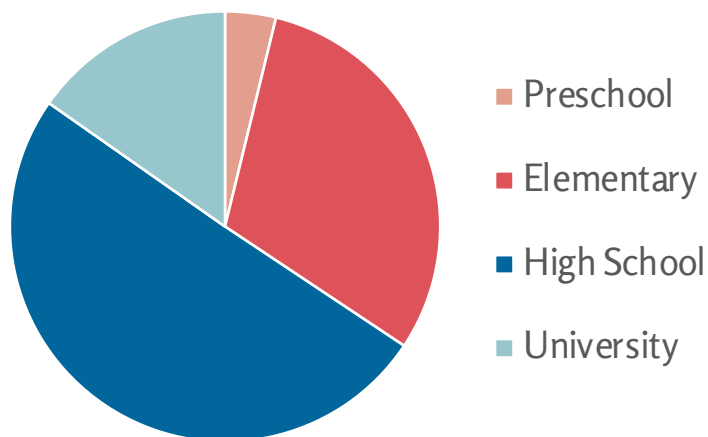
Photo: Mun Maya at Atlanta Fundraising Event (L-R: Mun Maya Rawal, Beate Fischer, Susan Keenan & Julie Haley)



2019 By the Numbers

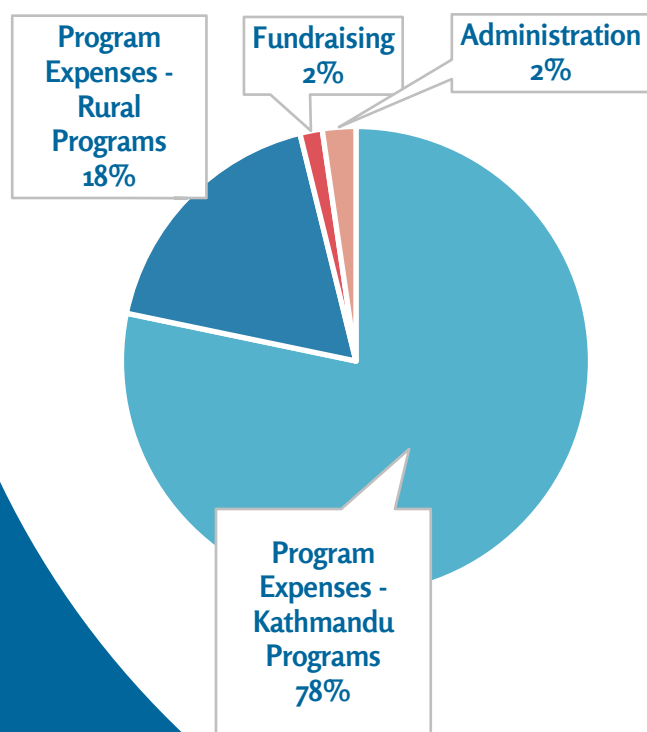
In 2019 we supported **131 students** in our three main programs.

- 38** in the Kathmandu Signature Program
- 84** in the Rural Education Scholarship Program
- 9** in the Higher Education Scholarship Program

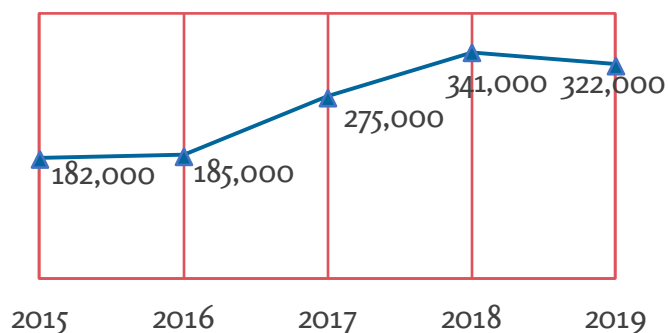


Fundraising and Financials

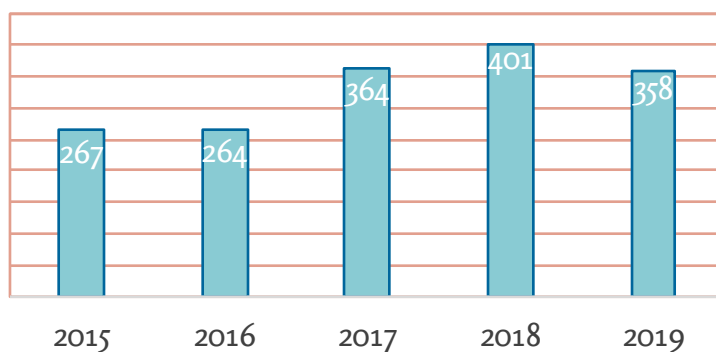
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Total Donations (\$)



Number of Donors



Detailed financial information is available on our website – hccnepal.org/reports-financials/

Our students are our family, and we love getting to know them. In 2019 we asked them to tell us about their thoughts and feelings about a number of topics. Here is a selection of their responses...

On Joy...

“Nothing brings me more joy than being able to help another person.” – Chadani

“My aim is to become a successful artist because of the joy of creating and sharing art.” – Ganga



HCC student Chadani in 2019

On Gratitude...

“Gratitude is being ready to show appreciation in return to kindness.” - Harsha

“I am thankful for HCC sponsors for loving, caring and supporting me.” –Ganga



HCC student Harsha in 2019

On Family...

“Family is my happiness. ” – Manika

“The people who accept you for what you are is family.”
– Barsha

“HCC are all my family members because they encourage me.” – Arun



HCC student Manika in 2019



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