



2021 Annual Report



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Himalayan Children's Charities

Himalayan Children's Charities creates paths out of poverty for vulnerable children and at-risk youth in Nepal. Through investment in quality education, innovative mentorship and a loving family environment, we help build lives of success and leadership.



2021 brought another year of pandemic lockdowns and school closures, however the experience further cemented what we knew about the HCC family - it will thrive despite the odds. Schools reopened in September after a four month lockdown, and all of our students returned to in-person classes. Our resilient students cared for each other, forged ahead and shattered expectations.

In November 2021, we celebrated our students graduating from university, some of whom we have been supporting since they were in kindergarten! We were full of gratitude to be able to return to Nepal, after nearly two years away, to celebrate with them.



The PEAK Program

As our Signature Program students have grown into young adults, our programs in Kathmandu evolved to support students in higher education. This year, as our last two Signature Program students began college, we combined the Signature Program and the Higher Education Scholarship Program to become the PEAK Program.

The **PEAK Program** provides students ages 16-24 with educational scholarships for college, technical school or university and includes tuition, housing, living expenses, medical care, access to HCC's mentorship programs and inclusion in HCC's family culture. The PEAK Program students are admitted based on merit, motivation, and academic dedication.

The Peak Program supported 41 students in 2021, with two students graduating the program with Bachelor degrees.





The RISE Program

Our rural scholarship program has gone through a few name changes since its beginning in 2015. The program was founded to help children orphaned by the 2015 earthquakes, and today has grown to support any rural child in need. The Rural Education Scholarship Program has now been conclusively renamed as the RISE Program.

The **RISE Program** serves marginalized and impoverished children ages 5-18 in rural areas of Nepal. The Program provides educational scholarships and support for students through grade 12, keeping children safe and strengthening local communities.

The Rise Program supported 97 students in 2021 - eight students graduated with high school degrees, and 15 new students joined the program.





Community Outreach

HCC's community outreach projects serve rural communities with library books, educational workshops, and even internet installation at rural schools. These projects are initiated and supported by HCC university students and graduates. Pandemic lockdowns halted these projects for a year, but in 2021 the HCC team was back in rural Nepal resuming our community work.

We learned of a very remote, rural district that suffers from widespread poverty, food insecurity, and lack of potable water. **The Benighat Student Relief Project** was established this year to provide food relief, clothing and school supplies to children and their families in this community who live in extremely critical circumstances.



In 2021, the Benighat Student Relief Project worked with five elementary schools and provided food relief, school supplies and clothing to **296 students** and their families.



In 2021, HCC supported the education of 434 students in Nepal.

- **The Peak Program supported 41 students.**
 - 20 in junior college (grades 11&12)
 - 3 in technical school
 - 18 in university

- **The Rise Program supported 97 students.**
 - 53 in elementary
 - 44 in high school

- **The Benighat Student Relief Project helped 296 students and their families with:**
 - 3 food distributions
 - 2 clothing and school uniform distributions
 - 2 books and school supplies distributions





2021 Student Highlights

Student Milestones –

- University senior, Ram, interned as a chef in a Michelin starred restaurant in France
- HCC graduate Nimesh started a PhD in Pharmacology in South Korea
- Rise student, Bishal, graduated from high school and secured his own funding for university. He has now left his village and is a university freshman in Kathmandu!

The average person in Nepal only receives 5-6 years of schooling. But **at HCC, over the last 21 years, we have graduated ...**

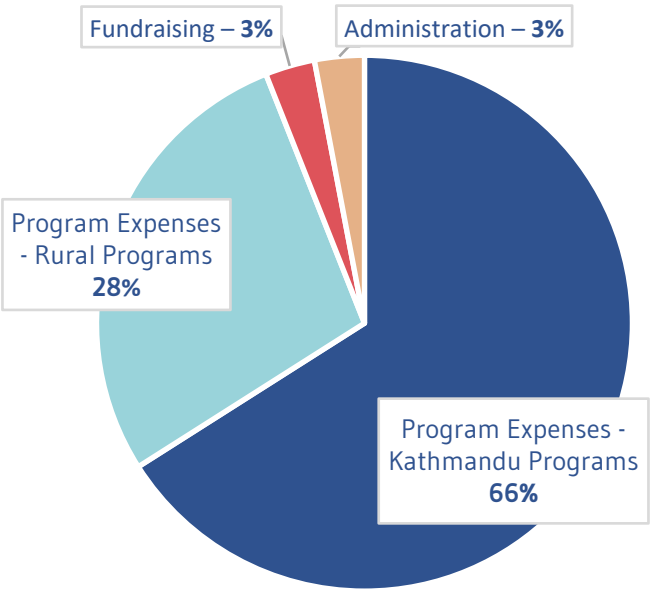
- 92 students with high school diplomas
- 18 students with Bachelor degrees
- 4 with Masters degrees



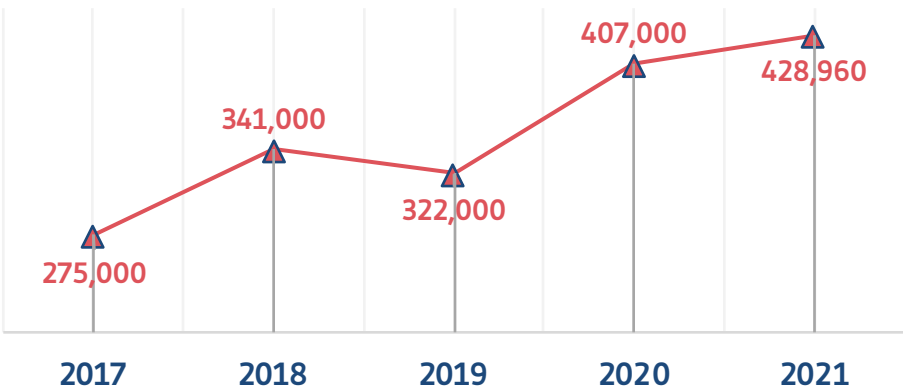


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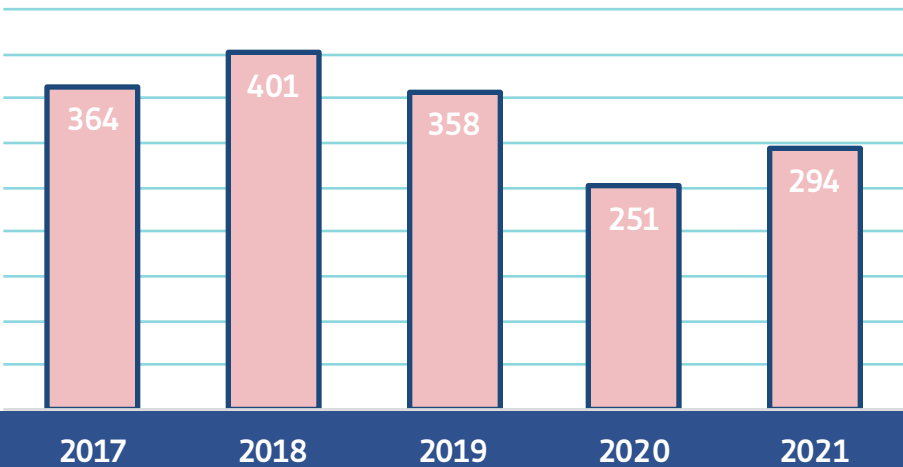
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TOTAL DONATIONS (\$)



NUMBER OF DONORS



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HCC senior students, November 2021



Mother's Day at Khushi Ghar



Sadhana celebrates International Women's Day



Valentine's Day at Khushi Ghar



Driving lessons for Jaman



HCC's first students and graduates,
October 2021



University Peak student helping a Rise student.



Two new Rise students, January 2021.



HCC team with Rise students.



Benighat Relief Project food distribution.



Benighat Relief Project beneficiaries.



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