TIBETAN HOMES FOUNDATION

PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS

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WINTER PROGRAMS (JANUARY & FEBRUARY)

I wonder if we were unable to continue with the “Winter Programs”, to what extent it will hurt emotions of our children. An average of 400 to 600 children stayed back during the cold two months winter holiday. Not because, they want to remain here during holiday but because they don’t have anyone outside Tibetan Homes Foundation to take care of them. Many of them have no one here in exile or many of their family can’t afford taking them for the holiday. Therefore, Winter Program is one of our prime concern projects.

Joyful Class of Learning: A fifteen days class was organized in the school campus on different skill development sections like Tibetan Cookies making class, Musical class, Dance class, Yoga Class, Audio Visual class and Opera class. All the children were asked to enroll to this different Joyful class of learning according to their interest. Our own staff volunteered to be the resource person in their different classes assisting our school to organize this program in low budget.

WINTER PROGRAM - CAMPING

Picnic to a special spot: Indeed, the most awaited program for our children! All the children were made in groups and taken for a three days exposure cum adventurous outing to a nearby picnic spot where they spend a night or two in the lap of nature. A day trip to the town market and the malls were an added gift to children with a small pocket money also.

Losar Gift: Children coming over to receive their Losar Pocket money and new clothes with a big smile on their always made our day. We tried to make the new year – Losar of our children who remain with us the best part of their holiday which they could cherish as they grow up. All the children with their home parents spend three days Losar in the best way with all joining on the third day of Losar on the small hill to pray, dance and offer Tibetan cookies to each other.

Elderly winter gift: Our elders become our area of concern with their evening life to our two Senior citizens home. A winter cum new year gift to our elders were taking them to near by market for a short shopping where they could buy things according to their need with the money gift provided to them from the winter program .

Pastoral care

Infrastructure development

Children home - Hygienic care

Kitchen Renovation for a hygienic growth: A new look of kitchen in 12 – larger children homes and 11 - smaller children homes were made possible with the financial aid from Fundación Heres, Spain. The renovation of the kitchen area becomes necessary for a clean hygienic growth of a child with the motive to try to give a pastoral care to a child.

Clean Drinking water: The drinking water coming from the source is unclean with high content of chloride. And the area draws the concern of the management where we were able to install 4 – Water treatment plant making the water drinkable, safe and clean for a hygienic growth of a child. Our gratitude to the grant support by "German Aid to Tibetans, Germany" for two plants and two plants from "PRM – USAID via Department of health, CTA, Dharamsala.

Elderly People - Cultural entities

For a smooth evening life ....

A landscape development at the backyard space of our senior citizens home at Old Age Home, Rajpur was done with the provision of cultural entities to our 51 – elderly people. The project actualization was to try to provide our gran and grannies with a smooth evening life. Our sincere gratitude to the grant support by "Norzang Foundation, Switzerland"

Activity Highlights

Special corner - Skill development

Leadership Training (29th Dec to 2nd Jan): Students studying in grade – X participated in the leadership workshop as organized yearly by Department of Education, Central Tibetan Administration, Dharamsala.

Capacity building training : Teachers actively participated in the two separate training held for "Project Based Learning" and "Basic Education Policy". Our thanks to Tibet Relief Fund, UK for organizing the Project Based training for our trained and post graduate teachers through its empowering vision office based at New Delhi. Our thanks to General Secretary and Mr. Tsering Samdup for being the resource person for Basic education policy workshop.

Kindness and Empathy development (23rd January) : Our children of Gohri Mafi visited the “Ganga Prem Hospice”. The visit was made especially to meet a child who is a cancer victim and is at his last stage. Our children decorated the room of the child, interacted with him & few children sang their favorite songs trying to lessen the pain of the ailing child.

Inter-house Hindi Essay competition (29th February): Branch school Gohri Mafi held its hindi essay writing competition Trisong house as winner of the year.

Inter-house Marathon (27th February): Annual Marathon in our branch school Gohri Mafi was held on 27th of February with the Trisong house as the winner of the year.

Extra-Coaching for grade – XII students: Resource persons from other schools were invited to provide special coaching to our students who are sitting for their school final year examination.

MEETINGS

FOR A PROGRESSIVE IMPACT

Academic – Financial

MEETINGS AND EXAMINATIONS

School heads meeting was held on February 1st where different strategies for development were discussed. Heads of all the three school Mussoorie, Rajpur and Gohri Mafi presented the meeting with their school's academic records. Few pilot projects implemented in their school were put on the table for outcomes and impacts. different strategies presented with the ways to improve the pastoral development of a child and special consideration was drawn towards the teaching methods with project based learning and its impact on a child.

Financial Meeting (8th February) : All the school heads, departmental heads and section in charge participated actively in the 21st Annual Financial meeting held on 8th February. The meeting was welcomed with an opening speech from the General Secretary followed by financial comparison for the last three years. The financial challenges and the phased out program towards the major projects were discussed. The impacts of these projects on the sustainability of the school were area of concern and thriftiness on the expenses were stressed by the management.

New session gift

Classroom furniture: The school furniture were the one children's have been using for more than 20 plus years. We were able to replace "200 – New Classroom furniture" this year with the support from AET France. This will be a gift to our student's studying in middle school. It was a joy seeing smiles of being cared on our children receiving the new desk and benches. For the years, we will be trying to provide new desk benches to all our children with the priority based on the condition of the furniture.

Best wishes.

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