



Roads to Rehab  
Nepal

## ROADS TO REHAB NEPAL NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2019



### GLOBAL GIVING

Back in February, we were encouraged by a longstanding, incredibly generous supporter to apply to become a member of a non-profit organisation called GlobalGiving. Our grateful thanks go to you, Sean, for the suggestion!! Our big piece of news for this quarter is that our lengthy complex application was approved, and we are now a temporary member of this four-star Charity Navigator rated organisation which connects non-profits, donors and companies around the world.

US and UK donors will be pleased to learn that GlobalGiving has both US and UK registration, All donations via this platform qualify American donors for tax deductibility and UK residents for Gift Aid. Unfortunately, GlobalGiving does not have tax deductible status in Australia, but we are exploring one option for our Aussie donors however this will take some time.

**Our project page will go live on the Global Giving website on June 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Between June 10<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> we need your help to convert our temporary membership to a permanent place on the GlobalGiving platform.**

- We need the equivalent of US\$5000 in donations (AU\$7200) via the GlobalGiving platform from a minimum of 40 donors between Monday June 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- During the 2 week Accelerator campaign regular monthly donations will count twice for the purposes of donor numbers which means that 20 commitments of monthly donations equates to 40 donors.
- All commitments of regular monthly donations up to US\$200/AU\$290 pledged during this time will be matched dollar for dollar by GlobalGiving after the third automatic payment.
- June 20<sup>th</sup> (USA)/June 21<sup>st</sup> (Australia/UK) is Bonus Day. All donations made on this date will increase the possibility of us receiving additional funding from GlobalGiving.

Everything comes with a price tag, and GlobalGiving does have administration and processing fees which vary depending on whether the donor is a US or UK resident, or comes from somewhere else in the world. These however reduce once the organisation raises \$5000.

If you live in US or UK or live in Australia and are happy to make a one off donation to help us become a permanent member of the Global Giving family go to [www.globalgiving.org](http://www.globalgiving.org) between June 10<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Click on the 'Explore Projects' tab and search for Roads to Rehab - Nepal. Our project ID number is 61588.

Remember whilst you can make a donation at any time after this date, you have until June 28<sup>th</sup> to make an impact on our ability to become a permanent member of the GlobalGiving community.

## NHEDF NEWS

Since our last newsletter, NHEDF has had a very busy time!

Their Social Welfare Council registration has been renewed and as well as advocating for all their patients and negotiating the complexities of the medical system in one of the poorest countries in the world, NHEDF has moved house! Their landlord needed his property back for family returning from overseas. It took a while but 12 houses later Samrat found somewhere suitable, and fortunately the new premises are only a stone's throw from the old one which made moving house much easier!



One of the best things about NHEDF is Samrat's wonderful contacts throughout Nepal. Many of you will remember stories about Himal and his father Jay who were badly burned. We are proud to announce that their 18 month journey down their long roads to rehabilitation are now complete. Himal has a new home and an education provided for. We wish you both all the best!

## OUR FISTULA PROJECT, THE ROTARY CLUB OF HALL & CIRCLES OF HOPE

I know we keep saying things take a long time to happen in Nepal and they say that everything comes to those who wait. Saguna, our Fistula project manager soon-to-become- leader of our Circles of Hope Enterprise, has recently signed the necessary legal agreements with Days for Girls and we are just waiting for the Kathmandu branch to give her a date for the two-week Enterprise training where she will learn the necessary sewing and business skills to run this venture.



Our grateful thanks go to the Rotary Club of Hall who has not only given us our second instalment of three \$7000 instalments but have also donated \$3000 one-off funding for Enterprise training and set-up costs for Circles of Hope. NHEDF's new home has space for this initiative enabling both patients and/or their carers, and women with fistula to receive sewing skills training and employment through our Circles of Hope Enterprise manufacturing both sanitary and incontinence products.

## OTHER NEWS

**OUR CHUFFED FUNDRAISING PLATFORM HAS A NEW FEATURE** and now offers our credit card donors the option of weekly, monthly and annual contributions so donations can be spread out over the year.

**SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> ... OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER** will be held again at the at the Taj Agra Restaurant in Canberra. 6.30 for 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there! If you cannot come, but would like to make a donation, doing this as outlined above via our Global Giving platform between June 10<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> would be a huge help!

With grateful thanks,

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