



WELCOME TO OUR SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

OUR FUNDRAISING DINNER

We had a wonderful guest speaker at our annual fundraising dinner. Samrat, MeRO's Director, self-funded his trip and did a wonderful job of giving our guests a snapshot of many aspects of the challenges faced by their patients as well as answering questions. It was also very touching to have two guests spontaneously stand up and talk about the differences MeRO and your support makes to its patients. We would like to say a huge thank you to you Samrat, for coming.



Our grateful thanks go to all of you for coming and for bringing friends; Sammi and all staff at the Taj Agra restaurant in Belconnen for hosting us; those who could not come but made donations; Janet, the winner of the lottery for donating her half share of the proceeds back to Roads to Rehab Nepal; Brian from Ironcutter wines for the donation of six fantastic bottles of wine; Peter and Therese and Aniko and Peter for donating a wine and bubbly for use as lucky door prizes; all of you who bid for and won auction items, all of which were bought in Nepal and donated by Virginia and Paul. Just in case we cannot get back to Kathmandu before the next dinner, we have enough auction items for 2024 too! It was a great night and we ended up with \$4,858 which will be divided between wages for MeRO's fourth nurse, medical care and pharmacy items for their patients.

MeRO NEWS



Since our last newsletter, MeRO has had several discharges and several admissions. Moti was sent home after treatment of a gynaecological condition. Gulchana was discharged having had a number of burns contractures released. This included thirteen hours of microsurgery to release the contractures affecting her neck.

Little Saugat with his facial hemangiomas is two thirds through his medical journey and was discharged after a five month stay having had his second major surgery.



Raaju was admitted having fallen out of a tree whilst collecting fodder for their livestock. Unknown to her, she had a spinal fracture and travelled by bus for four hours to the nearest hospital. The fractures was not diagnosed initially, but when it was, she was then transferred to Kathmandu and referred to MeRO. She had surgery and has made a great recovery. MeRO was keeping their fingers crossed she had not sustained injury to her spinal cord and would be able to walk again, and she can!



29-year-old Yehsodha had surgery for a fractured arm and 35-year-old Sita is being assessed for a hip replacement for injuries sustained during childhood which were never fixed. She is bedbound which is extremely challenging when you are a single mum with a young daughter. She was abandoned by her husband.



Shoba was admitted with an old spinal fracture that is now causing increased pain and numbness and Sundari continues with hopefully, her last course of chemotherapy.

Gautam also returned for a final follow-up appointment following his open heart surgery and looks and feels fantastic!

MeRO also had a fantastic twenty minute opportunity to showcase their work on national TV. Grateful thanks go to Nari TV Nepal. If you would like to watch it here is the link <https://youtu.be/k6vGgTM7B0A> It goes from approximately the second to the twenty-second minute. Even if you cannot speak or understand Nepali you will get a sense of what it is all about.



OTHER NEWS

We hope you enjoyed reading our annual report. If you missed it, there is a pdf copy on our website <https://roads-to-rehab-nepal.org/reports>

THANK YOU

We never get tired of saying it and we hope you don't get tired of reading it, but once again, we would like to say a huge thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

Any questions, email us on info@roads-to-rehab-nepal.org or contact us via our website www.roads-to-rehab-nepal.org

With best wishes and grateful thanks,

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