Sustaining the culture and national identity of the Tibetan people
For 29 years, The Tibet Fund has worked closely with our Central Tibetan Administration in Dharamsala to understand the priorities of the Tibetan community. With the aid of The Tibet Fund, our people have built schools, homes for the elderly and other refugees in the settlements. The Tibet Fund has also enabled us to create programs essential to the preservation of our cultural heritage, the very seed of our civilization.

— His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama

The Tibet Fund is dedicated to supporting the Tibetan people's struggle to preserve their language, culture and national identity. Our work is guided by the following priorities:

- To support health care, education, refugee rehabilitation, religious and cultural preservation, community and economic development programs that enable Tibetans to thrive in today's world;
- To help the Central Tibetan Administration to revitalize the Tibetan settlements in India, Nepal and Bhutan;
- To ensure that Tibetan culture and identity remain a vibrant part of our global heritage;
- To enable donors to connect with individual Tibetan children, monks, nuns and the elderly;
- To raise awareness about the Tibetan people's achievements over the past 50 years.

This year's report highlights our activities, financial status and generous supporters. For an in-depth look at our programs and the impact we are having on the Tibetan community in exile and in Tibet, we invite you to visit www.tibetfund.org.

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Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share our 2009 Annual Report with you. We had an eventful and productive year despite the challenges that the continued downturn in the economy presented. While we worked hard to sustain our mission, responding to the humanitarian needs of Tibetan refugees and marginalized Tibetans in Tibet, we also joined with our fellow Tibetans and Tibet supporters around the world to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Tibetan diaspora.

2009 was a milestone year for Tibetans everywhere. As we continued our struggle to preserve Tibetan culture and national identity and support His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s efforts to seek a negotiated solution to the status of Tibet, the 50th anniversary gave us the opportunity to celebrate the exile community’s many achievements. From the formation of a democratic government-in-exile to the creation of a viable settlement system, we have managed to sustain our cultural legacy and provide a hopeful future for the next generation of young Tibetans. We could not have accomplished so much without the generosity and kindness of concerned people and governments everywhere. We are very grateful for their support.

To raise awareness about the Tibetan people’s achievements since 1959, The Tibet Fund produced a year-long series of programs and projects that included Compassion in Action, a symposium with His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Mary Robinson and Thank You Tibet! a campaign to thank His Holiness and the Tibetan people for their contributions to the global community. Eight Nobel laureates participated in the campaign and three travelled to Dharamsala, India to deliver a Statement of Support in person to His Holiness.

As we turn toward the future, The Tibet Fund is working harder than ever to improve the living conditions and economic prospects of the Tibetan refugees and Tibetans in Tibet. While we continue to support the health, education, elder care and infrastructure needs in the exile community, we are also focusing on strategic programs that will strengthen human resources, open new avenues for economic growth and help to revitalize the settlement system overall. We developed a partnership with Johns Hopkins University to help design a state-of-the-art Health Information System and we facilitated a partnership with TechnoServe to provide technical assistance on a large-scale economic development research project in 27 settlements across India. With the blessings of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, we launched a Professional Scholarship Program for Tibetan refugee students in 2009 that addresses the serious shortage of professionals in the community, especially in the medical and health care fields.

None of our work would be possible without the generous support of many foundations and individuals, the unselfish dedication of our friends, and major funding from the US Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration and Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs. I would like to express our deep gratitude to the United States Congress and Administration, whose continued support and belief in our mission have provided critical resources to help the Tibetan people in our refugee communities and in Tibet. We especially want to thank our colleagues at the International Campaign for Tibet and the Office of Tibet New York for their invaluable assistance.

In 2011, the Tibet Fund will celebrate its 30th anniversary with some very special events. I hope that you will find compassion for the Tibetan people as we confront the continuing destruction of our homeland and the rigors of life in exile. As the Tibet Fund enters its fourth decade of service to the Tibetan people, please join us in making 2011 a hallmark year. Your support will make a huge difference to thousands of Tibetan refugees and Tibetans in Tibet and will enable us to fulfill our mission of sustaining Tibetan culture and national identity.

Thank you so much for your support,

Rinchen Dharlo
President
The Tibet Fund was established in 1981 under the auspices of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to help Tibetan refugees to rebuild their lives and preserve their distinct cultural, religious and national identity in exile. Since then, The Tibet Fund has grown to become the primary funding vehicle for Tibetan-run institutions and grassroots organizations that provide refugee rehabilitation, health care, education, religious and cultural programs, elder care, and community and economic development programs in the exile community.

The Tibet Fund works closely with the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) departments of Finance, Health, Education, Home, and Religion and Culture in Dharamsala, India to implement programs for the more than 120,000 refugees living in settlements and scattered communities in India, Nepal, and Bhutan. As Tibetans continue to escape from Tibet and join the exile community, the resources of the already overcrowded settlement system are being stretched to the limit. Employment opportunities in the settlements are scarce, forcing families to leave their homes for months at a time to seek alternative sources of income. Out of concern for the long-term sustainability of the exile
community, The Tibet Fund is working to support programs that will strengthen the refugees' economic prospects and promote community cohesiveness.

The Tibet Fund has administered a major annual grant from the US Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration for humanitarian aid since 1991 and a State Department-funded Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP) since 1989. The TSP has enabled 380 Tibetan students to study in some of the best American universities and colleges and return to serve the exile community as officials in the CTA, and as educators, health workers, business leaders and heads of local community-based organizations. Both of these grant programs are having a significant impact on the refugees’ ability to thrive and create a resettlement model that is heralded as an outstanding example for other populations facing long-term displacement from their homelands.

In addition, with the support of many individuals and foundations, we have funded numerous infrastructure and training projects—housing, computer labs, solar energy, agriculture and irrigation, and sanitation—over the years that have improved conditions and upgraded the technological resources and professional skills in the settlements and schools.

In 1994, The Tibet Fund initiated the Tibet Assistance Program to address the unmet health, educational and economic development needs of Tibetans in Tibet. Working with international and Tibetan grassroots organizations, we support orphanages, eye clinics and remote eye camps, provide emergency relief for natural disasters and promote cultural and educational programs that are greatly improving the quality of life of thousands of marginalized Tibetans. We offer scholarships for college-bound Tibetan youth who lack the resources to pursue higher education in Tibet and we have administered an English language and professional training program in Tibet and the US with support from the US Department of State.
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE  Following the 2008 protests in Tibet, Chinese authorities implemented strict security measures inside the country and along the border that radically reduced the number of Tibetans who managed to make the dangerous crossing into freedom in 2009. In prior years, an average of 2500 to 3000 refugees escaped each year but in 2009, only 652 made it out of the country safely. These refugees arrived into exile in poor health and in need of long-term assistance so they could eventually become self-sufficient. Some were former political prisoners who suffered from extensive physical and psychological trauma.

In keeping with its commitment to help the new arrivals recover and to support essential health and education programs for the exile community, the US Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) awarded the Tibet Fund its 28th annual humanitarian assistance grant. The PRM grant supported the rehabilitation of the newly arrived refugees at reception centers in Kathmandu, Delhi and Dharamsala, enabling them to first meet His Holiness the Dalai Lama and then be placed in one of three schools that care for newly arrived children and young adults, in traditional learning centers where they can pursue religious studies that were denied to them in Tibet, or in other settings in the community. The 2009 grant supported the building of a new reception center in Dharamsala and health and education programs for long-standing refugees in Nepal, including a residential facility for teachers at the Jampa Ling settlement in Pokhara, Nepal. The grant also funded four vitally important projects that will help to revitalize the settlements and improve services to the refugees: a state-of-the-art Health Information System, an in-depth economic research project, a renewable energy project, and a livelihood development program in the agricultural settlements.

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM  The Tibet Fund operates a Sponsorship Program that enables individual donors to support needy monks, nuns, children and elders who have no family members to contribute to their upkeep. In 2009, our sponsors supported 151 monks, 71 nuns, 310 children (including five students at the Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts), 15 disabled children, and 13 elders. These sponsorships are vitally important to the exile community’s monastic institutions, schools, performing arts organizations, and elder homes that constantly struggle to provide nutritious meals, clothing, educational materials, training, health care, and other necessities to their residents.  The Tibet Fund underwrites
all of the administrative costs of the Sponsorship Program so that we can send 100 percent of our sponsors’ funds to India and Nepal where they are most needed. Our full-time Sponsorship Coordinator works with the various institutions to ensure that the beneficiaries maintain contact with their sponsors.

See page 14 for a list of the monastic institutions and schools that received sponsorship funds from The Tibet Fund in 2009.

**HEALTH CARE** In 2009, the PRM grant supported vitally important health care for tens of thousands of Tibetan refugees including (1) TB screenings for 21,422 students and treatment for 591 TB patients; (2) Leprosy and Disabled Services for 365 individuals; (3) Reproductive Health, Maternal and Child Health/ Immunization for 1,880 mothers and 2,191 children; (4) Hospitalizations for 1,174 destitute refugees; (5) Health Training for health care workers and beneficiaries; (6) Essential Medicines for 79,104 patients; (7) a Nutritional Food Project for 160 TB patients; and (8) an ambulance for remote settlements in Ladakh. This program is managed by the CTA Department of Health (DoH) and implemented through its network of seven hospitals, five Primary Health Centers and 47 clinics located in the settlements. In Nepal, health care was provided through a partnership with the Snow Lion Foundation, which administered grant funds to 12 clinics, many of which are located in very remote areas.

The PRM grant also supported the development of a Health Information System that will enable the DoH to improve health care services and policies for the refugee population. The Tibet Fund created a partnership with Johns Hopkins University’s Bloomberg School of Public Health to provide epidemiology expertise in systems design and implementation. The DoH assembled a team that included Hopkins’ consultants, a Tibetan allopathic medical doctor with a degree in public health and an IT expert from Australia. To meet current international standards for reporting and tracking of health conditions in the settlements, the team developed key health indicators and disease classifications and set guidelines for case definitions. The Tibet Fund’s Executive Director served on the steering committee for the project, which was developed in the context of a five-year plan for health care in the exile community.

In addition to the Department of State-funded health care programs, The Tibet Fund continued to assist the Friends of Tibetan Delek Hospital with a fundraising campaign that enabled the Hospital to purchase urgently-needed medical equipment and launch a TB prevention and treatment pilot program in 2008 in partnership with Johns Hopkins University’s Center for Tuberculosis Research. Tuberculosis is the primary cause of death in the Tibetan refugee population, whose TB rate is more than four times the rate in India and 150 times the rate in the US. Through this partnership, and with the assistance of other international agencies and NGOs, a comprehensive strategy is being developed that will be implemented by the DoH across the entire Tibetan health care system in the next few years.
His Holiness the Dalai Lama has declared that education is the exile community’s highest priority if Tibetan refugees are to thrive in the global economy and contribute to human development in the modern world. He has requested The Tibet Fund to focus on supporting programs that will improve the quality of education and provide opportunities for higher education that do not currently exist in the community.

Many children and young adults (who comprise 40 percent of all new arrivals) arrive in exile without academic skills or formal training in Tibetan language and culture. In 2009, the PRM grant supported approximately 950 newly arrived refugee students at the Bir Tibetan Children’s Village (TCV) School; 627 students ages 19 to 35 at the Transit School at Sogar in Dharamsala; and 707 children at the Tibetan Homes Foundation in Mussoorie. The Grant provided stipends for 6,547 students at 68 Traditional Learning Centers (monasteries and nunneries); scholarships for 47 students to attend college in India; professional training for 37 teachers; career counseling for 3,540 students and 695 teachers; and skills training and salary subsidies for teachers in 13 schools in Nepal.

The Tibet Fund has administered the US Department of State-funded Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP) since 1989, in collaboration with the Scholarship section of the CTA Department of Education. Since the inception of the program, The Tibet Fund has brought a total of 380 refugee students to the US for master’s degree and one-year certificate programs in leading US colleges and universities (see list on page 17 of this report). In 2009, 27 students participated in the program, studying in fields such as Social Work, Neuroscience, Central Eurasian Studies, Bio-Technology, Accounting, Plant Pathology, School Counseling, Banking Management, Public Health, School Curriculum Development, Special Education, and Public Administration. Over the years, alumni from the program have returned to India and Nepal to take up leadership positions in various institutions in the exile community.

In 2008, The Tibet Fund launched a Professional Scholarship Program to help offset the serious shortage of professionals in the exile community, particularly in the medical and health care fields. For a population of 120,000 refugees, there were only nine Tibetan doctors, no physiotherapists or dentists and only 19 registered nurses working in the Tibetan-run clinics and hospitals in India, Nepal and Bhutan. Many worthy young Tibetans cannot pursue professional degrees because they are orphans or their families barely subsist in the settlement economy and cannot afford the cost of professional degrees. The CTA Department of Education manages the Program and recruited the first cohort of 11 students for the fall semester.
of 2009. Initially the Program will support scholars in the health care fields, but it will expand to include degrees in other professions such as engineering, science, architecture and community development. Students who receive more than $3000 in scholarship support are required to perform a minimum of two years of service in the community upon completion of their studies.

The Story of Two Caterpillars  There are very few children's books available in the Tibetan language, a need to which Bhuchung Sherap, former headmaster of the Namgyal Middle School in Kathmandu, has dedicated himself for several years. In 2009, The Tibet Fund raised a generous grant in the amount of $3,600 from The Shelley and Donald Rubin Foundation for the publication of *The Story of Two Caterpillars*. A thousand copies were printed and distributed to libraries in Tibetan refugee schools in India and Nepal.

Active Non-violence Education Center  The Tibet Fund facilitates contributions to the Active Non-violence Education Center (ANEC), an NGO based in Dharamsala. Formed by peace activists Rabbi Everett Gendler and Dr. Mary Gendler, and Executive Director Tenpa C. Samkhar, ANEC's aims are to educate Tibetans about the importance of active participation in the democratic process and non-violent resistance as an appropriate form of action for the Tibetan national cause. In 2009, the Gendlers provided a $20,000 grant as well as their personal time to support the activities of ANEC.
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Under the guidance of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and with the support of donors from around the world, the Central Tibetan Administration has built a model settlement system that has held the exile community together for 50 years. Despite the CTA’s extraordinary achievements, the continued influx of new arrivals over the years and the inability of the settlements to expand, are straining the community’s resources beyond its capacity. Roughly 25 percent of the Tibetan population exists at or near the poverty level. A serious lack of housing and employment opportunities in the settlements is forcing families to seek shelter and alternative sources of income in scattered communities and urban centers, away from the schools, clinics, and religious and cultural life that sustain Tibetan identity.

To help strengthen the settlements and the cohesiveness of the exile community, The Tibet Fund is focusing its efforts on community and economic development, with a focus on finding solutions to broader systemic issues that will contribute to the long-term sustainability of the community.

Economic Development Research Project

Although the CTA continually evaluates conditions in the settlements in order to devise a major development plan every four years, it was decided that in-depth research was needed in order to identify the obstacles to economic development and the opportunities for employment that would produce significant improvements in the refugees’ quality of life. With funding from the PRM Grant, The Tibet Fund and the Department of Home recruited TechnoServe, an organization with a 40-year history of success in promoting livelihoods in the developing world. TechnoServe conducted field research in 27 major settlements, carried out a literature review of other diasporas, and produced an in-depth report that will guide the CTA’s economic development programs over the next few years.

Livelihood development in agricultural settlements

One of the most critical economic development programs in the exile community is the long-term conversion of the agricultural settlements from chemically-based to organic farming. The conversion process, which the CTA initiated in 2004, requires a tremendous investment of resources—financial and human—to gradually reverse decades of environmental and human damage caused by chemical fertilizers and to build a solid foundation for economic progress in the settlements. To this end, the PRM grant supported a program that included (1) the hiring of Project Managers in seven settlements and the appointment of an outsourcing expert; (2) an organic training and awareness campaign for 20,000 farmers; (3) training in organic farming methods such as composting, bio-pest management, soil testing and treatment, agro-forestry and horticulture development, livestock acquisition, and exposure trips to organic demo farms; (4) a seven-day marketing training for 32 members of 15 Cooperatives at the Institute of Rural Management; (5) market research and development of markets in major Indian cities; (6) produce certification and processing and value addition procedures; and (7) soil and water conservation in the Miao settlement.
Renewable Energy Project The PRM grant funded a solar lighting project in which solar lighting systems were installed in 435 households and 17 streetlamps in two remote settlements in northern India—Tezu Dhargyeling and Tenzingang-and Miao settlement. These settlements were chosen because of their remote locations and the unreliable and expensive local electrical service. Two settlers were trained in installation and maintenance of the systems.

Waste Management Project The Tibet Fund received the second installment in a two-year $20,000 grant from The Shelley and Donald Rubin Foundation for a waste management project in Dharamsala. Under the supervision of the Tibetan Welfare Office (TWO) at McLeod Ganj, Dharamsala, street sweepers, green workers and volunteers work together regularly to clean-up public spaces around Upper Dharamsala, especially in preparation for community events, festivals and celebrations. The TWO operates the Environmental Education Center (EEC), which informs residents about efficient use of waste collection services and educates youth, students, and tourists about the local environment. TWO promotes public awareness through flyers, prominent sign boards and kiosks in town, on local radio and television, and documentaries. The grant enabled TWO to send educators door-to-door to encourage proper waste management practice, including safe burning of waste materials.

Lha Charitable Trust With the generous support of Carolynn Sunny Shine, The Tibet Fund provided a $5,000 grant to the Lha Charitable Trust, a non-profit organization based in Dharamsala, India that provides social services and language and vocational training to newly arrived refugees from Tibet, programs on the environment, and income-generating classes on Tibetan subjects for tourists. The grant enabled Lha to purchase seven computers, 100 grammar books, 250 English language text books and other materials for its classrooms, which greatly enhanced its training resources.

Srongtsen Bhrikuti Boarding School Srongtsen Bhrikuti Boarding High School serves 676 students from poor Tibetan families in and around Kathmandu, Nepal. Beginning in January 2008, political instability and sky-rocketing inflation forced the school to increase its teachers’ and other salaries by 35 percent. Facing a huge budget deficit, the school requested Tibet Fund’s assistance. In 2008, Tom and Barbara Sargent provided funding through the Tides Foundation to help cover the deficit and again in 2009, the Sargents generously gave $5,000 for the school’s payroll.

Renovation of Namling Guru Lhakang Temple in Bhutan Approximately 1,450 Tibetan refugees reside in seven settlements in Bhutan. The settlers are very poor and most live in dilapidated makeshift housing that has not been upgraded since the 1960s when they were first built. During the rainy season, leakage from the roofs is a major problem. Most of these settlements have a small temple, a primary school and a health clinic. Among the buildings that needed renovation, Namling Guru Lhakang temple at Bodgarnang Settlement near Thimpu was in the worst condition. With $5,000 in support from Tom and Barbara Sargent, the renovation of the temple was successfully completed in 2009.
CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS PRESERVATION  The Tibet Fund has long recognized the role that Tibetan history, culture and religion play in sustaining the spirit and vitality of the Tibetan people. Since its founding, The Tibet Fund has dedicated considerable resources and expertise to strengthening cultural programs and organizations in the exile community. These have included dance and theater troupes such as the Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts, publishing and printing projects, films, oral history and storytelling projects, the construction of libraries, and the digitization of rare religious texts at the Tibetan Library of Works and Archives.

50 Years in Exile  From March 2009 to March 2010, The Tibet Fund presented a series of programs and events commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Tibetan diaspora—the flight into exile of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and 85,000 Tibetans following the failed uprising against the Chinese occupation of Tibet in 1959. The “50 Years in Exile” series was designed to shed light on the Tibetan people’s achievements since 1959 and to celebrate the survival of Tibetan culture and its impact on the world.

• To launch the series, we created a web site, www.50yearsinexile.org, with information about the institutions in exile that have sustained the Tibetan way of life, language, cultural traditions, and identity for a half century outside Tibet. Under His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s visionary leadership, Tibetan refugees have built a vibrant community that stretches from India, Nepal and Bhutan to more than 40 countries. As a result of the diaspora, Tibetan culture has become a cherished part of our global heritage. www.50yearsinexile.org includes an extensive list of Tibet-related organizations and projects that demonstrates just how widely influential Tibetan culture has been.

• The second program in the series, Celebrate Tibet Family Day, was jointly organized by The Tibet Fund and the Rubin Museum of Art (RMA) in New York City on May 2, 2009. The day-long program at the Museum included activities that appealed to children and adults alike: Sand Mandala and Butter Sculpture making, Tsa-tsas and Prayer Flags, Thangka Painting, Woodcarving, Carpet Weaving, Traditional Dance, Tibetan Games, and Tibetan Calligraphy. The Tibet Fund worked with the Office of Tibet, the Tibetan Community of NY & NJ, the Milarepa Children’s Chorus, the Saturday Tibetan Language School of NY & NJ, and RMA Guide Tashi Chodron to produce these events.

• On May 3, 2009 at Town Hall in New York City, The Tibet Fund presented Wisdom and Compassion for Challenging Times, a dialogue between His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Mary Robinson, the first woman President of Ireland and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. The program was moderated by journalist Pico Iyer. His Holiness and Mrs. Robinson discussed ‘Universal Ethics’ as the key to solving issues such as the environment, war and conflict, poverty, and the impact of economic globalization on human rights and cultural continuity. They drew liberally from their personal experience and discussed the common values stemming from the world’s religious and cultural traditions as resources for responding to these monumental
issues. The Tibet Fund videotaped the program and uploaded it to YouTube afterwards.

• To continue the year-long awareness building effort, The Tibet Fund created Thank You Tibet!, a global campaign and website, www.thankyoutibet.org, where people could send messages of support and appreciation to His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan people. The campaign was launched in October 2009 when Nobel Peace Laureates Shirin Ebadi, Mairead Maguire, and Jody Williams travelled to Dharamsala, India to deliver a Statement of Support in person to the Dalai Lama. The Statement was signed by Nobel Peace laureates Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Jody Williams, Adolfo Perez Esquivel, Mairead Maguire, Rigoberta Menchu Tum, Shirin Ebadi, Betty Williams, and Wangari Mathaai. Thank You Tibet! was presented in collaboration with the PeaceJam Foundation, the Dalai Lama Center for Peace and Education, and the Nobel Women’s Initiative. The Thank You Tibet! campaign culminated on March 4, 2010 with a concert at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine curated by composer Philip Glass with performers Laurie Anderson, Bobby McFerrin, John Giorno, Tenzin Kunsel, Michael Imperioli, Nobel Peace Laureates Shirin Ebadi and Jody Williams and cultural anthropologist Elizabeth Lindsey. The program was blessed by Tibetan monks from various monasteries. Concurrently, we held a gala dinner at the Pierre Hotel led by Chef Eric Ripert who invited nine other celebrity chefs to share their culinary talents. Jazz musician Stanley Jordan entertained the gathering and 21 artists, photographers and others generously provided auction items. A detailed report of these events will be provided in our 2010 annual report.

Assistance to Sera Mey Monastery
In 2009, a special fundraising effort was launched to assist Sera Mey Monastery, one of Tibet’s great monastic institutions that was rebuilt in exile in the early 1960s. The Conservancy for Tibetan Art and Culture and The Six Paramitas Group from the Vietnamese community each provided generous grants in the amount of $15,000.

Preservation of Buddhist Culture in Mongolia
Tibetologist Glenn Mullin has been working to preserve and rebuild the fragile traditional culture of Mongolia, which was decimated under the Soviet Stalinist regime prior to 1991. Working under a local NGO that he founded, he has spearheaded a wide range of projects including renovating the Nicholas Roerich house in Ulanbaatar and documenting Buddhist Art and building a website for the Zanabazar National Museum. The Tibet Fund has gladly facilitated grants for Glenn’s work for several years. In 2009, we received more than $21,000 on behalf of this initiative.
The Tibet Fund established the Tibet Assistance Program in 1994 to address the neglected medical, educational and economic needs of the Tibetan people in Tibet. Working primarily with local non-governmental organizations, the Program has launched small-scale, well-managed programs to educate and care for orphans, offer scholarship opportunities for higher education, and provide eye care and blindness prevention services. In 2009, we conducted the following program activities:

**Cultural Exchange Program in Tibet** Since our first Cultural Exchange Program in 1997 under the State Department’s Ngwang Choephel Fellows Program, we have brought 86 professionals and scholars to the US to study and supported English language, tourism management, computer and vocational training programs in Tibet. In 2009, the State Department initiated a two-year program with a specific focus on building long-term relationships between U.S. and Tibetan institutions. The Tibet Fund was awarded a grant to create a partnership between a Tibetan-run college and three American universities—Johns Hopkins University’s Bloomberg School of Public Health, Brandeis University’s Heller School for Social Policy and Management, and the University of Wisconsin’s Center for Global Health. Out of 20 students who began the program with English language training in Tibet, six of the top student will come to the US in 2011 to study in one of the three university programs. The program will focus on Tibetans who are pursuing careers in health care, public health, tourism management, and community development. In addition to providing an unprecedented educational opportunity for the participants, the program will lay the foundation for future collaboration among the schools.

**Higher Education Scholarship Program** Access to higher education in Tibet is extremely limited, especially for Tibetan youth from impoverished families. In 2008, the Tibet Fund began fundraising for a Higher Education Scholarship Program to support Tibetan students who have been accepted at Tibet University, the Teachers Training College and other universities in China but are financially unable to attend. The Program is being administered by an education professional who oversees a committee of academics and a local administrator in the recruitment of applicants and follows-up with the scholarship students supported by the program.

**Prevention and Treatment of Eye Disease in Tibet** Over 30,000 people in Tibet suffer from cataract blindness and approximately 3,000 become blind every year. In 1999, we provided funds to construct an eye care hospital in Lhasa and have continued to support eye care treatment, training for eye care professionals and mobile eye camps which conduct cataract removal operations on hundreds of Tibetans living in remote areas where access to eye care is virtually non-existent. A grant of $10,000 from The Eye Surgery Fund supported eye care services in Tibet under the direction of Dr. Sanduk Ruit.

**Orphanages** Many children in Tibet are victims of personal tragedy or extremely difficult economic conditions that force parents to leave their sons and daughters in the care of orphanages throughout the country. We have been providing support to three orphanages in different areas of Tibet since 1999. These include the Chushul Orphanage Home, located near Lhasa; and the Waka Orphanage and Poor Snowland Home, both located in eastern Tibet. Chulshul cares for nearly 30 children who attend local primary, middle and high schools and three of the students have already graduated and are attending universities in China. Waka cares for 30 children who attend local schools and receive after-school tutoring in Tibetan and Chinese. Poor Snowland cares for 62 orphans, among them underprivileged girls whose families could not afford the most basic necessities or the parents were suffering from illness and could not care for their children.
Tibet Fund 2009 Sponsorships

**MONASTERIES**
- Chuwar Gaden Dopheling
- Drepung Gomang
- Drepung Loseling
- Dzongkar Institute
- Gaden Jangtse
- Gaden Shartse
- Gaden Tharpa Choling
- Gongkar
- Gyudmed Tantric Monastery
- Gyurmeling
- Gyuto Tantric University
- Institute of Buddhist Dialectics
- Khari
- Kirti
- Sera Jhe
- Sera Mey
- Shalu
- Tashi Lhunpo
- Thubchog Gatsel Ling
- Tharpa Choling

**NUNNERIES**
- DK Samten Ling
- Dolmaling
- Dongyu Gatseling
- Geden Choling
- Jamyang Choling Institute
- Jangchub Choeling
- Keydong Thukeche Choeling
- Ladakh Nuns Association
- Sakya Rinchen Choling
- Samtenling
- Tilokpur
- Tsogyal Shedupling
- Namdoling

**SCHOOLS**
- Atisha Primary School
- CST, Chauntra
- CST, Dalhousie
- CST, Darjeeling
- CST, Kalimpong
- CST, Mussoorie
- CST, Poanta
- CST, Shimla
- CST, Sonada
- Karuna Home for Disabled Children
- Lophel Ling School in Manang
- Mwoen Tsuglas Patoen
- Ngoenga School for Tibetan Handicapped Children
- Snow Lion Foundation
- SOS TCV Bylakuppe
- SOS TCV Gopalpur
- SOS TCV Ladakh
- STS, Bhuntar
- STS, Deckyiling
- STS, Gangtok
- STS, Pokhriabong
- TCV Chauntra
- TCV Outreach Program
- TCV Selakui
- TCV Suja
- Thangtong Lhugar Performing Arts
- Tibetan Children’s Village
- Tibetan Homes Foundation
- Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts
- Yongling Creche & Kinder Garten

**ELDER HOME**
- Tsering Elders Home, Kathmandu, Nepal
## Statement of Financial Position

**Year ended December 31, 2009**

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<td>Refundable advances</td>
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<td>Due to Dalai Lama Trust</td>
<td>1,277,688</td>
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<td><strong>Total liabilities</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,459,083</strong></td>
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#### Net assets

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<td>$4,386,041</td>
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<td>Temporarily restricted</td>
<td>3,684,818</td>
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<td><strong>Total net assets</strong></td>
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**Total liabilities and net assets**

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<td><strong>Total liabilities and net assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$9,529,942</strong></td>
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# Statement of Activities

*Year ended December 31, 2009*

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<th>REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT</th>
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<th>Total 2009</th>
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<td>Public support and revenues</td>
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<td>OTHER REVENUES</td>
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<td>Interest and dividends</td>
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<td>Realized and unrealized gain on investments</td>
<td>544,807</td>
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<td>Rental income</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous income</td>
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<td>Total other revenues</td>
<td>796,469</td>
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<td>Net assets released from restrictions</td>
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<td>Total revenues and other support</td>
<td>8,179,475</td>
<td>(1,790,530)</td>
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<td>Program services</td>
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<td>Education and scholarship</td>
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<td>Cultural and religious preservation</td>
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<td>Community development</td>
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<td>Total expenses</td>
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<td>Change in net assets</td>
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<td>(1,790,530)</td>
<td>(15,102)</td>
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<td>Net assets -end of year</td>
<td>$ 4,386,041</td>
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