2014 Tibetan New Year
The Tibet Fund organized our Tibetan New Year celebration at Baruch College on 19 February 2014. Through immersion in customary Losar festivities and rituals, we hoped to bring together our diverse community of supporters to experience and celebrate the rich cultural traditions of the Tibetan people. The guests enjoyed the ceremonial dances, songs, prayers, delicious food and the wonderful decorations and traditional Tibetan artifacts. The event raised $20,415.

Dreams for Tibet Fundraising Event
Dreams for Tibet, headed by Quang Bui and Tenzin Norzom, organized its 4th annual fundraising event on behalf of The Tibet Fund at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church on 27 September 2014. It was attended by over 120 people and Executive Director Lobsang Nyandak was the chief guest at the event. The event raised a total of $14,401 which went to support community projects in Tibetan settlements.

Indiegogo Fundraising for Water Filtration System
The Tibet Fund launched its first online fundraising initiative through Indiegogo to support the installation of three water filtration systems to provide safe drinking water and raised a total of $8,979. In collaboration with Lha Charitable Trust, water purification systems were installed in Jampaling Old People’s Home in Dharamsala, Central School for Tibetans in Shimla, and Kham Khatok Tibetan settlement in Sataun, India, helping over 800 Tibetan refugees to
get safe drinking water.

Summer Tibetan Study Program

In collaboration with the Institute of Buddhist Dialectics in Dharamsala, The Tibet Fund organized a month-long Summer Tibetan Study Program in July 2014. Held at the College for Higher Tibetan Studies at Sarah, the program provided Tibetan students studying in colleges in North America with the opportunity to learn Tibetan language, culture, history and Buddhist philosophy. The participants visited Tsuglakhang, Norbulingka Institute, the Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts, and offices of the Central Tibetan Administration, including the Tibetan parliament-in-exile and Cabinet.

Summer Retreat Program

Organized jointly by The Tibet Fund and Lincoln Center Theater on 28 October 2014, Gelek Rinpoche discussed on the theme of reincarnation during a panel discussion titled “Life Imitates Life, Again and Again”. Playwright Sarah Ruhl and The Tibet Fund’s Board Chairman Mickey Lemle were the other discussants. The event took place before a performance of Sarah Ruhl’s play, The Oldest Boy, which deals with the themes of Tibetan culture, Buddhism, and reincarnation.

The Feast Worldwide Dinner

The Tibet Fund organized The Feast Worldwide Dinner on 23 June 2014 to address a community’s specific challenge and to build connections among the expert participants. Executive Director Lobsang Nyandak spoke on the work and priorities of The Tibet Fund and posed the question of the night: “How can we empower and inspire young Tibetans with the skills and resources needed to innovate and become entrepreneurs?” Jeff Gitterman of Gitterman and Associates spoke on the theme of investment. President Rinchen Dharlo also attended the dinner.

“The Story of Reincarnation in Tibetan Buddhism”
On 14 November 2014, The Tibet Fund hosted “The Story of Reincarnation in Tibetan Buddhism,” a talk at Lincoln Center Theater by Dr. Thupten Jinpa Langri, English translator for His Holiness the Dalai Lama and a member of The Tibet Fund Board. Dr. Langri delivered his talk to a full house and received standing ovation. A total of $3,700 from tickets sales and donations were raised.

Site Monitoring Visits
- President Rinchen Dharlo visited Nepal in November 2014 accompanied by dentists and hygienists from The New York University College of Dentistry who treated close to 1,200 people. While in Nepal, he visited Care & Fair Clinic in Jawalakhel, Nepal Lhamo Association, Namgyal Middle School and the Snow Lion Foundation.
- Executive Director Lobsang Nyandak visited India in December 2014 to monitor the ongoing programs funded by The Tibet Fund as well as to meet with local partners, including CTA officials, representatives of NGOs and educational institutions.
- Vice President Bob Ankerson also conducted multiple project site visits in India and Nepal from his base in Dharamsala.

Tibetan Yogurt Festival in Manhattan
The Tibet Fund and Lotus Music & Dance jointly organized the Shoton (Yogurt) Festival on 13 September 2014 at Washington Irving High School Auditorium in Manhattan. Over 300 guests attended the festival that featured performances of Tibetan, Nepali, Polynesian, Kathak, and Flamenco dancers and special performances by Angela McKenzie and Dikyi Ukyab. This event raised $11,039 from ticket sales and donations.

Publications: We published the 2013 Annual Report (1,000 copies) and Tibet Fund brochure (5,000 copies) which were circulated to our donors and distributed widely during our events.

Tibetan Scholarship Program Workshops
Three separate workshops for TSP students from India and Nepal were held this year in partnership with the US Department of State. The 2013 TSP cohort of 8 students attended a mid-session workshop from January 11 to 12 in Washington DC. A second re-entry workshop was held in New York City from May 29 to 30 for 5 students from the 2014 TSP cohort. In addition, an orientation workshop was held for all TSP students from July 14 to 15 at the US Mission office in NYC.
Annual Gala Dinner

The Tibet Fund organized its annual gala at Le Bernardin Privé in New York City on 30 October 2014. Chaired by Richard Gere and Sam Nappi, some 200 guests attended the event. We honored Richard Blum, Chairman of American Himalayan Foundation, and Diana and Jonathan Rose, co-founders of the Garrison Institute, for their long-standing support to His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan people. Senator Diane Feinstein, the Indian Consul General of New York, Steven Rockefeller, and David Crosby were amongst the prominent guests. Renowned chefs, including Eric Ripert, Laurent Manrique, Michael White and Devin Bozkaya, Thomas Raquel and Seadon Shouse lent their culinary talents for the evening. The Tibet Fund raised a total of $462,951 at the Gala, including $62,100 for the two projects. After deducting the gala expenses of $44,022, we have net revenue of $418,929, including surplus of $356,829 for our operating budget.

4th Annual Dreams for Tibet

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