The Tibet Fund
Annual Report 2006
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*Cover: Monks from Shalu Monastery prayer flag projects funded by Tibet Fund
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

For 26 years The Tibet Fund has worked hard to help improve the health, economic status and living conditions of thousands of Tibetans in exile and in Tibet. In 2006 we provided funds for health and education programs, helped develop communities through agricultural and vocational training programs, build homes, clinics and schools, helped provide safe drinking water in Tibetan settlements and supported projects to promote and preserve Tibet’s unique cultural and religious traditions. We also continued to provide higher education opportunities for Tibetan professionals and scholars in the United States.

In 2006 The Tibet Fund celebrated its 25th anniversary by inaugurating Compassion in Action, the first in a series of symposia on philanthropy and alleviating suffering in the world with His Holiness the Dalai Lama. This groundbreaking dialogue between His Holiness and leaders in the philanthropic community demonstrated that traditional wisdom has much to offer all those who are working to alleviate suffering in the world. The symposium set the stage for The Tibet Fund’s work in the coming years.

None of our work would have been possible without the many generous donations from foundations and individual supporters, 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.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff members of the Tibet Fund, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you. I would also like to express our deep gratitude to the United States Congress and Administration, whose continued support and belief in our mission has provided critical resources to help the Tibetan people in Tibet and in our refugee communities.

We are pleased to provide you with this 2006 Annual Report and we look forward to updating you on the many exciting and crucial projects we are working on in the year 2007.

Sincerely,

Rinchen Dharlo (Mr.)
President
INTRODUCTION

The Tibet Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in New York City. The Tibet Fund’s mission is to preserve the distinct cultural, religious and national identity of the Tibetan people. Since its founding in 1981, with the guidance of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the Tibet Fund has become the primary vehicle for international assistance to fund projects that:

- Enable Tibetans in refugee communities in India, Nepal and Bhutan to become self-sufficient and maintain their culture in cohesive communities
- Increase opportunities for Tibetan students to gain a sound education
- Support schools, higher education and health projects inside Tibet.

ACTIVITIES IN 2006

The Tibet Fund’s activities are focused on the priority areas of:

- Humanitarian aid for new refugees
- Health care and sanitation
- Education and vocational training
- Community and economic development
- Religious and cultural preservation
- Projects in Tibet through the Khawachen Assistance Program

HELPING NEW REFUGEES FROM TIBET GET BACK ON THEIR FEET

As a result of continuing human rights abuses, harsh repression of religion, speech and movement, and increasing economic marginalization in Tibet, approximately 3,000 Tibetans escape over the Himalayas each year to seek refuge in Nepal and India. In 2006 a total of 6,973 Tibetan refugees arrived due to the attendance of approximately 5,231 people at the Kalachakra Initiation given by His Holiness the Dalai Lama in south India. While many of them returned to Tibet, thousands remained, straining the already limited resources of the refugee settlements.

When new refugees arrive, they are met first at a refugee reception center in Kathmandu, Nepal where they are provided with food, lodging, medical care and a chance to rest and recuperate until arrangements are made for them to travel to India for settlement. From Kathmandu, the majority of refugees travel to Dharamsala, India by way of New Delhi. After resting at the Delhi reception center, they travel to Dharamsala where they receive temporary housing and continue to receive medical care and rehabilitation services as needed.

The Tibet Fund provided $673,500 from the U.S. State Department’s 2006-2007 Humanitarian Assistance Grant (HAG) to support the three refugee reception centers in Kathmandu, New Delhi and Dharamsala.

KEEPING TIBETANS IN EXILE HEALTHY

In 2006 The Tibet Fund provided $640,800 from the U.S. State Department’s HAG to support health services for Tibetans in exile through the Department of Health in Dharamsala, India. These vitally important services included:

- TB/Leprosy and Disabled Services
- Maternal and Child Health/ Immunization
- Reproductive Health
- Hospitalization
- Continuing education of health workers
- Safe drinking water and sanitation projects in numerous settlements
- Essential Drugs
- Provision of vehicles, including ambulances for the delivery of health services.

In addition, The Tibet Fund is assisting Delek Hospital with a fundraising effort spearheaded by Dr. Zorba Paster, Dean of the Medical Center in Oregon, Wisconsin to purchase urgently needed emergency equipment and medicine.
PROMOTING EDUCATION FOR TIBETAN STUDENTS AND SUPPORTING MONASTIC EDUCATION FOR BUDDHIST MONKS AND NUNS

The Tibet Fund works closely with the Central Tibetan Administration's (CTA) Department of Education (DOE) in Dharamsala, the Tibetan Children's Village (TCV) and the Tibetan Homes Foundation to help educate and care for over 4,000 Tibetan children in exile. Nearly 25 percent of new refugees are children, many who arrive without their parents, who need to be placed in Tibetan-run schools. In 2006, The Tibet Fund provided assistance to the following educational programs:

Education of New Refugees

The majority of new refugees from Tibet arrive with limited education and no formal training in Tibetan language and culture. Few if any of these new arrivals have adequate skills to earn a living in their new environment. The Tibet Fund helped establish and continues to provide funding for two special schools, the Tibetan Children's Village School in Bir and the Transit School at Sogar in Dharamsala, to help educate and train new refugees. This work was made possible with $649,700 from the U.S. State Department's Humanitarian Assistance Grant.

The above grant supported 1,082 new refugee students at the Bir School, 700 new refugee students at the Transit School at Sogar, and 850 students at the Tibetan Homes Foundation in Mussoorie. The grant also supports Teacher Training and Professional and Life Skills Education for returnees. In the past six years, over 3,000 students have graduated from these special schools. HAG funding also supported 5,520 monks and nuns studying in Traditional Learning Centers.

Tibetan Scholarship Program

The Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP) was started in 1988 when the US Congress approved Fulbright support for Tibetan refugee students and professionals. Since that time, with funding from the US State Department, the TSP has brought 305 Tibetan students to the US to receive higher education in some of America's most prestigious educational institutions, including the University of Massachusetts, UC Berkeley, Brandeis University, Cornell University, Columbia University, Emory University, Harvard University and Yale University. Upon completion of their studies, the great majority of these students return home to assume positions of leadership and responsibility within the Tibetan refugee communities and Offices of Tibet abroad.

In 2006, a grant of $600,000 from the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs enabled The Tibet Fund to place and support 25 Tibetan students in American universities. Of these, twenty are masters-degree students and five are non-degree students.

Tibetan Sponsorship Program

Through its website and other forms of outreach, The Tibet Fund seeks sponsorships from individuals for needy students, monks and nuns and the elderly living in the exile community and children attending schools in Tibet.

In 2006 the Tibetan Sponsorship Program raised a total of $320,956, including $215,721 for students at the Tibetan Children's Village, the Tibetan Homes Foundation and the Department of Education's administered schools, and $105,233 for monks and nuns at religious institutions throughout India and Nepal. The Tibet Fund sends 100 percent of its sponsors' donations to the schools, monasteries and elder homes.

DEVELOPING TIBETAN COMMUNITIES AND HELPING TIBETANS TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT

Maintaining the viability of the Tibetan refugee settlements in India, Nepal, and Bhutan is essential to the survival of Tibetan identity. Thus, an important part of The Tibet Fund's work is to assist the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) in implementing the Third Integrated Development Plan, a three year plan that addresses the pressing needs in the Tibetan exile community and builds on the Tibetans' resourcefulness and strengths.
In 2006 the Tibet Fund granted a total of $149,878 to fund projects for:

- Construction and renovation of community buildings, temples, clinics, schools and housing for refugee families and Tibetan elders

- Repair to infrastructure such as roads, bridges, irrigation canals and retaining walls in refugee settlements

- Providing vehicles to improve transportation options for Tibetans

- Helping agricultural settlements to convert from traditional chemical-based to organic farming

- Supporting elder homes for aged Tibetans without families

- Vocational training for young Tibetans

Helping to Preserve Tibet's Unique Culture and Religion

In addition to finding sponsors to help support young monks and nuns who recently escaped from Tibet, in 2006 the Tibet Fund helped:

- The Institute of Buddhist Dialectics to establish a printing press in Dharamsala with a grant from the Flora Family Foundation. This enables Tibetan institutions and organizations to have their publications printed locally by a Tibetan-language press and has created skilled employment for Tibetans in Dharamsala.
The Tibet Fund purchased digital files of "The Lion King" from Disney and helped Mr. Bhuchung Sherap, former headmaster of Namgyal Middle School in Kathmandu to translate and publish 1,000 copies of "The Lion King" for distribution in Tibetan schools in India and Nepal. This work was made possible with support from the Shelley and Donald Rubin Foundation.

Web Casting of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's teachings. The Tibet Fund assisted Tamarind Grove LLC and a group of volunteers with their fundraising efforts for web casting the Dalai Lama's teachings from Dharamsala. The first phase of the project was completed in the Spring of 2006.

The Tibet Fund is assisting Tashi Lhunpo, the monastery of the Panchen Lama relocated in southern India and one of the most impoverished of the monasteries in exile, with a special fundraising effort for new buildings to improve living conditions at the monastery.

The Tibet Fund is supporting Professor Glenn Mullin's Mongolian cultural preservation work, which includes the rebuilding of a hermitage for Mongolian women to receive training in traditional Buddhist ritual arts.

**HELPING TIBETANS IN TIBET**

The Khawachen Assistance Program (KAP) was established in 1994 to support education, health, and other projects in Tibet. In 2006 with funding from the US Department of State, foundations and individuals, KAP supported various projects in Tibet and China, including:

- **Scholarship Program in the USA**: with a grant of $150,000 from the State Department's Office of Citizen Exchanges, KAP brought nine professionals and scholars from Tibet to study at colleges in the United States.

- **Dharmo English Language and Computer Skills**: KAP provided funding for 30 students to study English language and computer skills in this program. The program was made possible by a $20,000 grant from Winrock and $10,000 from the State Department.

- **Chushul Orphanage**: KAP established this orphanage in 1999 in partnership with a local Tibetan NGO. KAP provided $9,000 for the maintenance of 25 orphans in 2006 with contributions received from individuals, including Ms. Peggy Day.

- **Dorje & Sanji Charity Home**: KAP provided funding for the establishment of this orphanage in 2003 and provided $10,000 for its maintenance in 2006.

- **Poor Snowland School**: KAP has been sponsoring 15 orphans in this school for many years. KAP provided $9,600 for the years 2006 and 2007.

- **Lhasa Eye Care Institute (LECI)**: KAP provided a grant of $5,225 for an eye camp in Tibet conducted by LECI in conjunction with the Tilagang Eye Center of Kathmandu, Nepal. In 2006 LECI served over 3,000 eye care patients and conducted over 250 cataract surgeries.

**THE BLUE BOOK PROJECT**

The Tibetan Solidarity Alliance project (also known as the Blue Book project) was started to raise much-needed funds to strengthen the work of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA). In addition to promoting this project on our website (www.tibetfund.org), we send periodic solicitation letters to some of Tibet Fund's long-standing, dedicated donors. We have raised a total of $284,289 since we started this project in 1997.

In 2006 a total of $15,161 was raised for The Blue Book Project and transferred to His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Charitable Trust in India, which supports administrative projects of the CTA. The majority of the donations came from new members who learned about the project through the Tibet Fund's website which was revamped in 2004.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS AND EVENTS**

The year 2006 was an eventful one for The Tibet Fund, with a number of exciting developments including the following:
Compassion in Action Symposium

To celebrate our 25 years of service to the Tibetan community, the Tibet Fund organized Compassion in Action, a special symposium on “Alleviating Suffering in the World through Philanthropy” with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, panelists Larry Brilliant, Steven Rockefeller, Steven Toben and Jane Wales, moderator Jonathan Rose, and leaders from the philanthropic community. The event was held on September 28th, 2006 at the New-York Historical Society.

The symposium was envisioned as the first in a series that would enable philanthropists to examine the underlying values and experiences that shape effective giving and to hear His Holiness’s views on the deeper meaning of generosity and the ways that spiritual perspectives can bring clarity and wisdom to solving real-world problems. Based on the success of this symposium, The Tibet Fund is planning another for 2008 to take place in India.

In conjunction with the symposium, The Tibet Fund compiled a 25th anniversary report which provides a detailed account of The Tibet Fund’s accomplishments since its founding in 1981. The report, designed pro bono by Mike Edelstein and Carol Sonderson with a very creative cover illustration by Naomi Shea emulating the Tibetan Wheel of Life, can be viewed on our website (www.tibetfund.org). An accompanying DVD about The Tibet Fund was produced by Mickey Lemle and Mike Edelstein with interviews of Tibetan Community members who recounted their experiences in exile and explained the critical role that The Tibet Fund has played over the years in ensuring the long-term survival of the Tibetan people.

Tibet Fund Video

In 2005-2006, Mr. Ugyen Norbu, a Masters Degree student in Fine Art at the University of Buffalo produced a half-hour DVD of our work over the last 25 years titled “The Tibet Fund: 25 Years of Service and the Road Ahead”. Mr. Norbu spent one summer at the Tibet Fund planning this project and traveled to India during his winter vacation to interview various people and film sites where funding from the Tibet Fund has made an impact.

Appointment of a New Executive Director

In July 2006 The Tibet Fund Board of Directors appointed Robyn Brentano as The Tibet Fund’s first Executive Director.

Prior to coming to The Tibet Fund, Ms. Brentano held executive positions in nonprofit organizations dedicated to international development, refugee resettlement, human services, and the cultural arts for more than 25 years. She has worked extensively with the Tibetan community on cultural preservation, media, community development, and health care programs both in exile and in Tibet.

Site Visit to India

Two Tibet Fund Board members, Mickey Lemle and Susan Holgate, along with Tibet Fund’s President Rinchen Dharlo and Executive Director Robyn Brentano spent an eventful and very productive week in early December, 2006, attending meetings with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Prime Minister Samdhong Rinpoche, and various officials of the Tibetan government-in-exile in Dharamsala. The group also visited the community’s outstanding cultural, educational and social service institutions, many of them grant recipients of The Tibet Fund and conducted site visits in nine refugee settlements in the region.

During the trip, government officials and ordinary people expressed a deep sense of gratitude for the work that The Tibet Fund has done over the past 25 years. Information and insights that we gained will help tremendously in shaping The Tibet Fund’s grant-giving priorities and fundraising efforts for the coming years. During our visits to the settlements, we received numerous requests for support. In addition to continuing and often urgent needs for infrastructure and operating support of community institutions, youth unemployment stood out as an issue of great concern. Given the challenges of economic development in the settlements, the fragmentation of families, and the mobility of the community as a whole, further research will be necessary in order to find lasting solutions to this issue.
### THE TIBET FUND

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

##### December 31, 2006

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

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The Tibet Fund would like to thank the American people and the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration and the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs and Office of Citizen Exchanges for their support, which has enabled us to help Tibetan refugees and Tibetans in Tibet to improve their living conditions and gain access to higher education.

We are also deeply grateful to the foundations, corporations, and individuals who have generously supported our efforts to sustain the Tibetan way of life, language and traditions in the Tibetan exile community and in Tibet.

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Mr. Tenzing Choephel, TSP Program Coordinator
Ms. Yangzom, Administrative Assistant

The Tibet Fund’s website: www.tibetfund.org contains details about our work and includes the Tibet Fund’s 25th Anniversary Report and photos.

Please help us to continue with this important work by making a donation to:

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