The Tibet Fund
Annual Report 2016
The Tibet Fund’s mission is to preserve the distinct cultural identity of the Tibetan people. Founded in 1981 under the patronage of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, The Tibet Fund is the leading nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and strengthening Tibetan communities, both in exile and inside Tibet.

Each year, The Tibet Fund reaches out to almost entire Tibetan refugee community in exile through programs for health, education, refugee rehabilitation, cultural preservation, elder care, and community development. Health programs have contributed to substantial reductions in infant and child mortality rates, morbidity, and tuberculosis incidence. Education initiatives have raised literacy rates, provided schooling for thousands of children, equipped adult refugees with new livelihood skills, and provided scholarships for over 444 Tibetans to pursue higher studies in the US and many more to attend universities in India and Nepal.

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“Since its establishment in 1981, The Tibet Fund has contributed to the building and development of a robust Tibetan community in exile. It has also supported Tibetans in Tibet in socio-economic areas. Over three and a half decades, it has assisted the Tibetan leadership in exile in its work on infrastructural development, refugee rehabilitation, and cultural preservation, while also backing education, healthcare and other capacity-building programs. Through such support, we have been able to strengthen our cultural institutions and undertake projects essential for the preservation of the Tibetan cultural heritage that is the very core of our civilization.”

— HIS HOLINESS THE 14TH DALAI LAMA, HONORARY PATRON, THE TIBET FUND
Dear Friends,

Under the patronage of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, The Tibet Fund continues to serve as the most trusted non-profit humanitarian organization working to preserve Tibet’s rich cultural heritage and strengthen Tibetan communities in South Asia. We remain grateful to the US Congress and successive administrations, private organizations, and many individual funders, whose generosity and compassion have enabled The Tibet Fund to provide vital humanitarian assistance and make a tremendous difference to the Tibetan community for more than 36 years.

In 2016, The Tibet Fund administered around $6.2 million grants from major federal grants of the US State Department, USAID, and privately funded sources. These grants supported Tibetan communities in the areas of education, healthcare, refugee rehabilitation, emergency relief, community development and preservation of Tibetan religion and culture. Our annual report for 2016 provides a summary of the major highlights and impact of the work undertaken in each programmatic area.

In collaboration with the Central Tibetan Administration, The Tibet Fund administered five US federal grants in 2016, including the Tibetan Scholarship Program, Humanitarian Assistance Program, Nepal Earthquake Relief Program, Tibet Education Project, and Tibetan Health System Capacity Strengthening Project, amounting to $4.8 million. We also began administering a new USAID program for Tibetan Self-Reliance and Resilience in collaboration with the CTA. In addition to these federal grants, The Tibet Fund also made grants of $1.2 million in 2016 to support 59 projects in various programmatic areas in India, Nepal and Tibet.

We acknowledge, with immense gratitude, the generous support of our donors. We also remain deeply thankful for the tireless work and inspiring leadership of our Board of Directors, who have selflessly and successfully guided the work of The Tibet Fund through the years. A note of thanks also goes to our hardworking staff who deserve a special mention.

With best wishes,

Lobsang Nyandak
President

Rinchen Dharlo
President Emeritus

October 1, 2017
News and Highlights of 2016

Every year, The Tibet Fund organizes several events and activities designed to promote and deepen international understanding and appreciation of Tibet’s rich cultural heritage. In 2016, these events included fundraising activities at which TTF raised significant funds for programs aimed at supporting a sustainable Tibetan community in exile and preserving our distinct national and cultural identity.

Losar Festivity
On February 3, 2016, TTF celebrated Tibetan New Year at Baruch College, New York, with over 140 friends and supporters. This cultural event included traditional Tibetan musical performances by Taktser Band, a fashion show by contemporary Tibetan designer Shamphel, a silent auction, and traditional ceremonial Losar rites including guthuk, “dough-ball revelation.” The guests enjoyed coming together to celebrate new and old expressions of this secular Tibetan holiday.

Conference on Strengthening Tibetan Civil Society
From April 7-9, 2016, IM–Individuell Människohjälp, The Tibet Fund, and the Tibet Relief Fund jointly organized a first-of-its-kind conference on Strengthening Tibetan Civil Society in Dehradun, India. More than 20 Tibetan NGOs from India and Nepal gathered to discuss the importance of strategic planning, networking, and collaboration. TTF was represented by Katrina Edwards, Senior Consultant in Nepal.

Tibetan Innovation Challenge
The University of Rochester organized and held the final competition of the 2016 Tibetan Innovation Challenge (TIC) on June 3, 2016. MBA students from five universities participated in this intercollegiate collaboration to promote innovation in social entrepreneurship. The contest focused on self-sustaining and replicable business ideas that improve the lives of Tibetans living in refugee settlements in India. Executive Director Lobsang Nyandak was one of the four judges to select the final three winners.

Nord Anglia International School Fundraising for Nepal Earthquake
Mrs. Rashida Taheraly of Nord Anglia International School, New York, organized an Enterprise Scheme Day to support the renovation of Srongtsen Bhrikuti High School, which was damaged in the 2015 Nepal earthquake. Nord Anglia students developed ideas and products for sale. This included an art auction, wheat grass projects, photo booths, and other highlights, all of which raised renovation funds. President Rinchen Dharlo thanked the school for their generous donation of $2,236.
Annual Conference of NAFSA in Colorado
TTF’s Program Coordinator for Tibetan Scholarship Program, Mr. Tenzin Choephel, attended the 68th Annual Conference of National Association of Foreign Student Advisors (NAFSA) from May 29 to June 3, 2016, in Denver, Colorado. Mr. Choephel hosted an information booth at the conference and participated in various sessions on international admissions and international education.

Reception for H. H. the Sakya Trizin
On April 28, 2016, Jonathan and Diana Rose hosted a special reception in their Manhattan home to celebrate The Tibet Fund’s 35 years of service to the Tibetan people. His Holiness Sakya Trizin, the spiritual head of the Sakya tradition of Tibetan Buddhism and one of the most senior Buddhist teachers, gave a moving and inspiring talk about the next 35 years of preserving Tibetan religion and culture.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s 81st Birthday
Gaia Holistic, Tibet House, and The Tibet Fund jointly organized a celebration of His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s 81st Birthday at JW Marriott Hotel on July 6, 2016. Over 140 guests joined in the celebration. Robert Thurman spoke on the life and work of His Holiness, followed by greetings from Lobsang Nyandak and Dr. Kazuko Tatsumura of Gaia Holistic. Former members of the Tibetan Inst. of Performing Arts entertained guests with traditional songs and performances. The evening concluded with the International Flag Ceremony for World Peace.

Screening of the Film The Last Dalai Lama?
TTF held a New York-world premiere of director Mickey Lemle’s film The Last Dalai Lama? on June 9, 2016. The documentary film inspired the audience to give a standing ovation at its conclusion. The documentary was also screened at three different film festivals in Mill Valley, Woodstock, and Maui, where it won the prestigious Audience Award. It was also screened in Tel Aviv, Dharamsala, and Santa Fe. The New York screening raised $22,695 in ticket sales with a net revenue of $10,082. Mr. Lemle is Chairman of TTF’s Board of Directors.

Buddhist Retreat and Summer Study Program
In June 2016, TTF hosted a three-day Buddhist retreat for 14 Tibetan families at Do Ngak Kunphen Ling (DNKL) in Connecticut. In August, TTF organized a three-day intensive Mindfulness Retreat and Tibetan Language Program for 21 Tibetan students in collaboration with Online Tibetan Education at DNKL. Eighteen Tibetan students from North America also attended a five-week Summer Tibetan Study Program in Dharamsala, organized jointly by TTF and the Institute of Buddhist Dialectics.

Tibetan Scholarship Program Orientation Workshops
In partnership with the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, TTF held three orientation workshops for Tibetan Scholarship Program
(TSP) students from India and Nepal. In January 2016, seven students attended a workshop at the State Department in Washington, and in June eight students attended a “Re-Entry Workshop” in New York. In August, a two-day orientation workshop was held for six newly arrived TSP students at the U.S. Mission Office in New York.

**Tibetan Chamber of Commerce Delegation Visits the U.S.**

In September 2016, a delegation of 15 members of the Tibetan Chamber of Commerce arrived in the U.S. to establish partnerships and build networks with various chambers of commerce and business institutions. In addition to coordinating the delegation’s visits to Washington D.C. and Connecticut, TTF assisted the delegates in maximizing opportunities for networking and cooperation through engagements with business experts and leaders of the Chambers of Commerce of Manhattan, Queens, Greater Flushing, and Eastern Connecticut, and facilitated meetings with representatives of the Office of Tibet, International Campaign for Tibet, and the U.S. State Department.

**North American Tibetan Associations Conference**

At the invitation of the Office of Tibet, Executive Director Lobsang Nyandak spoke at the North American Tibetan Associations Conference held in Boulder, Colorado, in October 2016. Mr. Nyandak gave an overview of TTF’s work and achievements in the past 35 years and highlighted our priority programmatic areas, including the professional scholarship program, the preservation of Tibetan cultural identity, and important humanitarian programs focusing on education, healthcare, and community development.

TTF held its seventh Annual Gala at Le Bernardin Privé in New York on October 19, 2016. Over 170 guests attended the event, which honored Minority Leader of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi, Congressman Jim McGovern, and philanthropist Dr. Kazuko Tatsumura. TTF also paid special tribute to the late Melissa Mathison, an outstanding American film and TV screenwriter and celebrated each of these honored guests, their extraordinary achievements and steadfast support as Tibet advocates.

Chef Eric Ripert, Chef Laurent Manrique, Chef Michael White, Chef Devin Bozkaya, Chef Thomas Raquel and Chef Scott Burnet lent their culinary talents for the evening. And the gala featured a silent auction of art and photography by well-known artists. The Gala co-chaired by Richard Gere, Sam Nappi and Richard Blum, raised a net total of $417,512. The success of the Gala was a team effort that would not have been possible without Chef Eric and the other amazing chefs, our extraordinary honorees, benefit committee members, board members, staff and volunteers.
Rehabilitating New Refugees

As long as the Tibet issue remains unresolved, Tibetans will continue to escape from repressive conditions in Tibet to freedom in exile. Rehabilitating new refugees from Tibet and assisting them to become self-sufficient and productive members of the Tibetan exile community is a core component of humanitarian assistance from the U.S. State Department’s Population, Refugees, and Migration Bureau (PRM). Since 1991, The Tibet Fund, working in close partnership with the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), has administered PRM funding to improve the health, education, and livelihoods of the most vulnerable Tibetan refugees in South Asia, directly benefitting more than 90,000 newly-arrived Tibetan refugees. The grant supports quality reception and rehabilitation services for incoming refugees through two reception centers located in Delhi and Dharamsala as well as three Tibetan schools that cater to new refugees. Healthcare, housing, and other humanitarian assistance support new refugees on their journey from meeting immediate basic needs to achieving self-sufficiency.

Reception Services for New Refugees
The Office of the Reception Center (ORC) of the CTA responds to immediate humanitarian needs by providing shelter, food, clothing, and healthcare services to all new Tibetan refugees who reach India. In 2016, the ORC secured Registration Certificates (RC) from the Foreigners Registration Office of the Government of India for more than 100 newly arrived refugees, enabling them to live and travel within India. In accordance with their age, interest, and religious affiliation, refugees were enrolled in schools, monasteries, and nunneries and relocated in Tibetan settlements across India.

Educational Opportunities for New Refugees
In 2016, the PRM program enabled 1,878 newly-arrived refugee children and young adults to receive free education at residential schools. A total of 1,650 children pursued full-time formal education up to grade 12, and more than 200 youth over 18 received vocational and adult education. PRM funding also supported 3,200 Tibetan monks and nuns in receiving free traditional education at 56 monasteries and nunneries in India and Nepal. Survey results indicate that 95% of newly arrived Tibetans were successfully enrolled in different educational institutions, and expressed satisfaction with the quality of education at their respective institutions.
Housing and Other Infrastructure Support
In 2016, construction of 18 new houses for newly-arrived refugee families in Bylakuppe settlement began. Renovations were also undertaken at the Tibetan Transit School, which have greatly enhanced the security and study environment for refugee students. The renovations included replacing old water supply pipelines in the girls hostel, installing new classroom doors and new windows for the girls hostel, and installing fire safety equipment. The addition of 15 new computers in the school’s computer lab has significantly increased computer knowledge for 123 beneficiaries.

Healthcare Services and Education for New Refugees
All newly-arrived Tibetan refugees received free medical check-ups and tests for infectious diseases such as TB, HIV/AIDS, and Hepatitis B at the Tibetan Refugee Reception Center in Dharamsala. New refugees also benefitted from health awareness workshops on sexual health and gender-based violence. The CTA’s Department of Health (DOH), in collaboration with the Tibetan Medical and Astrological Institute, hosted a women’s health education workshop on cervical cancer, mental health, and sexually transmitted diseases for 54 newly-arrived female students from the Tibetan Transit School and TCV Suja School.
In educating Tibetans and empowering them to become professionals in India and Nepal, The Tibet Fund works closely with the CTA Department of Education (DOE), Tibetan Children’s Village (TCV) schools, the Tibetan Homes Foundation (THF) in India, and schools under the Snow Lion Foundation (SLF) in Nepal. Through three US Government-funded programs—the Tibetan Scholarship Program, the Tibet Education Project, and the education component of the PRM grant—as well as through private donations, TTF, and its partners worked to increase education opportunities for Tibetan children and improve the quality of education at Tibetan schools. Scholarships and sponsorships supported Tibetan students to pursue higher education and professional degrees at some of the most prestigious and selective universities in the US, India, and Nepal, thereby generating valuable Tibetan human capital. Multiple initiatives were launched under the Tibetan Early Grade Reading Program that are significantly improving primary student learning and reading habits. State-of-the-art resources for teachers were provided to improve the quality of teaching and learning. Numerous workshops were conducted for students, teachers, and parents that raised awareness about career and higher education opportunities and equipped high school students with “rules of the road” for navigating both life and career.

**Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP)**

Since its establishment in 1988, TSP has been one of The Tibet Fund’s most successful higher education initiatives. Funded by the US State Department and administered in close collaboration with the CTA DOE, the program has enabled 444 Tibetan students to receive higher education at some of America’s leading educational institutions, including Harvard, Columbia, Yale, and the University of California, Berkeley. After successful completion of their academic programs, the majority of TSP students have returned with new skills and knowledge to serve their communities in India and Nepal. In May 2016, seven TSP students completed their academic program and seven others continued their studies in the US. In August 2016, a new cohort of 11 Tibetan students began their studies in degrees such as journalism, early childhood education,
and chemical and molecular engineering at universities including Columbia University, New York University, and the University of Texas at Austin.

**Tibetan Professional Scholarship Program (TPSP)**

The TPSP supports outstanding Tibetan students to pursue professional degrees at the most selective professional schools and institutes in India. By encouraging high achieving students to apply to the most competitive programs in India, TPSP aims to produce a growing class of modern Tibetan professionals that will contribute to the self-sufficiency of a stronger Tibetan community in exile. In 2016, working in collaboration with the CTA DOE, TTF provided scholarships for 35 professional degree candidates, including 10 continuing students and 25 new students at the bachelor and graduate levels.

**Tibet Education Project (TEP)**

The TEP is a five-year USAID-funded project that began in 2012. To date the $3.8 million project has provided teacher training to over 1,100 teachers; provided scholarships, guidance counseling, and test prep coaching to over 2,900 students; and introduced technology-based teaching aids and innovative science learning methods to benefit 10,076 students. In 2016, 246 students received scholarships to pursue higher studies at colleges and universities in India and Nepal, and the project’s Tibetan Early Grade Reading (TEGR) initiative vigorously promoted reading culture in Tibetan primary schools and encouraged good reading habits for Tibetan students. In 2016, the project provided multiple EGR training workshops for primary teachers, school librarians, and parents with young children, and installed colorful reading corners in grade 1-3 classrooms of all Tibetan schools in India and Nepal. Work continued to produce over 60 new Tibetan language children’s books, including translations of children’s literature classics and a 40-volume graded reading series. The TEP is administered in close collaboration with the CTA DOE and Snow Lion Foundation in Nepal.

**Tibet School Improvements**

Wade Luther and Tenzin Jigme from NATEX, Inc gave a grant of $10,800 for the renovation of classrooms and staff quarters of Sambhota schools in Tezu and Miao in Arunachal Pradesh, India, benefitting 286 students and 23 staff members. TTF gave a grant of $8,784 to TCV School for general support; $2,000 towards the general support of Kunphen Cultural School, which provides two-year employability skills courses in computing and English and Chinese languages for Tibetan refugees; and $1,300 to Lha Charitable Trust for the purchase of a desktop computer and two HD monitors, benefitting 35 students who attend computer training classes. A new school bus, 16 new computers, one laptop and 15 inverter batteries were purchased for Namgyal Middle High School in Nepal and four other schools in Kathmandu received teaching aids and educational materials with a grant from PRM. Namaste Foundation gave $2,200 for the installation of solar lighting systems at Namgyal Higher Secondary School in Nepal. Namgyal Dolker donated $1,048 to support the science program at TCV School.

**Training Workshops in India**

With generous funding from PRM, the CTA DOE organized several workshops that benefited 2,248 students and 150 parents. A Career Awareness Program targeting students with learning disabilities was conducted for 1,255 students at 11 schools in South India. Career guidance and counseling
workshops were given at seven different locations in South India to 593 students and 150 parents. In addition, 297 students and 30 teachers, representing 30 schools, participated in a week-long leadership training workshop held in Dharamsala. Twenty-four physical education teachers from 21 different schools benefitted from a workshop on sports discipline, and two workshops on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) were conducted.

Training Workshops in Nepal
Initiatives to improve student learning and achievement were successfully undertaken by the Snow Lion Foundation in Nepal. In 2016, 14 teachers from nine schools attended in-service training on integrating dialectics into teaching and learning methods. 72 Tibetan students from four Tibetan schools participated in a leadership training program, and 566 students from schools in Kathmandu and Pokhara received counseling services. 18 staff and headmasters attended the first teacher-counselor workshop in Kathmandu, and 155 students from three Tibetan schools participated in a career orientation program. APSEA workshop was also conducted for teaching and non-teaching staff from four schools in Kathmandu.

Nutrition Program for Tibetan Children
Every year, The Tibet Fund supports the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Tibetan Children in India and Nepal. In 2016, a total of $51,860—including a $28,500 grant from the Ann Down Foundation, $19,400 from the Hershey Family Foundation—was transferred to the CTA DOE to improve nutrition for Tibetan children.

Annual Best Readers Award
In 2015-2016, the CTA DOE instituted an Annual Best Readers Award. 33 students from Tibetan primary schools and 24 from middle and high schools in India and Nepal participated in the competition. The best readers were selected on the basis of the number of books read and the quality of book reviews done during the year. TTF provided a grant of $450 to support the award of certificates and cash prizes for the winners.
Essential Health Services for Vulnerable Tibetans in India and Nepal

Funding from the US State Department enabled TTF to work in collaboration with the CTA Department of Health (DOH) in India and the Snow Lion Foundation (SLF) in Nepal to support essential healthcare services for 4,352 vulnerable Tibetans in 2016. This includes 2,484 economically destitute refugees who received essential medicine and life-saving drugs; 750 destitute Tibetan refugees who received emergency medical support; 160 physically disabled refugees who received a monthly disability stipend; 388 senior citizens who received cost-of-living stipends; 21 torture survivors who received medical care; 104 patients living with mental illness who received medical treatment; four people living with HIV in Nepal who received monthly stipends; and 186 substance users who received rehabilitation treatment and post-recovery support.

Tibetan Health System Capacity Strengthening Project

This four-year USAID-funded project aims to achieve universal health coverage for Tibetans in South Asia and strengthen CTA DOH capacity in delivering high-quality health services. In 2016, the project completed an extensive assessment of the Tibetan health system and created a five-year road map for the DOH, focusing in particular on TB care and management, maternal and child health, preventive health education, community outreach, and health information systems. The Tibetan Medicare System (TMS), a community health insurance scheme, saw a 12% increase in total enrollment to 24,245 members and 63% savings on claim payments, bringing the TMS closer to financial sustainability. New medical equipment and training for health worker and administrator improved DOH facilities and services.

Maternal and Child Health

TTF, in collaboration with the CTA’s DOH and SLF, provides high-quality reproductive and child health services to Tibetan women and children. In 2016, 1,084 pregnant women received essential pregnancy services, 3,312 women attended reproductive health education talks, and 541 women in Nepal received free gynecological screenings. 640 children aged 0-5 years received free vaccinations, 186 children received traditional micronutrients, 206 children from poor families were given special nutrients such as fruit, milk, and eggs, and 621 children from the remote regions of Arunachal Pradesh received free health screenings and emergency treatment.

Tuberculosis Control

To counter the high rate of Tuberculosis among the Tibetan community, The Tibet Fund supports two important initiatives on TB control:
TB PREVENTION, SCREENING, AND TREATMENT

With support from the US State Department, the CTA DOH conducted TB screenings for 9066 students from 17 schools in India, revealing 29 active cases. In Nepal, SLF screened 963 Tibetans, including 878 students from three Tibetan schools in Kathmandu and 85 nuns from Bakhang Nunnery, revealing 3 new active cases. Financial support provided to 271 TB patients covered the cost of short course chemotherapy; 55 patients received Multi-Drug Resistance (MDR) TB treatment; 225 TB patients benefitted from nutritious meal supplements in the form of milk, eggs, and fruit; 89 patients with first-line TB drugs and 35 with second-line TB drugs were provided with subsidies, depending on the economic status of the patient; and nearly 10,000 Tibetans attended TB prevention awareness talks in settlements, schools, monasteries, and nunneries.

ZERO TB IN TIBETAN KIDS PROJECT

This project, a joint initiative between Delek Hospital in Dharamsala and John Hopkins University (Dr. Kunchok Dorjee and Dr. Dick Chaissen), is funded from the $100,000 TB Research Program by the Friends of Delek Hospital, led by Dr. Zorba Paster. The project aims to control and eliminate TB amongst the Tibetan student population and provide preventive therapy. Work unofficially began in September 2016 with community education and sensitization. The implementation team later organized the Zero TB conference for school heads, CTA officials, and nurses and gave orientation workshops for healthcare providers. Community awareness campaigns included screenings of awareness videos, distribution of educational materials, and dissemination of information through mainstream and social media such as Tibet Online TV, Facebook, and Instagram.

A TB screening for active and latent TB was conducted for 251 students of Lower TCV School in Dharamsala. Three microbiologically confirmed active TB cases were detected at a case rate of 1,195 per 100,000 students. Of the 246 students screened for the presence of latent TB using the tuberculin skin test (TST), 145 students tested positive at a latent TB infection prevalence rate of 59%. All three confirmed TB cases had recent contact with a TB infected individual. The results indicate a very alarming rate of TB among Tibetan school children.

Free Camps in India and Nepal

NYU COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY CAMP

In November 2016, The Tibet Fund partnered with NYU College of Dentistry (NYUCD) to provide comprehensive dental care for over 1,000 Tibetan children and elders for one week in Kathmandu, Nepal. NYUCD was joined by the Seven Summits Foundation, Srongtsen Bhrkuti High School, and TTF. President Rinchen Dharlo joined the NYUCD delegation to Nepal and also visited TTF’s other projects and activities in Nepal.
FREE EYE CAMPS
With the funding from The Eye Surgery Fund, TTF gave a grant of $9,700 to CTA DOH to support free eye screening and cataract surgery camps at Tibetan settlements in Bir, Tashijong, Mandi, and Kullu in India.

KALACHAKRA MEDICAL CAMP
TTF gave a grant of $5,000 to CTA DOH to provide free medical services to devotees during the Kalachakra Initiation in Bodh Gaya, India.

Support for Tibetan Hospital and Rehabilitation Center
TIBETAN DELEK HOSPITAL SUPPORT
The Tibet Fund has assisted Delek Hospital, one of the largest Tibetan hospitals in the exile community, to secure funds from various donors to support general operating costs. In 2016, a total of $178,417 was raised for Delek Hospital including $34,977 for doctors’ salaries provided by TTF, Friends of Delek Hospital, and Dr. Zorba; $25,419 for the Corpus Fund and general support from John Bailey; $7,071 for Health Leadership Training and $10,950 for meal support for patients from Friends of Delek Hospital.

KUNPHEN REHABILITATION CENTER
The Yeshe Khorlo Foundation gave a grant of $121,541 to construct a new rehabilitation and after-care center to provide service with Buddhist ethos for people battling substance abuse in the Tibetan community. The project is expected to be completed in 2017.

Health Education and Training
World Substance Day was observed in 17 refugee settlements and 20 schools throughout India. In collaboration with Zheday Khangsar Rehabilitation Center, a mobile substance abuse awareness campaign was conducted in five schools. Reproductive health awareness talks were given in seven settlements in Kathmandu and Pokhara. TB awareness campaigns were organized at Tibetan schools, and 25 health workers received training on diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of TB by specialist Dr. Pushpa Malla. An HIV/AIDs and Hepatitis B awareness campaign was also held at Jawalakhel settlement on World Aids Day.
There are many Tibetans in exile who struggle with poverty, deprivation and other sources of vulnerability that inhibit their personal growth, well-being, and civic responsibility. Many are orphans and newly-arrived children from Tibet who have come to India for a better education. Some are elderly Tibetans with no family members to take care of them. In 1999, The Tibet Fund established the Sponsorship Program to break this cycle of social and economic deprivation, and has transferred over $4 million to approximately 80 sponsored institutions working in exile. Based on sponsorship appeals and other forms of outreach such as social media campaigns, hundreds of compassionate donors have made a tremendous difference to the exile community, giving the most vulnerable Tibetans hope and the opportunity to live a purposeful life. This program has also helped in providing nutritious meals, clothing, healthcare, and other basic necessities for Tibetan refugees in monastic institutions, schools, and rest-homes whose resources are stretched to the limits.

In 2016, The Tibet Fund raised a total of $165,812 in sponsorship donations from private sources. These donations were transferred to the offices of the sponsored monasteries, nunneries, schools, and rest-homes in India and Nepal. The sponsorships supported 203 monks, 106 nuns, 480 school children, 41 disabled children, 26 elders, and eight performing arts students. Our Sponsorship Coordinator works with over 80 institutions and organizations to facilitate this program and meticulously maintains regular communications and follow-ups between donors and beneficiaries.

OUR BENEFICIARIES

Monasteries: Chuwar Gaden Dopheling, Dzongar Institute, Drepung Gomang, Drepung Loseling, Gaden Shartse, Ganden Jangtse, Gaden Tharpa Choling, Gyumed Tantric, Gyudmed Monastic School, Gosok Phuntsok Choeling, Guto Tantric University, Institute of Buddhist Dialectics, Kirti, Samtenling, Sera Jhe, Sera Mey, Sera Mey Toesam School, Shalu, Tashi Lhunpo, Thubchog Gatsel Ling, Sera Mey Tsangpa, Khari

Nunneries: Dolma Ling, Geden Choeling, Jamyang Choling Institute, Jangchub Choeling, Keydorn Thukche Choeling, Ladakh Nuns Association, Namdroling, Sakya Rinchen Choeling, Samtenling Nunnery, Shugseb, Tibetan Nun’s Project, Tilokpur, Tsogayl Shedupling, and Thekchok Namdoling

Schools: Atisha Primary School, CST Dalhousie, CST Kalimpong, CST Nainital, CST Ravangla, CST Shimla, CST Sonada, CST Darjeeling, CST Mussoorie, Karuna Home for The Disabled, Lophel Ling School in Manang, Mt Kailash School, Pokhara, Nepal Snow Lion Foundation, Namgyal Middle Boarding School, Ngoenga School for Tibetan Children with Special Needs, SOS High School Pokhara, Strongten School, STS, Bir, STS Chauntra, STS Dekyiling, STS Gantok, STS Manali, STS Paonta Sahib, STS Pokhriabong, STS Shillong, STS Mewon Tsuglak Peteon, TCV Chauntra, TCV Dharamsala, TCV Selakui, TCV SOS Bylakuppe, TCV SOS Gopalpur, TCV SOS Ladakh, TCV Suja, Tibetan Children’s Village, Lower TCV Schools, Tibetan Homes Foundation, Tibetan Medical and Astrology Institute, and Yongling Creche and Kindergarten

Elder Homes: Tsering Elder’s Home, Jawalakhel Elders Home and Dhondenling Old People’s Home.

Institute of Performing Arts: Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts and Thangtong Lhugar Tibetan Performing Arts.

To sponsor a Tibetan monk, nun, elder, or child, visit: www.tibetfund.org/sponsorships
Developing Tibetan Communities

The Tibet Fund prioritizes support for strategic development programs that strengthen the viability of Tibetan settlements, such as the creation of new avenues for socio-economic growth and entrepreneurship, building the capacity of human and institutional resources, and revitalizing the overall settlement system. With support from our generous donors, The Tibet Fund has played a significant role in alleviating poverty and deprivation within the Tibetan community in exile through our sponsorship program and care for the elderly and the differently abled. The US State Department has supported numerous infrastructure projects, including providing clean drinking water and building toilets which resulted in improved sanitation and well-being of the Tibetan community. Our support of local grassroots and civil society organizations has reinforced their effectiveness in delivering social and welfare services. Most of our community development assistance has been undertaken in close coordination with the Department of Home (DOHM) of the Central Tibetan Administration.

Revitalizing Tibetan Settlements

REIMAGINING DOEGULING TIBETAN SETTLEMENT (RDTS)
Tsewang Namgyal and individual donors provided $23,721 to RDTS, an initiative aimed at empowering the lives of Tibetan refugees in India and becoming a global resource for Tibetan culture and the Nalanda tradition.

FEDERATION OF TIBETAN COOPERATIVES IN INDIA
TTF donated $5,400 to support the Federation of Tibetan Cooperatives in India and their capacity building program, which includes training in business planning, marketing, and capital management.

Caring for Vulnerable Populations

SUPPORT FOR ELDERLY TIBETANS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PATIENTS IN NEPAL
In 2016, the US State Department and private donations supported 55 Tibetan elders, providing them with food, shelter, medical care, and other basic necessities at Jawalakhelelders Home and Tsering Elders Home in Nepal. Two hundred elderly Tibetans residing in 12 different settlements around Nepal also received monthly allowances throughout the year. Dr. Victoria Sujata provided a grant of $19,400 for the general support of the Kimdol Elders Home in Swayambhu.

SUPPORT FOR ELDERLY TIBETANS, THE DISABLED, AND ORPHANS IN INDIA
In 2016, The Tibet Fund provided a grant of $15,000 to Dhondenling Tibetan Old People's Home in Kollegal, South India, benefitting 29 elders. Liza VonRosenstiel and friends gave a grant of $13,000 to Nyingtopling Tibetan Handicapped Home in Dharamsala to make improvements and purchase new bedding, and an anonymous donor provided a grant of $4,850 for general support. Lobsang and Yolanda Wangdu and other individual donors provided around $2000 for the general support of the Bylakuppe Old People's Home, and Dr. Kazuko contributed $3,500 for the general support of Manju Shree Vidyapath Orphanage in India.
Clean Drinking Water in India and Nepal
In 2016, The Tibet Fund supported several projects in collaboration with the CTADOHM and Snow Lion Foundation (SLF) that provided safe and clean drinking water to 6,122 Tibetan refugees in India and Nepal. Funded by the US State Department and private donations including $20,000 from the Hershey Family Foundation, these projects included mitigating an acute water shortage problem faced by students and staff of CST Mussoorie; sinking three wells with submersible pumps in Phuntsokling settlement; installing an overhead water tank in Mundgod; providing two drinking water storage tanks and three water purifiers to Sambhota, Arlikumari, Gulleldhala, and Kailashpura schools in Bylakuppe; and installing a water purification system at Choejor Settlement Office in Nepal, benefitting the staff and Tibetan refugees living nearby.

Health and Sanitation
Improvements in India and Nepal
TOILETS
With PRM funding and private donations, TTF supported construction and renovation of 314 toilets in India and Nepal, benefitting hundreds of Tibetan families who previously did not have adequate access to clean toilet facilities. In India, 147 toilets and bathrooms were constructed or renovated in Tibetan refugee settlements, including 50 in remote settlements in Ladakh, 68 in Tuting settlement, 12 in Kamrao settlement, eight near the community hall in Hunsur Rabgayling settlement, and nine near the main temple in Kollegal Dhondenling settlement. In Nepal, 167 toilets and washrooms were constructed or renovated, including 132 in Jampaling, Paljorling, and Tashigang settlements.

GREENHOUSES AND METAL STOVES
In 2016, 18 households in Delekling settlement in the remote village of Chialsa, Nepal, received non-polluting and environmentally-friendly metal stoves, which helped reduce smoke indoors. Fourteen households in the same settlement received vegetable greenhouses for sustainable farming and training on greenhouse cultivation.

Improved Shelter and Infrastructure
for Vulnerable Populations
The re-roofing and re-flooring of 18 houses in Delekling settlement in Solukhumbu, Nepal, improved physical stability and safety for Tibetan homeowners. Most of these homes were in poor condition and had become increasingly unlivable due to severe leakage during the monsoon season after the Nepal earthquake in 2015. TTF also provided a grant of $2,538 to renovate the volleyball grounds at Paonta Cholsum settlement in Himachal Pradesh, India.

RETAINING WALL FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING
After heavy monsoon rainfall in August of 2016, retaining wall supporting the residential building of Tibetan Handicraft workers in Dalhousie Settlement in Himachal Pradesh, India was destroyed in a landslide. The Tibet Fund provided a grant of $10,000 to CTA, Department of Home for the redevelopment of the retaining wall benefitting 55 Tibetan refugees.
NEW MATRESSES AND BEDDINGS
The Tibet Fund and Namaste Foundation gave a grant of $2,550 to purchase 50 mattresses and beddings for substance abused patients at Sober Recovery & Rehabilitation Center in Nepal. Institute for Higher Tibetan Studies at Sarah College in India was also provided with a grant of $1500 to purchase 40 new mattresses to replace old mattresses bought in 1990 which were worn out.

KITCHEN AND DINING HALL
In the aftermath of 2015 earthquake, Tsering Elder’s Home in Nepal was damaged and The Tibet Fund and the US State Department provided $57,131 for the reconstruction of the dining hall and kitchen, benefitting 55 elders living in the elder’s home.

IRRIGATION CANAL REPAIR
The main occupation of the residents of Jampaling Tibetan refugee settlement in Nepal is agriculture cultivation. The Tibet Fund provided a grant of $1,750 for the repair and maintenance of the Jampaling Settlement’s irrigation canal. A cover was built to provide safety to the children who live nearby and to prevent frequent blockages created by rolling mud and stone which prevents the flow of water to the nearby farms. With the construction of a canal cover, the irrigation system directs water to the farms efficiently helping the farmers grow their crops and maintain their livelihood.

NEW RAILING AND PILLARS
During the 2015 earthquake in Nepal, Shri Dhargyaling Monastery incurred damages to its physical structure, particularly its railing, RCC pillars and walls. Tibet Fund provided a grant of $2,000 to renovate and strengthen the building structure.

COMPUTERS AND EQUIPMENT
The Tibet Fund provided funding to several grantees to purchase computers and office equipment to efficiently carry out their daily tasks to help the Tibetan community. Active Nonviolence Education Center received $1246 to purchase 3 computers for office use and publishing books on non-violence. The Dheradun Tibetan Settlement Office received a grant of $1230 to purchase a photocopy machine benefitting the settlement office to carry out its day to day official work. TTF also gave a grant of $2,500 for five computers for the library of Sera Mey Tsangpa Khangtsen in South India.
Over the years, The Tibet Fund has supported many Tibetan civil society organizations (CSOs) in their educational and social development programs targeting youth, women, elders, and other vulnerable groups. Tibetan CSOs are often most effective at finding solutions to pressing grassroots challenges, and a new generation of Tibetan social entrepreneurs is emerging to found and spearhead innovative and new initiatives in India and Nepal. As a powerful agent of change, the Tibetan CSOs continue to galvanize political activism, strengthen movement for youth leadership and women empowerment, and deliver social and welfare services that reinforces the program priorities of the CTA. Some challenging factors such as less-than-enabling environment for organizational advancement, limited funding resources, and a lack of professionalized and customized training and capacity strengthening at both individual and institutional level have resulted in capacity challenges for CSOs and their practitioners in their works. As part of its 2016 strategic review, TTF identified strengthening Tibetan CSOs as a core priority over the next few years. TTF believes that a grants fund combined with capacity building support will help Tibetan CSOs address critical needs that are not adequately addressed by larger programs.

**Tibetan Civil Society Conference & CSO Partner Strengthening**

In April 2016, the first Strengthening Tibetan Civil Society conference was organized jointly by Individuell Människohjälp (IM) Swedish Development Partner, Tibet Relief Fund (TRF), and The Tibet Fund in Dehradun, India. Twenty NGOs from India and Nepal gathered to discuss strategic planning, organizational development, networking and inter-organizational collaboration. Our Senior Consultant in Nepal, Katrina Edwards, represented TTF at the conference. Along with IM and TRF, The Tibet Fund plans to organize regional trainings and a second CSOs conference in 2018. TTF will also support CSO partners to conduct organizational self-assessments and develop strategic plans by engaging with professional facilitators.

**Grants to Civil Society Organizations**

TTF has provided grants to strengthen the organizational capabilities and impact the outreach works of Tibetan CSOs working to address any unmet community needs by larger programs.

**TIBETAN LEGAL ASSOCIATION**

TTF provided a grant of $10,000 to the Tibetan Legal Association (TLA) for establishment and operation of its office.
in Dharamsala. In 2017, TTF will provide a grant of $19,500 to TLA to support its legal aid services and advocacy work that empowers the exile Tibetan community to become a legally informed society.

Founded in 2014, TLA has six staff including three legal advocates and its membership consists of 50 Tibetan lawyers and law students throughout India. Some of the pro-bono legal aid services provided by TLA include drafting affidavits and other legal documents, providing legal guidance, pleading cases, representing clients before police authorities and judicial authorities and assisting with refugee documentation and registration issues. TLA also promote basic legal education and awareness in Tibetan settlements and schools through workshop trainings and awareness talks.

ANEC & OTHER TIBETAN CSOS
Active Non-Violence Education Center (ANEC) is an NGO based in Dharamsala that promotes training in non-violent methods of conflict in the Tibetan community. It educates and empowers the Tibetan community on active non-violence through outreach strategy, education programs and training workshops. Gendler Family Foundation made a grant of $25,999 towards the general support of ANEC.

In 2017-2018, TTF will also make grants to Manjushri Educational Services (MES), and Patient Care Trust (PCA) as well as other CSO partners.

MES works to improve Tibetan language literacy and

Early Childhood Care and Education, besides production and distribution of Tibetan children’s books. PCA provides pro-bono services to economically vulnerable Tibetans with severe and life-threatening medical condition, elderly Tibetans without family support and newly-arrived refugees with language barriers to secure appointments with qualified specialists at reputable Delhi hospitals, assist with translation, arrange for transportation and low-cost accommodation during treatment and recovery and seek funding if needed for those unable to afford medical expenses.

Community Empowerment in Tibetan Settlements
A two-year pilot program focuses on community empowerment and mobilization in targeted Tibetan settlements in India. In December 2016, TTF Board of Directors Joe Wood and Tsewang Namgyal met with community members, local leaders, and community-based organizations (CBOs) in Mundgod and Bylakuppe settlements to assess local challenges first-hand. In 2017-2018, support will be raised for initiatives relating to water, health, youth engagement, business development, and CBO strengthening in Mundgod in partnership with the local CBO, Reimagining Doeguling Tibetan Settlement (RDTS), and RDTS-affiliated community leaders.
With the help of compassionate donations from the US government, individual donors, and private organizations, The Tibet Fund has provided assistance to Tibetans whose lives and livelihoods have been affected by natural disasters. In 2016, TTF provided relief assistance to Tibetans affected by a massive fire and severe drought in India. Extensive humanitarian assistance from the State Department’s PRM Bureau, along with private donations, has enabled TTF to undertake a successful rebuilding project benefitting 4,996 Tibetans affected by the 2015 Nepal earthquake.

EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR FIRE VICTIMS
A massive fire destroyed 138 Tibetan shops selling sweaters in New Delhi in November 2016. The seasonal sweater business has been the mainstay of livelihood for many Tibetan traders who converge from different Tibetan settlements to do business for a few months every year in the city. TTF launched an online fundraising campaign and provided a grant of $15,000 to the sweater sellers who were impacted by the fire to rebuild their businesses.

EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR SEVERE DROUGHT
Tibetan farmers from Bylakuppe, Hunsur, Kollegal, and Mundgod settlements in South India faced an unprecedentedly extensive and severe drought in 2016, resulting in disastrous crop failure and economic losses. TTF provided a grant of $10,000 to the Tibetan farmers in South India.

POST-NEPAL EARTHQUAKE REBUILDING PROJECT
The 2015 Nepal earthquake killed eleven Tibetans and destroyed numerous houses and buildings in Tibetan refugee communities of Nepal, affecting their livelihood and security. The Tibet Fund established an Emergency Earthquake Relief Fund and raised $717,976 (including $286,976 in private donations, a $347,000 federal grant from the US State Department PRM Bureau, and an additional $88,000 transferred from the grant balance of another project). Support from our funders and partners, such as the CTA, has enabled The Tibet Fund to successfully undertake this humanitarian project. New houses were constructed, damaged houses were repaired, and earthquake preparedness training was delivered in schools. Psychosocial counseling in health camps and workshops on mental health were also conducted, helping disaster affected communities cope with the associated trauma, loss, and stress. In May 2016, Executive Director Lobsang Nyandak visited Nepal to oversee the project’s progress, visiting 15 different Tibetan communities in Nepal and consulting with local community representatives and partner organizations.

• Building Construction and Repair in Remote Tibetan settlements
In Rasuwa district, 257 Tibetans benefitted from 19 new houses constructed in Shyabru and the restoration of a clinic in Shyabru Bensi. Eight of the new houses were built in Thangmoche, six in Shyabru Bensi, three in Kanjim, and two in Briddím. In Solukhumbu district, 430 Tibetans benefited from new roofs and repairs to 18 damaged homes in the Delekling settlement of Chialsa, and the reconstruction of a clinic at Thupten Choeling Nunnery in Jumbesi.

• Building Construction and Repair for Vulnerable Tibetan Community
In Gangchen Community in Kathmandu, 180 Tibetans from 37 low-income families benefitted from repair work that included retrofitting of 41 columns, wall reconstruction, door and window refitting, and sanitary and electrical work. In Swayambhu, construction work began for the Kimdol Elders Home that will provide housing for 25 elders. A building which houses 32 families in Kimdol settlement also underwent repairs, including the strengthening of two intermediary walls and repair of septic tanks and drainage systems at 13 different sites. TTF also donated $15,000 toward the renovation of severe structural damage to the Jawalakhel Handicraft Center, benefitting 190 Tibetans.

- Building Construction and Repair for Monastic Tibetan Community
  Two hundred nuns benefited from the completion of 37 new houses, and construction began on an additional 75 houses in Bakhang Nunnery in Sindhupalchowk in 2016. Drubthob Monastery in Swayambhu was renovated with a $10,000 donation, benefitting 50 monks and 10 staff. The administrative building and communal kitchen of Samtenling Monastery in Boudha were repaired with $7000 in funding, benefiting 130 monks and 15 staff members.

- Building Repairs at Tibetan Schools
  At the request of the CTA DOE, and with a $20,000 donation from the Hershey Foundation and other private donors, Srongtsen Bhrikuti Boarding High School in Boudha, Mt. Everest Primary Boarding School in Chialsa, Namgyal Middle Boarding School in Swayambhu, and Namgyal Higher Secondary School in Gokarna all underwent renovation and repairs, benefitting a total of 1,491 students and 175 staff members.
Preserving Tibetan Religious Culture and Language

The Tibet Fund believes in the preservation and transmission of Tibetan cultural heritage and language as a pillar of Tibetan national identity and the country’s rich historical legacy. China’s state-imposed policies and practices of assimilation and marginalization have threatened the existence of Tibetan religion and culture in Tibet. On the other hand, the exile Tibetan community faces a unique set of challenges with growing migration to Europe and North America, where a scattered population wrestles with the challenge of economic integration as well as the influences of globalization and host country acculturation.

Given that innumerable factors affect the vitality and continuity of Tibetan religion and culture, TTF has supported diverse programs and institutions and initiated new activities promoting Buddhist culture and Tibetan language to counter these challenges. Such support and initiatives are made possible with the generous donations of our funders and have strengthened collective cultural preservation efforts in the diaspora community. Events in North America are specifically targeted at Tibetan youth and serve as avenues by which to explore cultural expression, Tibetan history, and identity. These opportunities instill a deeper sense of ownership amongst the youth of their culture, tradition, language, and the community.

Tibetan Language and Buddhism

WORLD STORYTELLING DAY
TTF, in collaboration with Lha Charitable Trust, organized two successful events in Dharamsala, India, to observe World Storytelling Day in March 2016. Over 300 parents and children benefited from the dual events, where the art of oral storytelling was celebrated and the benefit of inculcating reading habits was emphasized. With a grant of $2,000 from TTF, more than 2000 children’s storybooks, including 697 in Tibetan and 1,290 in English, were distributed amongst the participants.

BUDDHIST RETREAT FOR TIBETAN FAMILIES
In collaboration with Do-Ngak Kunphen Ling (DNKL), TTF hosted a three-day Buddhist retreat for Tibetan families in Redding, Connecticut, from June 17 to 19, 2016. A total of fourteen Tibetans living in New York and New Jersey participated in this profound experience and found it enhanced their understanding of Tibetan Buddhism.

SUMMER STUDY PROGRAM FOR TIBETAN YOUTH
Co-organized with the Institute of Buddhist Dialectics, this five-week study-abroad summer program provided 18 young Tibetans from North America and Europe with the opportunity to experience the culture, history, and civilization of Tibet in Dharamsala, India. They took classes on meditation, Tibetan language and civilization, and Tibetan Buddhist philosophy. They also had a special audience with His Holiness the Dalai Lama and His Holiness the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa. In 2016, TTF gave a grant of $6,450 to support the program.

MINDFULNESS RETREAT AND TIBETAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR YOUTH
In collaboration with Online Tibetan Education, TTF organized a three-day intensive program at Do-NgakKunphel Ling in Connecticut for Tibetan youths residing in North America in August 2016. 21 Tibetan students participated in the program and learned about Tibetan Buddhism and Tibetan language. TTF provided $3,810 to sponsor the students’ attendance at this summer retreat.

TRADITIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE
A three-day conference was held at Palpung Sherabling Monastery in Bir during March 2016. One hundred and fifty monks and nuns representing different religious schools in India discussed and exchanged views on Nagarjuna’s Fundamental Treatise on Middle Way.

TIBETAN CHILDREN’S LITERATURE PROJECT
Teaching young children to read early is key to their development and future academic success. However, there's a severe shortage of children's literature in Tibetan language. The Tibet Fund has been involved in strengthening early grade reading in Tibetan schools through the USAID funded Tibetan Education Project. Mr. Jigme Wangden, a senior Tibetan teacher at TCV School Suja and recipient of teacher professional development program initiated through Tibetan Education Project was provided with a grant of $685 to publish two original story books written by him and illustrated by Sherab Dorjee. The books titled “Cats and Environment” and “Snatch Milk” were published and distributed to young students.

Tibetan Culture and Arts
TIBETAN INSTITUTE OF PERFORMING ARTS
Thomas and Kamala Buckner provided a grant of $2,000 for the general support of TIPA to preserve and promote Tibetan musical heritage and associated arts.

KOLLEGAL REGIONAL OPERA ASSOCIATION
The Tibet Fund donated $4,615 to renovate the dilapidated office building of the Kollegal Regional Opera Association in South India. Two additional rooms were constructed and are now being used to practice opera arias and to store opera texts and costumes. The
Association’s members contributed labor in demolition work and debris collection and disposal.

NORBULINGKA INSTITUTE IN INDIA
Thomas and Kamala Buckner provided a grant of $1,000 for the general support of Norbulingka, an institute which works to retain the artistic knowledge and techniques of Tibetan Buddhist civilization.

NEPAL LHAMO ASSOCIATION
Wade Luther and Tenzin Jigme from NATEX made a grant of $5,616 to the Nepal Lhamo Association to support their project to record and film traditional songs and ceremonial customs associated with traditional Tibetan wedding ceremonies.

INSTITUTE OF TIBETAN CLASSICS
The Sall Peretsman Foundation provided a grant of $58,200 to the Institute to support the research, editing, and translation of classical Tibetan texts.

SHELLEY AND DONALD RUBIN FOUNDATION
made a grant of $7,275 to support the research work of John Belleza, an archeologist and cultural historian specializing in the pre-Buddhist heritage of Tibet and the Western Himalayas.

KHAWA KARPO TIBET CULTURE CENTER
The National Endowment for Democracy (NED) provided a grant of $16,005 for general support of the cultural center.

RITUALS OF RESISTANCE
The Marisla Fund of the Orange County Community Foundation provided a grant of $41,800 for the production of a documentary film that presents stories of the lives of three generations of Tibetans in exile.

NYARI AND LA TOED LHOJANG BOOK PROJECT
TTF gave a grant of $3,000 to support the research and archive records of holy places and biographies of lamas and scholars.

Other Supports
Wade Luther and Tenzin Jigme from NATEX donated $6,500 and $6,410 for general support of Tholing Monastery and Kongpo Khangtsen, two monastic institutions in South India. The Prajna Upadesa Foundation funded $3,880 for general support of Namgyal Monastery in Dharamsala, India. Tashi Lhunpo Monastery was paid $863 for their project to mint gold coins bearing a portrait of His Holiness the Dalai Lama.
The Tibet Fund established the Tibet Assistance Program in 1994 to address existing gaps in educational, medical, and economic needs of Tibetans in Tibet. Working primarily with local non-governmental organizations, the program has improved the quality of life of thousands of marginalized Tibetans. Generous donations from our donors have enabled The Tibet Fund to support orphanages and charity homes that serve underprivileged children; an eye clinic in Lhasa; cataract blindness eradication campaigns in Amdo; and construction of a Tibetan Medicine Factory in Toelung Dechen; and also helped in emergency relief when natural disasters struck Tibet. Scholarships have enabled Tibetan students to pursue higher education in Tibet. One scholarship beneficiary has become a Tibetan physician after four years of study and is currently practicing Tibetan medicine in a remote village in Shigatse.

POOR SNOW LAND SCHOOL
Later renamed Sengcham Drukmo Girls Home, this orphanage takes care of 62 underprivileged girls who are either orphans or have parents living with physical or mental health disabilities. In the past, TTF provided funding for general support of the orphanage and sponsored 15 girls who later went on to complete high school. In 2016, TTF gave a grant of $4,000 toward general support of the school, including a $2,500 donation from Dr. Victoria Sujata.

TIBET SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT
The Tibet Fund has worked to create opportunities and scholarships with the help of US-funded programs and private donations to support Tibetan students pursuing higher education. In 2016, The Tibet Fund made a scholarship grant of $10,500 to the Tibetan Home of Hope for the sponsorship of seven students for one academic year of higher education in Tibet.

DANANG FOUNDATION
TTF provided a grant of $10,000 to build an orphanage providing a home for 30 children in the rural township of Langdou, Derge County in Tibet.
### Statement of Financial Position
Year Ended December 31, 2016

#### ASSETS

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### Statement of Program Activities

Education and Scholarship 23%

Humanitarian Assistance 45%

Religion and Cultural Preservation 3%

Economic and Community Development 6%

Healthcare 13%

Management 10%
Statement of Revenue Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2016

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**EXPENSES**

**Program services**
- Humanitarian assistance | $3,081,364 | $3,081,364 |
- Education and scholarship | $1,587,301 | $1,587,301 |
- Cultural and religious preservation | $188,358 | $188,358 |
- Economic and community development | $392,736 | $392,736 |
- Health Care | $927,311 | $927,311 |

**Total program services** | $6,177,070 | $6,177,070 |

**Supporting services**
- Management and general | $638,887 | $638,887 |
- Fund raising | $61,895 | $61,895 |

**Total supporting services** | $700,782 | $700,782 |

**Total expenses** | $6,877,852 | $6,877,852 |
**Change in net assets** | $699,896 | $651,289 |
**Net assets -beginning of year** | $5,552,317 | $1,183,730 |
**Net assets -end of year** | $6,252,213 | $1,835,019 |
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