“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.”

HH the 14th Dalai Lama
Honorary Patron
The Tibet Fund

Our Impact in 2018
Strengthening Tibetan Communities for a Sustainable Future

- 33,378 children story books distributed
- 300+ Girls received higher education scholarship
- 17,257 health screenings on cancer, Hep B & Diabetes
- 12,260 health insurance subsidized
- 597 scholarships for higher studies
- 896 children & monks received sponsorship

- TB Awareness Campaign reached 2,640 refugees
- Essential Medicine to 52,498 people
- Menstrual Health and Hygiene program to 1,556 girls and nuns
- 297 Health workers trained
- 4,367 Children provided supplemental nutrition
- 7,441 Benefited from Water and Sanitation Program

- 6,060 Tibetans empowered through legal awareness
- 1,982 Refugees received soft loans to invest in businesses
- Language and Culture program reached 652 Tibetan youth
- Gender based Violence awareness to 841 children
- 241 individuals received food security Training
- 42 small grants made to support community development

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support that has enabled us to provide critical resources and essential opportunities to transform the lives of thousands of vulnerable Tibetan refugees in South Asia and contribute towards sustaining Tibetan culture and national identity in exile.

Under the patronage of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, we were able to administer over $8.1 million in US federal grant in collaboration with the Central Tibetan Administration to strengthen Tibetan communities in 2018. Working with Tibetan grassroots organizations, we made a grant of over $1.5 million from private funds to support 63 projects in India, Nepal and Tibet that has significantly improved education, healthcare, community development, refugee rehabilitation, elderly care, women empowerment, disaster relief and cultural preservation activities.

Our support in nutrition program, free eye and dental camps, TB control and Hep B awareness programs have improved community health. Hundreds of Tibetans from more than 80 exile Tibetan schools, monasteries, nunneries, and elderly homes are financially assisted through our sponsorship program. Expanding our Tibetan Civil Society and Empowerment Program, we now support eleven Tibetan NGOS to increase their effectiveness in providing quality community services.

On behalf of all of us at The Tibet Fund, I would like to express my deep gratitude to the US Congress, US Department of State, USAID and many private foundations and individual donors, Central Tibetan Administration, Snow Lion Foundation, Tibet Fund Board of Directors, community partners and our volunteers. Thank you very much.

With Best Wishes,

Lobsang Nyandak
President
The Tibet Fund

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Lobsang Nyandak       September 30, 2019
Financial Statement
The Tibet Fund: Year Ending 12/31/2018

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These statements of financial position and activities were derived from the 2018 financial statements of The Tibet Fund’s independent auditors, BKD CPAs & Advisors. A copy of the audited financial statements and Form 990 are available on our website and upon request from The Tibet Fund. Available upon request from The Tibet Fund.

Statement of 2018 Program Activities
## Revenue and Expense Statement
### The Tibet Fund: Year Ending 12/31/2018

### Revenue

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Advancing Quality Education

With funding from the U.S. Government and many individual donors and foundations, our education initiatives are currently focused on improving the quality of education at Tibetan schools in India and Nepal, broadening access and opportunities in higher education and professional studies for Tibetan students, and addressing core deficiencies in the Tibetan education system. The Tibet Fund partners with the Department of Education (DOE) of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) and Snow Lion Foundation, which serve more than 24,000 students in over 70 schools across India and Nepal, as well as with Tibetan civil society organizations to strengthen their capacity to better respond to unmet education needs. Some highlights of our education programs in 2018 include increased scholarship support for higher education and professional studies, including for underprivileged girls, intensification of an early grade reading program, teacher training and professional development, a new educational technology initiative, and improved science and math education.

Professional Studies Scholarship and Support Services

In the past, many promising students were unable to pursue degrees in medicine, law, and engineering due to prohibitive college fees and highly competitive entrance exams. In 2008, The Tibet Fund established the Tibetan Professional Scholarship Program (TPSP), which has so far supported 121 Tibetan students who have graduated from colleges and universities in India and Nepal in diverse professional fields. In 2018, we continued to fund 24 aspiring professionals in different professional fields, including seven students in Nepal supported by the Hershey Family Foundation.

Administered in collaboration with the CTA’s DOE, USAID funding
continued to support scholarships for professional studies and test-prep coaching as well as activities to strengthen career counseling in Tibetan schools. Gap-year study scholarships and after-class coaching programs helped prepare 134 high school students for admissions into reputed Indian medical and engineering colleges.

**ECCE Practices and EGR Program**

Our support for Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) initiatives has been improving awareness and practices among early childhood educators and parents in the Tibetan community. We fund Tibetan NGOs like Manjushri Educational Services to publish grade-appropriate, high-quality children books in Tibetan language, conduct workshops on best ECCE practices for parents and teachers, and freely distribute baby boxes containing educational and sensorial toys, board books and essential hygiene products to new parents. With USAID funding, we continue to support the Tibetan Early Grade Reading (TEGR) Program, which works to help overcome Tibetan children’s inadequate levels of reading comprehension in their mother tongue. Implemented in collaboration with the CTA’s DOE, TEGR supports publication of new children’s literature, production of animated videos, EGR training and mentoring for educators, and EGR workshops for parents. These initiatives have reached thousands of Tibetan parents, children and educators.

**Access to Higher Education**

Despite universal access to basic education and high enrollment rates in Tibetan schools, access to tertiary education remains a major challenge for approximately 1,200 students who graduate from Tibetan schools each year. Yeshe Khorlo Foundation (YKF) created a scholarship program in 2015 that has continued to shape the destinies of hundreds of Tibetan students for a brighter future and stronger Tibetan community. In 2018, YKF provided a grant of $100,000 to The Tibet Fund and CTA’s DOE which supported 154 Tibetan students to pursue higher
education at various colleges and universities in India and Nepal. In addition, USAID-funded scholarships supported 382 students to pursue undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees in India. Counseling programs for parents and students, including college fairs, coaching classes, and career workshops, equipped over 3,355 students and parents with information on career choices, scholarship opportunities, essential life skill training, positive disciplining techniques, bullying, and mental health care.

**Tent School in Ladakh**

Located at over 15,000 feet in the remote Changthang region of Ladakh, the tent school provides a year-round learning space for nomadic children below the age of six, and organizes summer and winter camps for elder school children returning home for school vacation. The tent school moves throughout the year with a traditional herding community of about 20 families whose main livelihood comes from herding yak, sheep, and goats. TTF supported the winter camp in December, 2018, by providing a sturdy waterproof tent, a heater, and food for students during the camp. This initiative benefited 40 students of varying ages who had the opportunity to learn and improve their English language skills along with lessons in math and science. The resident teacher also received training in early childhood care and education practices from ECCE specialists.

**Tibetan Girl’s Scholarship Program**

We believe that investing in girl’s education will not only address gender inequality and help reduce poverty, but also empower a new generation of talented Tibetan girls to become leaders, educators, entrepreneurs, and change agents. Recognizing that Tibetan girls from poor families are often unable to attend college, The Tibet Fund established a Girls Scholarship Program that supports underprivileged girls from India, Nepal and Tibet to pursue higher education. In 2018, we dispersed financial scholarships to 22 deserving girls through the India-based NGO Drokmo and an anonymous NGO based in Tibet. Administered by the CTA’s DOE, USAID funding also supported 217 Tibetan girls from India and Nepal to pursue undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees at a wide range of colleges and universities across India.

**Basic Education for Vulnerable Tibetan Refugees**

With funding from the U.S. State Department Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, The Tibet Fund provided access to modern and traditional education for 6,204 vulnerable students, monks and nuns who have arrived from Tibet in the past few years, working in collaboration with the CTA’s Department of Religion and Culture, the Tibetan Children’s Village, and the Tibetan
Homes Foundation. 2,491 monks and nuns received support to continue nonformal education at 52 traditional learning centers in India, while 3,263 students received modern education at residential schools, including 866 students at TCV Suja and 800 students at THF Mussoorie. These residential schools provide Tibetan medium instruction and special classes for new refugees, designed to integrate them into the formal and non-formal educational system of India. Nine disadvantaged students also received financial support to study at Namgyal Middle School in Kathmandu.

Tibetan Scholarship Program

The Tibet Fund has been successfully administering the U.S. Department of State funded Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP) in collaboration with the CTA’s Department of Education since 1988. This program has enabled 452 students to pursue further studies in some of the best universities and colleges in the U.S., and later return to serve the Tibetan community as officials in the CTA, educators, health workers, business leaders and heads of local community-based organizations. In 2018, 8 students participated in the program, studying in fields such as Computer Science, Public Health, International Affairs, and Biology. A mid-session workshop in Washington D.C. and a re-entry workshop in New York were held for the TSP students in 2018, which made the students more informed about optimizing opportunities and using newly acquired skills and values for re-integration upon their return home.

Other Education Support

- Active Nonviolence Education Center hosted a two-day workshop with support from The Tibet Fund focusing on active nonviolence principles and practices for 27 students at the Tibetan Transit School.
- National Democratic Party of Tibet organized its third Leadership Training for upcoming youth leaders, benefiting 40 students from various universities in India. The training equipped participants with leadership skills and tools for personal development, gender sensitization, and conflict resolution, and increased their awareness of democratic practices. In addition to supporting the workshop, The Tibet Fund made a grant to purchase three desktop Computers.
- Active Non-Violence Education Centre received a grant from the Gendler Family Foundation and Naomi Camper to promote and provide training in nonviolent methods, educate the Tibetan community on the importance of active participation for democratic freedoms, and strengthen the commitment to active nonviolent resistance in the Tibetan community.
The Tibet Fund is committed to promoting community health and preventing illnesses in the exile Tibetan community. With funding support from the U.S. Government and other donors, our initiatives have helped to strengthen existing health care services and support various health programs, including providing access to adequate healthcare and essential medical services, TB prevention and treatment, maternal and child healthcare, free eye and dental camps, community health insurance, nutritional support, safe drinking water, and preventive health education on diseases such as cancer, Hepatitis B and Tuberculosis. Working in partnership with the CTA’s Department of Health in India and Snow Lion Foundation in Nepal, we support over 50 Tibetan hospitals, primary health care centers, and rural clinics in India and Nepal, benefitting thousands of vulnerable Tibetan refugees.

Essential Health Services for Vulnerable Tibetans in India and Nepal
With funding from the U.S. State Department Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration and collaboration with the CTA Department of Health and Snow Lion Foundation, 72,680 vulnerable Tibetan refugees in India and Nepal-including the destitute and disabled, torture survivors, the mentally challenged, HIV patients, and substance abuse victims-received access to basic primary care and referral services at Tibetan hospitals, primary health care centers, and rural clinics in India and Nepal. In 2018, health facilities provided access to affordable primary health care to 6,536 refugees; essential medical supplies for 52,498 refugees; essential antenatal services to 575 pregnant women; vaccinations, nutritional supplements and oral health screenings to 801 disadvantaged children; and essential medical and rehabilitation services to 1,257 economically destitute refugees, patients with mental health disabilities, disadvantaged elders, and substance abuse patients.

Tibetan Health System Capacity Strengthening
Many Tibetans in India and Nepal remain unable to access affordable quality health care, and health prevention and disease control initiatives often fail to reach communities with high levels of effectiveness. The USAID-funded Tibetan Health System Capacity Strengthening Project, administered in partnership with CTA’s Department of Health, aims to achieve universal health coverage for Tibetan communities in South Asia and improve the quality and reach of health services in all Tibetan settlements by strengthening the Tibetan Medicare System, improving the quality of TB care and reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health services (RMNCHA), improving preventive health care through social and behavior change communication (SBCC), and developing a robust Health Information System.

In 2018, 25 settlements received increased primary and preventive health services; 6,272 refugees received health education; 71,857 refugees received comprehensive community outreach and coordinated care; 13,678 refugees received hypertension and diabetes screening in 14 settlements; and 2,640 received TB Awareness Campaign and TB Active Case Findings; among many others.

Health education and awareness campaigns were organized in Tibetan settlements, schools and monasteries to mark global public health events. As part of health education and awareness campaigns, World Hepatitis Day, World Heart Day
and World Rabies Day events were held in 26 settlements and 30 schools all over India, benefitting a total of 5,245 community members and Students.

Public Health Measures for Prevention and Control
Notable public health issues among Tibetan refugees include Hepatitis B and Tuberculosis, both of which are prevalent at high rates in Tibetan refugee communities, and chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, cancer, and heart disease, which have increased in recent years. Limited diagnostic infrastructure, financial constraints, lack of public awareness, and expensive diagnosis are contributing to high morbidity and mortality and family health expenditures. The Tibet Fund support health measures to control these prevalent diseases by integrating education and communication strategies with early diagnosis, screening programs and treatment resources.

Hepatitis B
The Tibet Fund supports organizations working on Hep B care and treatment to address the high prevalence rate of Hepatitis B in the Tibetan population.

In partnership with Reimagining Doeguling Tibetan Settlement, TTF co-funded the establishment of a Hepatitis B PCR Molecular Laboratory at Gajang Medical Hospital in Mundgod, the first of its kind in the Tibetan exile community. Within five months of its establishment, 179 patients received timely diagnosis and affordable treatment at 60% less cost.

With support from PRM and USAID, the CTA's Department of Health conducted extensive Hepatitis B screening and vaccination programs in the Tibetan schools and settlements, benefiting over nearly 4,000 refugees including 232 children. An ambitious new Hepatitis B prevention initiative was launched that will screen over 10,000 Tibetans in India, and provide follow up testing and treatment support for positive cases. Health education and awareness campaigns were also organized in Tibetan settlements, schools and monasteries that helped to generate awareness about the disease.

Cancer
Being a refugee community, public education and population screening for early diagnosis is a more effective strategy to tackle cancer which is considered one of the leading causes of death among the exile Tibetan community. In 2018, we funded Tibetan Cancer Society, a non-profit organization based in India, whose mission is to provide cancer awareness programs and cancer detection camps across Tibetan settlements and communities in India.

More than 1,282 Tibetan refugees have benefited from free health camps, cancer awareness programs, free medical tests such as mammography, cervical test, ECG, ultrasounds, H-pylori stool tests, I-breast examinations, hypertension and sugar tests, and free consultation with general physicians and oncologists in various Tibetan settlements, monasteries and institutions across India.
In Delhi alone, 394 women underwent cancer screenings including 126 for cervical test, 56 for pap smear test, 96 for breast examination, and 116 for oral cancer screening.

**Tuberculosis**

In 2018, PRM and USAID fund provided support to strengthen the DOH’s effort to control the high incidence rate of Tuberculosis within the Tibetan community in South Asia, through improved TB care and diagnostic services, newly-repaired TB wards, and 47 newly-established Directly Observed Treatment (DOT) centers in Tibetan settlements and schools all over India and Nepal. Efforts are underway to develop a national TB strategy and to increase cooperation on TB care and prevention between the DOH and other independent Tibetan health facilities. TB awareness and active case finding campaigns in India and Nepal have benefited 2,640 Tibetan refugees. Registered TB data cases from seven hospitals under the Department of Health show a continuing decline in cases, from 388 in 2013 to 298 in 2017 and treatment success in these seven facilities is recorded at an average of 92% for non-MDR cases. Reasons for the decline in TB incidence rate include improved TB awareness, screening, diagnosis, referrals, DOT supply and treatment.

**Supplementary Nutrition Program**

With generous support from Ann Down and Hershey Family Foundation, our Supplementary Nutrition Program has significantly reduced malnutrition among the growing Tibetan students and promoted their overall good health. Administered in collaboration with the CTA’s Department of Education and Snow Lion Foundation, the program provided a wide variety of nutrients and fresher and seasonal ingredients in order to provide a more balanced diet for students.

In 2018, Ann Down, who donated $40,000, and Hershey Family Foundation, which donated $20,000, supported the Nutrition Program which enabled 20 Tibetan refugee schools to serve nutritious and balanced diets to 4,357 students in India and Nepal. PRM funding also provided healthy meals for another 380 students at Namgyal High School in Nepal.

**Clean Water and Sanitation**

Safe drinking water and improved sanitation are essential to promote better hygiene, fight preventable diseases and combat the spread of waterborne illnesses among the exile Tibetan community. PRM funding has supported The Tibet Fund and CTA’s Department of Health to repair, construct and improve drinking water facilities, toilets and drainage system in 12 Tibetan refugee settlements and four schools in India. These projects have significantly improved the health and welfare of over 7,441 Tibetan refugees by providing access to safe drinking water and improved sanitation.

In 2018, 3,957 Tibetan refugees and students benefitted from toilet renovation and construction work undertaken at three Tibetan schools in Dholanji, Paonta Sahib and Tibetan Homes Foundation in Mussoorie and at the refugee settlements of Sataun, Sonada, Kollegal and Bylakuppe. More than 3,167 Tibetan refugees now have access to safe drinking water from repair, improvement and installation of drinking water facilities at Sambhota Chandragiri Secondary School in Orissa and at the refugee settlements of Miao, Kollegal, Bylakuppe, Tenzingang and Norzinling.
Eye Camp in Norgyeling Tibetan Settlement
100 Tibetan patients in the remote Norgyeling settlement in India received free eye care services including free eye screenings, cataract and pterygium surgeries, and laser correction. Patients with refractory error were provided with free eyeglasses to improve their vision. This camp was made possible by The Eye Surgery Fund and implemented in collaboration with the CTA’s Department of Health.

Patient Care Trust
Patient Care Trust (PCT) provides pro bono medical assistance services to poor Tibetans with severe medical conditions, elderly Tibetans without family support, and newly arrived refugees facing language barriers in India. With our financial support, 135 patients received quality and affordable healthcare services from PCT in 2018.

Tibetan Delek Hospital Support
The Tibet Fund assisted Delek Hospital in Dharamsala to secure and channel funds from generous donors, including Dale and Ellen Saltzman, Namaste Foundation, Tsering C. Yuthok and Dr. Zorba Paster to support the hospital’s general operating costs. In 2018, a total of $29,523 was allocated to support doctor salaries and their Tuberculosis Prevention Campaign, purchase of medical equipment, and improving nutrition of hospital patient meals. Tibetan Delek Hospital was founded in 1971 to serve the Tibetan refugee population and local Indians in Dharamsala.

Clinic Support
Lakhanwala Clinic in North India was in a dilapidated state due to 28 years of use and impact of monsoon rain on the building. The Tibet Fund provided funding to renovate clinic floors, walls and sanitation facilities of the clinic. The renovated clinic now provides quality healthcare services benefitting hundreds of local Tibetan and Indian communities in the area. Sumdho Clinic in Jangthang Ladakh was provided with funds to install a solar water heater that is benefiting the local health workers and patients.
Sponsoring Needy Tibetans

The Tibet Fund’s Sponsorship Program empowers hundreds of vulnerable Tibetan refugees in overcoming any extreme obstacles they face in their lives and equipping them to lead a life of purpose and dignity. With support from our compassionate donors, hundreds of Tibetan refugees now receive better education and healthcare services, improved living environments and nutritious foods, and greater care for the elderly and the differently abled. Our support has offered hope in the future for hundreds of needy Tibetans by giving them life-affirming experiences, particularly for those who are orphans, newly arrived refugees from Tibet and those living in poverty.

In 2018, The Tibet Fund received $213,799 in sponsorship donations from private sources, which was transferred to 78 monasteries, nunneries, schools, and elder homes in India and Nepal. The donations supported the education, healthcare, and other necessities of 215 monks, 115 nuns, 512 children, 58 differently abled children, 65 elders and 7 performing arts students in India and Nepal. Sponsorship Coordinator ensures that the sponsors remain in contact with the beneficiaries and keep them updated on their well being.

OUR BENEFICIARIES

Monasteries: Chuwar, Drepung Loseling, Drepung Gomang, Ganden Jangtse, Guto Tantric, Gyudmed Monastic School, Gyudmed Tantric University, Gyuto Tantric University, Institute of Buddhist Dialectics, Kirti, Samtenling, Sera Jhe, Sera Mey, Sera Mey Toesam, Sera Mey Tsaangpa, Shalu, and Tashi Lhunpo.

Nunneries: Khari, Dolma Ling, Geden Choeling, Jamyang Choling, Jangchub Choeling, Keydong Thukche Choeling, Ladakh Nuns Association, Namdroling, Sakya Rinchen Choeling, Samtenling, Shugseb, Tilokpur, Tsogayl Shedupling, and Thechkoch Namdoling

Schools: Atisha Primary School, CST Dalhousie, CST Darjeeling, CST Kalimpong, CST Mussoorie, CST Nainital, CST Shimla, Karuna Home for The Disabled, Lophel Ling, Lower TCV, Mt Kailash, Namgyal Middle Boarding School, Nepal Snow Lion Foundation, Ngoenga School for Tibetan Children with Special Needs, SOS High School Pokhara, Srongten School, STS Bylakuppe, STS Chandragiri, STS Chauntra, STS Dhanji, STS, Gurupura, STS Kollegal, STS Manali, STS Mewon Tsuglak Peteon, STS Miao, STS Mundgod, STS Paonta Sahib, STS, Pokhriangong, STS Ravangla, STS, Shillong, STS Tenzingang, STS Tezu, TCV Chauntra, TCV Dharamsala, TCV Outreach, TCV Selakui, TCV SOS Bylakuppe, TCV SOS Gopalpur, TCV SOS Ladakh, TCV Suja, Tibetan Homes Foundation, Tibetan Medical and Astrology Institute, and Youngling 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
Rehabilitating New Refugees

The Tibet Fund and its implementing partners, the Central Tibetan Administration in India and Snow Lion Foundation in Nepal, administers funding from the US State Department’s Population, Refugees, and Migration Bureau (PRM) to improve the health and education of the most vulnerable Tibetan refugees in South Asia. The grant provides quality reception and rehabilitation services for incoming refugees through two reception centers located in Delhi and Dharamsala as well as through three Tibetan schools that cater specifically to new refugees. More than 90,000 Tibetan refugees have benefitted from education, healthcare, housing and other humanitarian assistance from PRM funding since 1991.

The Office of the Reception Center of the CTA responds to immediate humanitarian needs of the newly arrived refugees from Tibet by providing food, shelter, clothing and healthcare services. The CTA’s Department of Security continued collaborating and coordinating with UNHCR and the Government of India to secure entry permits, safe passage and legal documentation for new refugees from Tibet. In 2018, over 50 new refugees received full protection services including food, shelter, clothing, and medical care and obtained legal status to reside in India. Post reception, they were safely and securely transferred to different monasteries, nunneries and refugee schools in India based on their age, interest and religious affiliation.

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. They also attended awareness workshops on sexual health and gender-based violence. Basic subsistence support was provided to 547 vulnerable refugees including the physically disabled, disadvantaged elders, patients with HIV and torture survivors, and permanent shelter residences were constructed for 8 newly arrived refugee families. Health exams and essential medicine were also provided to the most vulnerable elderly and disabled refugees, refugees with chronic debilitating illnesses, refugees with leprosy, recovering substance abuse victims, and torture survivors.

Tibetan Transit School that caters specifically to newly arrived refugees from Tibet, provided nonformal adult education to 83 refugee students. The school offers foundational courses in English and Tibetan language training, mathematics, and basic computer skills were taught, after which students may choose to pursue general education or vocational training courses.
Strengthening Tibetan Civil Society Organizations

In our commitment to build stronger and more resilient Tibetan communities, The Tibet Fund established the Tibetan Civil Society and Community Empowerment Program (TCSCEP) in 2016. Designed to strengthen Tibetan Civil Society Organizations (CSO) that respond to critical community needs left unaddressed by other larger programs, TCSCEP provides small project grants and capacity building support to increase organizational effectiveness. Our CSO partners are implementing initiatives in various sectors including a scholarship program for underprivileged girls, preventive health initiatives focusing on cancer and Hep B, microenterprise development for marginalized Tibetan refugees in Nepal, early childhood care and education, legal aid services, menstrual health awareness and sexual and gender-based violence prevention.

Manjushri Educational Services

Manjushri Educational Services (MES) is working to improve the quality of Tibetan education in exile by focusing on Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) practices in the exile Tibetan community. In 2018, eight workshops were conducted for 100 parents who received professional guidance on best practices in ECCE. New parents received baby boxes containing sensorial toys, board books and hygienic child products. MES also developed and published 32 Tibetan language children’s books, including 25 on STEM themes, and distributed over 32,000 copies to 71 Tibetan schools in India and Nepal, benefiting over 8,000 children. These pedagogically-sound educational materials will help address the shortage of high-quality children’s literature in Tibetan language.

LHA Charitable Trust

With a grant of $25,000 from The Tibet Fund, Lha Charitable Trust carried out two training courses focused on language and computer skills, conducted educational awareness workshops and began the Secular Ethic Fellowship Program. The language program included English, French, Chinese, German, and Tibetan classes benefitting 841 adult students from Tibet, including monks and nuns. 99 students
benefitted from beginner and intermediate computer classes and eight students participated in a six-week web design course. LHA also organized a workshop on basic education policy and secular ethics for 29 pre-primary school educators in Dharamsala with talks by Venerable Samdhong Rinpoche and Geshe Lhakdor.

“My name is Choeying Choedon and I was born in Kinnor town in Himachal Pradesh in North India. I became a nun in 2002 at the age of 11 and enrolled at Jangchup Choeling Nunnery in Mundgod Tibetan settlement in South India. Besides primarily studying Buddhist philosophy and Tibetan literature, I got the opportunity to study Chinese and English classes at LHA Center to improve my language skills. I began learning Chinese two months ago and I am improving day by day because of our kind teacher who focuses on each and every student. Thank you so much, I learned so many things in this institute. Also, thanks to Lha staff.”

- Choeying Choedon, 27

“First Tashi Delek to all. I am a student of Lha Charitable Trust. At first, I was attending only English class but after few days I started to attend the Computer class, which was very helpful for me. When I was learning the basic computer, it was quite difficult, but I worked hard. It helped me a lot to improve my computer knowledge. Now I can use my basic computer skills. Thank you”

– Lobsang Rapten

Drokmo - Girls Empowerment Initiative
Drokmo is a women’s organization dedicated to addressing the problems of health, education and livelihoods faced by women. With funding support from The Tibet Fund, Drokmo launched a new scholarship program for underprivileged girls. 12 Tibetan girls with limited financial resources received full scholarships to pursue tertiary education in India and Nepal. Drokmo also conducted workshops on menstrual health management and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in 9 Tibetan schools benefiting 700 students. 300 copies of Menstrupedia, a comic book about menstruation, were distributed to young girls between the ages of 9 and 13. Drokmo also distributed 420 reusable cloth pads to 70 girls in two schools to assess the feasibility of introducing cloth pads and explore environmentally responsible means of menstrual waste disposal.

“Our school is very secluded and Drokmo is the first ever organization that came here and taught our students about menstruation and sexual and gender-based violence. Earlier there were many girls in our school who used old cloths and rags during their period. Now, students have become more open and comfortable talking about menstruation. They understand that it is a natural process and buy pads themselves unlike before when they used to buy and hide the pads.”

– Yeshi Dolma, STS Tenzingang, AP

Palden Dolma fled Tibet at the age of 18 in search of better educational opportunities and religious freedom in India. With no one to financially support her studies, she almost gave up on her dream of going to college. As one of the 12 recipients of the Girls Scholarship Program (GSP) now, Palden is pursuing Tibetan studies at the College of Higher Tibetan Studies in Dharamsala. She said,
“The period after finishing high school was one of the most stressful periods of my life because I didn’t know how I was going to support myself or find someone to support my education. I almost lost all hope. If it wasn’t for GSP, I would be doing a menial job to make ends meet and have no resources to pursue my dream. Therefore, I am very grateful to The Tibet Fund and Drokmo for not just supporting my education but also giving me the dignity to confidently work towards realizing my dream.”

Tibetan Legal Association

Tibetan Legal Association (TLA) received a grant of $10,000 from The Tibet Fund to provide pro bono legal consultancy and legal representation services to disadvantaged Tibetans in exile. In 2018, 152 individuals received legal aid services, including drafting of affidavits and legal documents including wills, rental and lease agreements, registration of societies and trusts, marriage petitions, birth and death registrations, and family reunion and immigration documents. Legal awareness programs and workshops were also conducted for Tibetan refugees in India to sensitize them about contemporary legal issues such as gender violence, child and women rights, etc.

“I have been running a canteen in Dharamshala for 6 years now. I am illiterate and I do not understand the legal processes of registration. With the help of TLA, I could register my canteen under the state Food Safety and Standards Authority of India. Now I am happy that my canteen is legally registered.”

- Tenzin Chuphel

“TLA has been offering legal assistance and guidance to many Tibetans like me who do not know Hindi and English and have no legal knowledge. As a result, for 10 years I have not registered my marriage. TLA helped me register my marriage and I am grateful for their help.”

-Ngawang Choephel
Patient Care Trust
TTF has supported Patient Care Trust (PCT) in its mission to provide pro bono medical assistance services to economically vulnerable Tibetans with severe and life-threatening medical conditions, elderly Tibetans without family support, and newly arrived refugees facing language barriers. PCT helps secure appointments with qualified specialists at reputable Delhi hospitals and then assists patients to navigate the complex hospital system, provides Tibetan translation when needed, arranges for transportation and low-cost accommodation, and seeks funding for those unable to afford medical expenses. In 2018, PCT provided quality and affordable health care services to 135 patients.

“We lost all hope until we came across Patient Care Trust. If it was not for them, my son would not be alive today. They took us to the best hospital in Delhi and really went out of their way to help us. I don't think I can ever repay their kindness. Although my son is not completely cured, he is so much better now. Before, he could not take even a few steps without our help but now he can climb flight of stairs without our assistance. Thank you, Patient Care Trust and The Tibet Fund.”
- Mother of Norbu Tsering, a brain tumor patient

RDTS Water Harvesting Initiative
The Tibet Fund's financial support towards sustainable water conservation initiatives in Doeguling Tibetan settlement in Mundgod is benefitting hundreds of local Tibetans and Indian villagers with access to cleaner and more abundant water for years to come. Rooftop water harvesting and borewell recharge systems were installed and constructed at Rato Monastery, Ganden Monastery, Sakya Monastery, and the Doeguling Old Aged Home to collect, filter and transport rainwater for underground water supply. Our support for this project was facilitated by Reimagining Doeguling Tibetan Settlement (RTDS), a community-based organization in Mundgod working on grass roots initiatives to preserve the Nalanda tradition and empower local communities.

“I am very happy because for the first time after ages our elderly home now has a new borewell of our own that yields good water. We really cherish and feel blessed. Also, the roof top water harvesting unit will ensure availability of water for future
- Mo Dolker

“Thank you so much RDTS and The Tibet Fund. Now we have our own borewell. This will save us the money we pay for buying water from outside.”
- Pempa, Water-in-Charge
RDTS helped our old aged home in getting funds from TTF for installation of a rain water harvesting unit and borewell recharge last year. As a result, the old aged home is now free from the problem of relying on tankers for daily water supply. As many as 85 elderly people and 9 staff members are direct beneficiaries. 1,000 others (neighbouring JC nunnerly, DTR hospital and camp no 3 people) are indirect beneficiaries.

– Mrs. Tamding Dolma, Manager of Doeguling Old Aged Home

**Hepatitis B Prevention and Control**

The Tibet Fund made a grant of $25,000 to Gajang Medical Society (GMS) in South India to establish a Hepatitis B virus PCR molecular laboratory, the first of its kind in any Tibetan settlement. A real-time PCR machine and liver elastography machine were purchased that are helping provide affordable and timely Hepatitis B testing and treatment for the local community. Within five months of its establishment, 179 patients received timely diagnosis, affordable treatment and improved quality care. This project was also facilitated by RTDS.

**Microenterprise Development in Nepal**

A grant of $20,000 began helping to build the economic self-sufficiency of 10 Tibetan refugees in Nepal. Many Tibetan refugees residing in scattered communities surrounding the Boudha stupa have limited access to employment, and often rely on petty trade in a highly insecure economic environment to generate income. Most of these Tibetans are newly arrived refugees with no documentation, little to no education, and limited access to financial institutions for support. With small grants and business skills workshop and financial literacy training, ten Tibetans have now become business owners. This grant is being administered by Drokpo and Hope and Challenge, two Tibetan civil society organizations based in Kathmandu.

**Beneficiary Stories**

**Norbu Tsering** is a self-employed carpenter residing in Nepal who makes Tibetan guitar, dramnyen for a living. He fled from Tibet in 1999 and learned dramnyen making in a Tibetan refugee school in India. He later moved to Nepal and opened a dramnyen making workshop with the help of his friends. However, with no steady financial support, maintaining and running the shop proved to be difficult. Norbu then learned about The Tibet Fund’s microenterprise project and received seed money and basic financial literacy training. Norbu has sold more Tibetan guitars than ever before and his income has increased over the last six months. Norbu hopes to teach young Tibetans how to make and play dramyen and help preserve Tibetan culture.

**Tsering Kyinzom** is one of ten beneficiaries of a microenterprise project funded by The Tibet Fund. She is a 45-year-old woman who escaped from Tibet to Nepal in 2000. Her husband has a hearing disability and is unable to work. She began selling souvenirs in Boudha but was unable to earn enough to support her ailing husband. She then tried trading to West Nepal but encountered difficulties because of her limited Nepali language skills. Her husband’s health deteriorated, and she was compelled to take loans to cover his medical expenses. She now weaves carpets at her home and takes care of her family. With the help of the microenterprise development project supported by TTF, she was able to purchase weaving tools and wool. Her sales have increased, and she now earns enough by selling carpets to support her family. She has also managed to pay off some of her loans. Since the project requires all beneficiaries to contribute to a savings fund, Tsering has savings, which makes her feel very
secure in case there is a family emergency. The project also provided financial literacy and general business concept training, which she found very useful not only to conduct her business but also to manage her accounts. She said, “It was my first time to attend any kind of training. It really helped me a lot, especially in keeping accounts. I have never done that before. Now I can tell my monthly income and savings by looking at my daybook.”

The Tibet Fund supported the Tibetan Cancer Society (TCS) with a grant of $5,180 to organize cancer screening camps at two Tibetan settlements, Mundgod and Majnu-ka-tilla, Delhi. Cancer is one of the leading causes of death in the exile Tibetan community in India and Nepal.

Oncologists and medical experts conducted free examinations for around 1,010 Tibetans in Mundgod and 272 Tibetan refugees in Delhi. Patients not only benefitted from screening tests but also attended awareness talks and discussed social stigmas attached to cancer.

Dawa Bhuti is a 64-year-old resident of Mundgod settlement. She is a farmer and has six children. Dawa previously suffered from kidney stones. At the health camp, she received an ultrasound and a random blood sugar test to check for kidney cancer. Fortunately, her results were normal. She shared her thoughts on the health camp:

“This medical camp has been beneficial to us, especially for older people as we are unable to go to hospitals because of problems such as distance and language barriers. I got ultrasound and diabetes tests done. But there were translators who helped us communicate effectively with the doctors, which I think was really helpful. So, I would like to say thank you very much to TCS and the team.”
Preserving Tibetan Religion and Culture

Despite living in exile and being spread out all over the world since 1959, Tibetan refugee communities have made concerted efforts to rebuild a life centered around traditional Tibetan culture, religion and national identity. In accordance with our core mission, The Tibet Fund supports diverse programs and institutions in exile that contribute to the preservation of traditional Tibetan culture and national identity. Over the last couple of years, we have supported numerous Tibetan associations in North America to host summer camps for Tibetan children promoting Tibetan language, culture and Buddhism. The Tibet Fund has also supported Tibetan Language contests to encourage Tibetan language skills among Tibetan youngsters in the West. Such initiatives, made possible with the generous donations of our funders, have strengthened the collective cultural preservation efforts in the diaspora community.

Let’s Talk in Tibetan! Contest
In coordination with the Office of Tibet in Washington, The Tibet Fund hosted the 2018 Let’s Talk in Tibetan! contest for young Tibetan children in North America. The competition was divided into two age categories: 6 to 12-years-old and 13 to 18-years-old. Over 115 students from all over the United States and Canada participated in the contest and showcased their speaking skills by recording videos of themselves having conversations with an adult in Tibetan language on various topics. Competition winners of the 6 to 12-year-old category were Tsekyi Tsultrim, New York, Dedan Choesom, New Jersey, Tenzin Deki Dumtsang, Chicago, and Dickey Sampho and Ngawang Tsering from Calgary, Canada. Winners of the 13 to 18-year-old category were Shiwa Yangzom, New Jersey, Gyabchoe Lhamo, Connecticut, Tenzin Choky Jamyang, Chicago, and Tenzin Tsedub Lodox and Paljor Namseling from Virginia. Partner organizations that helped recommend contestants were Seeds of Tibet, Tibetan Alliance of Chicago, Capital Area Tibetan Association, and Alberta Calgary Sunday School.

Tibetan Performing Arts Revitalization
The Tibet Fund continued supporting performance skills training, cultural events and facility improvements at the Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts (TIPA) in Dharamsala. TIPA’s curriculum committee finished developing a draft framework for a nine-year performing arts course curriculum, and 35 artist-trainees continued their pre-service training. In addition to regular classes, trainees took a month-long theater class to study the theory and practice of contemporary drama. Funded by USAID, activities were implemented in collaboration with the CTA Department of Religion and Culture.

Tibetan Arts and Culture Small Grants Fund
The Tibetan Arts and Culture Fund (TACF) in India was established in 2017 to strengthen Tibetan cultural resilience. TACF awards small grants up to $5,000 to individual artists and small cultural organizations. In 2018, 25 individual artists and small cultural organizations received awards. Grant recipients included the Norbulingka Institute, Tibetan Karma Gardi Traditional Art of Thangka Painting, Milarepa Preservation Association, Shalu Monastery, Dangla Riwo Association, two Tibetan culture associations, and five individual Tibetan artists and researchers. TACF is funded by USAID and implemented in collaboration with the CTA.
Summer Camps
The Tibet Fund provided a total of $32,000 grants to 18 Tibetan associations in the US and Canada to host Tibetan-themed summer camps. These camps provided an invaluable opportunity for 517 Tibetan children to learn, explore and participate in a variety of classes and activities that acquainted them with traditional Tibetan culture, language and Buddhism. Associations who received summer camp grants ranging from $1,000 to $2,500 included: Capital Area Tibetan Association in Washington, D.C., Northwest Tibetan Cultural Association, Tibetan Alliance of Chicago, Tibetan American Community of Connecticut, Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota, Tibetan Association of Alberta, Tibetan Association of Charlottesville, Tibetan Association of Colorado, Tibetan Association of Santa Fe, Tibetan Association of Vermont, Tibetan Association of Washington, Tibetan Canadian Cultural Centre Ontario, Utah Tibetan Association, Tibetan Association of Boston, Tibetan Association of Philadelphia, Ottawa Tibetan Community Association, Tibetan Association of Atlanta, and Wisconsin Tibetan Association.
Summer Tibetan Study Program for Tibetan youth in US and India
The Tibet Fund believes it is essential to provide opportunity for young Tibetans who were born and brought up in the West to learn and experience the culture, history, politics, religion and civilization of Tibet. Therefore, we organized Summer Tibetan Study Program in Ithaca, New York, in partnership with Namgyal Monastery Institute of Buddhist Studies in Ithaca from July 29 – August 11, 2018, and a five-week Summer Tibetan Study Program in Dharamsala in partnership with The Institute of Buddhist Dialectics. Participants enjoyed an academically and culturally enriching program and learned about Tibetan cultural heritage, tradition, Tibetan history and politics, contemplative practices, and cultural immersion incorporated by local field trips. All student participants expressed satisfaction with the overall program and said that their goals and expectations were met.

Tibetan Family Retreat Program
In collaboration with Do-ngak Kunphenling Tibetan Buddhist Center, The Tibet Fund organized a three-day family retreat for Tibetan families residing in North America from June 15-17, 2018 in Redding, Connecticut. Led by Geshe Lobsang Dhargyal, 17 Tibetan adults from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut learned about Tibetan Buddhism and engaged in different forms of meditations.

Support for Gongkar Choede Monastery
Gongkar Choede Monastery in India received $6,000 to convert unused land into an economically beneficial teak plantation by planting 1,000 teak tree saplings. An additional grant of $5,000 was provided to renovate the kitchen and dining facility benefitting 90 monks of the monastery.

General Support to Monastic Institutions
- Wade Luther and Tenzin Jigme from NATEX, Inc. provided grants of $10,000 to Gyudmed Tantric University Society, $23,611 to Kongpo Khangtser, and $8,000 to Lhagon Jangchup Choeling Monastery.
- Peterson provided a grant of $155,200 to Gaden Jangtse Norling College to construct new classrooms benefiting monk students.
- Karen Smith and Laurent Tschumy provided a grant of $2,646 to support Jamyang Choling Institute.
- The Institute of Tibetan Classics received a grant of $58,200 from Scully Peretsman.
Empowering Tibetan Refugee Communities

Empowering Tibetans to safeguard their culture depends on the sustainability of Tibetan communities in exile and the ability of Tibetan families to be financially self-sufficient. The Tibet Fund supports projects to improve the livelihoods of disadvantaged Tibetans through small enterprise development, vocational skills training, and agriculture development, while also meeting basic community needs for settlement housing, water security, and sanitation infrastructure.

Women Empowerment Initiatives

Several initiatives were undertaken to empower Tibetan women and girls in 2018. Federal funding from the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) and USAID supported gender sensitization workshops, women’s leadership training, menstrual health and hygiene promotion, and capacity building of the CTA’s Women Empowerment Desk (WED). Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Sexual and gender-based violence (GBV) committees were established in three PRM-supported schools and the Tibetan Refugee Reception Center. 14 gender focal persons from three schools and three settlements in Nepal received training and mentoring to raise awareness on GBV prevention and strengthen reporting mechanisms. WED organized two gender sensitization workshops for 37 CTA staff members and 41 college students, and vending machines were purchased and installed at Tibetan schools to supply biodegradable pads. Fight Back Nepal provided self-defense training to 27 Tibetan women in Nepal including 12 girl students. The Tibet Fund-supported organization Drokmo also undertook extensive work to promote awareness about menstrual health management and sexual and gender-based violence, and distributed 300 Menstrupedia comic books and 420 reusable cloth pads to Tibetan girls.
Drip Water Irrigation and Fruit Tree Plantation
The Tibet Fund provided support to the Geluk International Foundation in Mundgod settlement to initiate a pilot soil and water conservation initiative. By planting mango and coconut trees and installing an innovative drip irrigation system, the initiative began revitalizing the surrounding ecosystem. The fruit trees are also expected to provide economic benefits in the future.

Sanitation Facilities improvement at Sera Mey
Tsangpa Khangtsen at Sera Mey Monastery in South India received a grant of $3,000 from The Tibet Fund to renovate and build new sanitation facilities. Tsangpa Khangtsen is home to more than 170 monks.

Drainage System Renovation
Paonta Cholsum Tibetan Settlement received a grant of $2,880 to renovate the settlement’s drainage system. Located in the foothills of the Himalayas in the north Indian state of Himachal Pradesh, the settlement is home to 114 Tibetan families. When drainage wastewater flowed into nearby farms, the settlement office received complaints from the local Indian community. With the help of TTF’s grant, the settlement successfully renovated its drainage system, consequently restoring its residents’ peaceful coexistence with the local Indian population, and contributing to a healthy environment for all.

Renovation Support for Kham Kathok Tibetan Settlement
TTF provided a grant of $2,462 to Kham Kathok Tibetan Settlement that helped to renovate Kathok Monastery’s public toilets and prayer flag factory. Renovation of the prayer flag factory was completed and will now facilitate job opportunities for Tibetan residents in the settlement.

Tibetan Self-Reliance and Resilience Program
Implemented in partnership with the Central Tibetan Administration, the five-year, USAID-funded Tibetan Self Reliance and Resilience Program continued supporting initiatives to increase income and employment of Tibetans in India and Nepal. Microloans benefitted more than 1,500 Tibetan street vendors, who earn much of their income selling sweaters and other clothes in city markets across India. Each vendor received low-interest credit of 100,000 rupees for six months, enabling them to increase the amount and quality of their stock inventory, leading to higher sales and net income. Over 350 unemployed
youth received vocational training courses in hairdressing and beautician skills, cooking, web design, accounting, and hotel management. To increase farm income the program delivered training to over 200 farmers and supported organic crop cultivation in four settlements.

Flood Relief for Tibetan Refugees in Kullu Manali
Three Tibetan refugee settlements in Kullu Manali in North India were severely impacted by heavy rainfall in September 2018. Homes were flooded, forcing families to seek refuge in make-shift shelters. When a nearby river overflowed and broke the dam, landslides destroyed roads, drainage systems and farmland. The Tibet Fund provided a grant of $14,085 to the CTA’s Department of Home that provided relief to Tibetan families affected by the flooding, and helped rebuild infrastructure.

Construction of Retaining Wall at Minyak Khangsten
The Tibet Fund provided a grant of $7,760 to support the construction of a compound wall surrounding Minyak Khangsten at Sera Mey Monastery in South India. This wall is now providing a safe and secure place for young monks to study and grow up in Bylakuppe Tibetan Settlement. It was made possible by the generous contribution from Joe and Kathy Wood.

Support for Shalu Monastery
The Tibet Fund provided a grant of $2,208 to Tibetan Cholsum Industrial Society to install a solar water heater system and streetlights at Shalu Monastery. The support is benefiting 40 monks who reside and study at the monastery.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Initiatives
The Tibet Fund believes that providing access to safe water, adequate sanitation facilities and introducing effective hygiene behaviors not only reduces the risk of water-borne diseases but also improves overall community health and development. With the PRM funding, CTA’s Department of Home constructed public...
toilets and water storage facilities in various Tibetan settlements benefiting thousands of Tibetan refugees.

An overhead water tank, submersible pump and borewell were installed at Lugsam settlement in Bylakuppe. Over 700 residents of Miao Settlement now have access to clean drinking water from newly installed water treatment filters in three camps. A new water tank and water treatment filter began providing filtered and chlorinated water to 203 residents in Tenzingang settlement. A water tank with a capacity of 15,000 liters was constructed in Kollegal U camp. Residents of camps 4 and 10 in Norzinling settlement, Dhorpatan, benefitted from a new water pipeline and taps.

PRM funding also supported the construction of 10 toilets for 384 residents in Dickey Larsoe and Lugsam settlements in Bylakuppe. Over 2,161 residents of Kollegal settlement now have access to improved sanitation following construction of public toilets near community halls in 11 villages. Community toilets in Sataun and Sonada settlements were also renovated.

Teak Plantation Project
Gongkar Choede Monastery started a teak plantation project with support from the Tibet Fund Khera Tibetan Colony. Under the supervision of Dev Bhoomi Biotech Company 1000 teak saplings were planted. This project is expected to benefit monks of the monastery in the long term.

Other Support
Water Tower Building for Nyingtopling School: Liza Von Rosenstiel and Kahtoola for the People and friends of Nyingtobling provided a combined grant of $23,679 to Nyingtopling Tibetan school for disabled children in Dharamsala, India, to construct a new water tower and building with two new classrooms, water tanks, new plumbing and clean water.

Bylakuppe Old People Home
Bylakuppe Old People Home received a grant of $2,995 from Hillel Foundation of Cambridge for general support.

Mundgod Road Construction and Tibetan U.S. Resettlement Project
Wade Luther and Tenzin Jigme from NATEX, Inc. provided a grant of $20,000 to Reimagining Doeguling Tibetan Settlement to support the road construction project of Tibetan camp 8 in Mundgod, India. An additional grant of $2,700 was provided to create a documentary film on the Tibetan U.S. Resettlement Project, showcasing the immigration journey of Tibetans and their culture in the USA.

Cremation Shed Construction
Namaste Foundation provided a grant of $7,150 to support the construction of a cremation shed for funeral services at Sakya Tibetan Settlement in North India.

Reimagining Doeguling
Friends of Doeguling provided a grant of $5,000 to support the various initiatives undertaken by Reimagining Doeguling Tibetan Settlement in Mundgod.
Event Highlights 2018

Ninth Annual Gala
The Tibet Fund successfully held our 9th Annual Gala at Le Bernadin Prive in New York City on October 10th, 2018. As our main fundraising event to generate revenue for The Tibet Fund, the 2018 brought together approximately 150 friends and supporters of the Tibetan people and raised a total of around $436,636, including from ticket sales, the silent auction and live auction. We are deeply thankful to our major donors Dr. Kazuko Hillyer Tatsumura, Salesforce, Richard Blum, Barry Hershey, Nita Ing, Ann Down, Jonathan and Diana Rose, Melissa Sage, Mickey Lemle, Jessica Brackman and Olivia Hansen, as well as to all those who donated over 60 works of art and items for the silent auction.

83rd Birthday celebration of His Holiness the Dalai Lama
In commemoration of the 83rd birthday of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, The Gaia Holistic, The Tibet Fund and Orphans International Worldwide organized a birthday reception at Marriott Essex in New York on July 6th, 2018. Chef Eric Ripert, a renowned chef and philanthropist, and Chef Arvol Looking Horse, a legendary Native American, were honored with the “World Peace through Compassion Award.” President Lobsang Nyandak presented a message from His Holiness the Dalai Lama at the event. Representatives from six major religions including Native, Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Islam and Hindu conducted prayers for world peace at the dinner reception.
Conversation with His Holiness Sakya Trichen and Richard Gere
The Tibet Fund hosted “Wisdom and Compassion for Challenging Times: A Conversation with H.H. the Sakya Trichen and Richard Gere” at the Community Church of New York on April 20th, 2018. An overwhelming number of participants shared positive feedback about the event and spoke about how much they learned. The event was also live streamed on The Tibet Fund’s Facebook page, reaching more than 20,000 people online.

Convention of the World Parliament of Religion
President Lobsang Nyandak participated in the Convention of the Parliament of the World’s Religions held in Toronto in November, 2018. Mr. Nyandak presented a video message of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, conveyed His message on life-long commitment to promote religious harmony, human values, and universal responsibility to make this earth a better place to live for humanity, and emphasized the importance of the Dalai Lama institution. The Parliament of the World’s Religions was established to cultivate harmony among the different world religions and spiritual communities and foster their engagement to achieve a just, peaceful and sustainable world.

Tibetan Cultural Festival in Connecticut
Do Ngak Kunphening Tibetan Buddhist Center in Connecticut organized a Tibetan Cultural Festival on October 20th, 2018. The festival was an occasion to experience Tibetan culture by sampling Tibetan food, observing traditional Tibetan craftsmanship of wood carving and thangka painting, participating in a prayer flag ceremony and watching performances of traditional and contemporary Tibetan music and dance. Invited as the chief guest of the festival, President Lobsang Nyandak spoke on His Holiness the Dalai Lama and his Middle Way Policy.

Special Fundraising Event in California
The Tibet Fund held a special fundraising event in California on November 18th, 2018, to support and strengthen the capacity of Tibetan civil society organizations in India to increase their impact on local Tibetan communities. Initiated with the help of our board member Dr. Thupten Jinpa, and hosted by our former board member Tom Sargent, the event raised a total of $111,008. The event featured a compassion meditation led by Dr. Thupten Jinpa and traditional Tibetan songs and dances. Major donors, including Diane Brandenburg, Linda Lester, Dick Grace and Tom Nazario attended the event.
How Can You Help?

Get involved with The Tibet Fund to create a lasting impact on the survival of rich Tibetan cultural heritage and uplift a community of underprivileged Tibetans. Your gift and time will go towards life-changing programs that addresses greatest community needs in the field of education, health, elderly care, community empowerment, and cultural preservation.

Become a part of the long-term solution to sustain Tibetan culture and national identity! Learn about how you can make a difference.

For more information, please contact President at 212 213 5011 or at lnzayul@tibetfund.org

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