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Theosophical Society Hosts Dalai Lama; Event Benefits Scholarship Program

On July 18, 2011, His Holiness the Dalai Lama participated in a dialogue with interfaith leaders in a session entitled, *Building Bridges: Religious Leaders In Conversation*

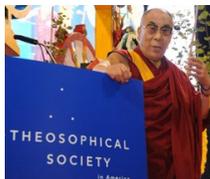


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With The Dalai Lama.

The Theosophical Society of America hosted the event in Chicago, it was attended by a sold-out crowd of 1500 people.

The Theosophical Society donated 100% of event proceeds to The Tibet Fund and The Dalai Lama Trust. The event received \$225,000 in cash contributions, and numerous in-kind contributions enabled organizers to reduce costs and produce an outstanding event.

His Holiness was received by Tim Boyd, President of The Theoso-

phical Society of America, Nina Schroeder, Executive Producer of the Visit Host Committee, leaders of the Tibetan Alliance of Chicago, and a representative of the Consulate of India in Chicago.

Rinchen Dharlo, President of The Tibet Fund, commented, "It was an honor for The Tibet Fund to



Robyn Brentano, Executive Director of Tibet Fund, Tim Boyd, Rinchen Dharlo and Lily Boyd. Photo © Theosophical Society

have been involved. The presentation of His Holiness' interfaith programs because of The Society's visionary approach to pro-

gramming, which brought communities of faith together in an innovative way, His Holiness's visit will have a deep and long-lasting impact on Chicago."

The gift to The Tibet Fund will be used for our Professional Scholarship Program. This will make a big difference to the exile community by helping offset a serious shortage of professionals in the community, particularly in healthcare. Many worthy young Tibetans cannot pursue professional degrees because they are orphans or their families barely subsist in the settlement economy and cannot afford the cost of professional degrees.

Through this generosity, we will help ensure there are qualified Tibetan professionals, and thereby promote the self-sufficiency of the exile community. [>Learn more about the Professional Scholarship Program.](#)

Gere Foundation and Tibet Fund Form Partnership

The Gere Foundation and The Tibet Fund will work together to address urgent healthcare needs of Tibetans. They will advance innovative solutions to long-standing healthcare issues faced by Tibetan refugees and impoverished Tibetans in Tibet.

The program will function under the *Ribur Rinpoche Fund*, an initiative established by Richard Gere in 1999 to provide access to quality care for thousands of members of the Tibetan Buddhist monastic community, whose institutions are devastated each time a monk or nun suffers a catastrophic illness

or accident. *The Rinpoche Fund* will be administered by The Tibet Fund, which will work closely with the Central Tibetan Administration to identify and address the exile community's urgent health care needs.

The first project is training by Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, which helped the CTA design and implement a Health Information System to significantly improve Tibetan refugee health care policies and programs and serve as a model for refugee health care around the world.

Four Stars Again!

The Tibet Fund again earned the maximum 4-stars from Charity Navigator. As stated in the award letter, this recognition is for "sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency." This "indicates your organization adheres to good governance and other best practices... and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way. Approximately a quarter of the charities we evaluate received our highest rating..."



New Tibetan Scholars, Program Update



We are pleased to welcome eight new participants in the Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP) in August 2011.

As of 2010, we enrolled 386 Tibetan students in master's degree and certificate programs in some of the best American universities and colleges. Alumni from the program have returned to India and Nepal to serve the exile community as

educators, health workers, business leaders, and officials in the CTA, including Prime Minister Lobsang Sangay.

This year we are incorporating a mentoring program into the TSP, which is funded by a grant from the US Department of State. The goal is to support participants



while they are in the US by linking them with professionals who can help them prepare for their return and eventual employment or, if they chose, to start a social venture that benefits the community.

The program will be based on best practices from similar programs and The Tibet Fund's network of academics and professionals will serve as mentors to the incoming students.

Second Tibetan Women's Leadership Training a Success

Article reprinted from Phayul.com
By Tendar Tsering

DHARAMSHALA, December 2: Tibetan Women's Association (TWA), the second largest NGO in the Tibetan exile community concluded its ten-day Advanced

Tibetan Women's Leadership Training (ATWLT) in the Indian capital New Delhi on Wednesday.

In a release, TWA said that the second in the series of ATWLT witnessed in depth

training and debate on topics such as personal effectiveness, time management, team building, goal setting, communication, media and

digital empowerment, and building leadership skills.

The trainings were led by Vicki Robinson from Canada, Lynda O Lepcha from Holistic Training Solutions, and TWA trainers.

"The ten day leadership training consisted of practical experiences such as participating in live programmes at the studios of one of India's leading news channels NDTV and visiting the Indian parliament to lobby Indian parliamentarians," said Dhardon Sharling, media officer of the organisation in the release yesterday.

28 Tibetan women from different back grounds, including journalists, students, organisational leaders, and social activists attended the training held from November

21 - 30 at the Tibetan Youth Hostel, Rohini.

The Tibet Fund would like to express its deep appreciation to The Shelley and Donald Rubin Foundation for their financial support of both the 2010 and 2011 Tibetan Women's Leadership Trainings.

Strategic Plan Launch

In 2011 The Tibet Fund celebrated its 30th anniversary while looking to the future by developing a new strategic plan.

We look forward to sharing the details of our strategies and plans as we plan for the future of the Tibetan people, and how together with you, we can best meet their needs.



Words of Wisdom from His Holiness the Dalai Lama

"Whether one believes in a religion or not, and whether one believes in rebirth or not, there isn't anyone who doesn't appreciate kindness and compassion."

Thank You!

We kindly thank these donors who gave a gift of \$1,000 or more from July 1 - November 30, 2011, and for the countless others who support our work.

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