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Words of Wisdom from His Holiness the Dalai Lama

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

The Tibet Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1981 under the guidance of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. The Tibet Fund is the primary funding organization for the health, education, refugee rehabilitation, cultural preservation, and economic development programs that enable Tibetans in exile and in their homeland to sustain their language, culture and national identity.



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The Tibet Fund Pays Tribute to Lodi Gyaltzen Gyari in Annual Gala

On Tuesday, October 2nd The Tibet Fund held its annual gala at Le Cirque, co-chaired by Richard Blum, Richard Gere, and Carey Lowell. The event was held in honor of Lodi Gyaltzen Gyari, former special envoy of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, to celebrate his four decades of service to the Tibetan people and his dedication to strengthening the relationship between the US and Tibet. Both Richard Gere, of the Gere Foundation, and House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi gave speeches at the gala in tribute to their longstanding friendship and collaboration with Lodi.

This year we were able to raise over \$226,000 at the event for the Tibet Fund’s education, health,

cultural preservation, and economic development programs.



World-renowned chef Eric Ripert hosted the dinner alongside prestigious chef Alan Ashkinaze, chef Laurent Manrique, chef Jeremy McMillan, chef Laurie Jon Moran, and chef Olivier Reginensi, all of whom donated their time to create an unforgettable meal in honor of

both Lodi Gyaltzen Gyari and the people of Tibet.

This was an incredible event that was made possible by our guests, the generous auction donors, Le Cirque and its staff, wine donors, The Newark Museum, GK Framing, chef Ripert and his colleagues. For more photos of the event visit us at www.facebook.com/tibetfund.



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USAID Awards US\$2mn Grant to the Tibetan Education Project (TEP)

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has awarded a 2-year grant to implement the Tibetan Education Project (TEP). This \$2 million project will be administered in association with the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), the Department of Education, the Snow Lion Foundation, and California State University/Fullerton to improve the quality of educational opportunities for Tibetan primary and secondary school students across settlements in India and Nepal.

USAID India Mission Director William Hammink said the U.S. government is committed to assisting Tibetan refugees in South

Asia. Both the Department of State and USAID support cultural preservation and sustainable development in Tibetan communities through numerous programs. He said, “Through the delivery of strategic educational programming, this project will produce significant gains in the educational outcomes of the Tibetan school system as a whole and will equip young Tibetans to succeed in the global economy while retaining their identity and culture.”

The Tibet Fund’s President Rinchen Dharlo added, “Education is a top priority for His Holiness, and this award from USAID allows the CTA and the Department of Education to address some of the most pressing educational and mentoring needs of Tibetan students seeking to compete in the global marketplace.” By placing emphasis on science and math, as well as addressing the issue of teacher training and retention by offering scholarships

and state-of-the-art resources for teachers in the Tibetan settlements in India and Nepal, we will be able to create a sustainable education policy that will have a lasting impact on future generations of students seeking a quality education. We cannot thank the U.S. government enough in making this possible. We look forward to implementing the TEP and strengthening educational resources for Tibetan students.

To enable a larger number of Tibetan students to access costly and competitive higher educational opportunities, the Tibet Fund will expand the Central Tibetan Administration’s college scholarship program and provide test preparation and coaching for secondary students. The project will also establish a counseling program for students and strengthen administration of Tibetan schools. For more information email development@tibetfund.org



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Tibetan Scholarship Program: New Students and Program Updates



We are pleased to welcome eight new participants to the Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP) to the US in August 2012. To date we have enrolled 398 students in master's degree and certificate programs in some of the best American universities and colleges. Program alumni have returned to India and Nepal to serve the exile community as educators, health workers, business leaders, and officials in the Central

Tibetan Administration (CTA), including Sikyong Dr. Lobsang Sangay.

The Tibet Fund is pleased to announce the opening of the 2014 Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP), a program funded by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, for eligible Tibetan refugees in Bhutan, India and Nepal. Applications are being accepted for two-

year master's degree programs in the US, pending the availability of funds. Since 1989, the program has been primarily funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by The Tibet Fund in collaboration with the CTA's Department of Education. For further information and applications please refer to our website, www.tibetfund.org.

The Professional Scholarship Program (PSP) for Tibetans

His Holiness the Dalai Lama considers the education of the upcoming generation of Tibetans to be the highest priority of the exile community. He has said that the future of the Tibetan people depends upon well-educated community leaders who safeguard the traditional values of Tibet while integrating the knowledge and skills to be gained in modern education. It is with this in mind that the Tibet Fund began the PSP in 2009.

The Professional Scholarship Program provides scholarships to Tibetan refugee students living in India, Nepal and Bhutan, who are working towards professional degrees in the fields of healthcare, engineering, science and commu-

nity development. The goal of the program is to enhance the human resources present within the Tibetan exile community. By helping young Tibetans to pursue professional degrees and serve their community, the program hopes to significantly impact the Tibetan people's welfare and long-term sustainability. The PSP will enable the Tibetan community in exile to become more self-sufficient and will contribute to the overall cohesiveness of the settlements, thereby contributing to the survival of Tibetan culture and identity.

The Tibet Fund currently has \$200,000 earmarked for the Professional Scholarship Program, which would be exhausted in five

years without additional support. In order to raise additional funds for the program, The Tibet Fund hopes to invest its current funds into an Indian time deposit Rupee account in Dharamsala, where the current interest rate stands at roughly 9.25%. If this account held \$400,000, the yearly interest from the combined funds would be enough to pay for the scholarship of 40 professional students per year. This would allow 400 students to complete their professional education in the next ten years without drawing money from the principle amount held in the account. Thus, with help from donors and the community, we are aiming to raise \$200,000 in order to continue the work of the PSP for the next ten years.

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Update on Healthcare

The Central Tibetan Administration's Department of Health (DOH) and The Tibet Fund continue to work together on building Health Information System (HIS), a database that allows the DoH to track the general health of Tibetans and allocate resources to communities in exile based on specific needs. HIS will be fully implemented in all 55 healthcare clinics in India and Nepal by late 2012.

In the meantime, DoH continues to improve upon the general health of the Tibetan community in exile through regular health education and awareness campaigns.

Staff training and development in various medical fields were carried out in Tibetan settlements in 2011-2012.

This included training on inclusive education, mental healthcare, rehabilitation, and women's health.

Key health programs for the DoH include: the Tuberculosis (TB) Control Program, the Malaria Control Program, a Mother and Child Health (MCH) Program, and an Oral Health Campaign.

The DoH launched TB REACH in collaboration with WHO and Stop TB Partnership, a one-year project aiming to improve TB detection among high-risk populations with limited access to services. In addition, a TB Conference and Workshop for doctors, nurses, and general health staff was organized in Dharamsala by Delek Hospital. The DoH also conducted its annual TB screening in selected Tibetan schools in India and Nepal.

The DoH has made a great effort to promote reproductive health through education. Centers in 11 Tibetan settlements hired gynecologists to present talks on Cervical Cancer, as well as to consult with women and provide cervical cancer screenings with Pap Tests. In July, the DoH organized a MCH Awareness Camp that focused on the importance of breastfeeding, antenatal care, and vaccinations for infant health. Dental camps were held in settlements providing oral health education, dental screening and emergency treatment to 350 Tibetans.

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