The Tibet Fund
Annual Report 2003
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the primary fund raising organization for the Tibetan people, the Tibet Fund continues to work hard to help improve the health, economic status and living conditions of thousands of Tibetans in exile. The Tibet Fund has provided funds for health and education programs, helped develop communities, build homes, community halls and schools, helped provide safe drinking water in Tibetan settlements and supported projects to promote and preserve Tibet's unique cultural and religious traditions.

None of our work would have been possible without the many generous donations from foundations and individual supporters, the unselfish dedication of our friends and major funding from the US State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration and the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs.

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

We look forward to updating you on the many exciting and crucial projects we are working on in the year 2004.

Sincerely,

Rinchen Dharlo, President

Tibet Fund
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The Tibet Fund is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping Tibetans and supporting and strengthening Tibetan communities in exile through programs in health, education, economic and community development. Since its founding in 1981, with the guidance of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the Tibet Fund has grown into the principle fund raising organization for the Tibetan people, both in exile and inside Tibet.

MISSION:

The Tibet Fund’s primary mission is the preservation of the distinct cultural, religious and national identity of the Tibetan people. It advances this mission by coordinating international assistance on behalf of the Tibetan people and the administration of grants for projects that:

• Support and strengthen the Tibetan refugee community in India and Nepal.
• Offer scholarships and cultural exchange programs to Tibetan students.
• Support health, education and small economic development projects inside Tibet.
• Foster the growth of other organizations designed to address the identified needs of the Tibetan people.

ACTIVITIES IN 2003:

1. Humanitarian Assistance Grant to Tibetan Refugees:

Since 1991, the Tibet Fund has administered the congressionally mandated Humanitarian Assistance (HA) grant awarded by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration. This grant aims to support and improve living conditions for Tibetans in exile in India and Nepal. The 2003 HA grant for $2 million was approved for the major areas of:

a) Assistance to new refugees $750,000
b) Health care $598,000
c) Education programs $616,000
d) Administrative & Audit Costs $36,000

Total: $2,000,000

In 2003, $750,000 from the HA grant supported three reception centers for new refugees from Tibet at the strategic locations of Kathmandu, Delhi and Dharamsala. The Centers provide new refugees with first aid, emergency medical attention, counseling, immunizations, food and shelter for a few days to rest and recuperate, and arrange for their rehabilitation in Tibetan settlements in India. Young children are usually sent to the Tibetan Children’s Village, monks and nuns are sent to monasteries according to their choice of religious tradition, and young adults are sent to the Transit School.

b) Health Care:

An amount of $598,000 from the HA grant was provided for the Department of Health in Dharamsala to support health services for Tibetans in exile. Services include provision of TB screening, prevention and care, maternal and child health services, immunizations, provision of essential drugs, and in some cases, provision of cash to medical facilities in the settlements to purchase essential medication, such as penicillin, and other supplies.

c) Education:

Another amount of $616,000 from the HA grant was provided for educational program support to the Department of Education, the Tibetan Children’s Village in Dharamsala and the Tibetan Homes Foundation at Mussoorie for the education of Tibetan children.

HA funding also goes to support two schools designated for new refugees, the Tibetan Children’s Village in Bir and the Transit School at Sogar. Apart from providing education towards durable livelihood skills, these two schools serve as an extension of the reception centers. Together, they have produced over 3,000 graduates in the past five years.
2. THE FULBRIGHT/TIBETAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

Since September 1988, an annual scholarship grant from the US State Department’s Fulbright Program has enabled the Tibet Fund to bring nearly 300 Tibetan students and professionals to the United States to receive higher education. Tibetan Fulbright students have attended some of America’s best educational institutions, including Columbia, Harvard, Yale, Brandeis, Boston University and the University of California at Berkeley.

In 2003, the grant supported 10 second-year students who had arrived in 2002 and began supporting the 15 new students who arrived in August 2003.

The cost for supporting 15 new first-year students and 10 second-year students is around $780,000, so the Tibet Fund has to raise approximately $280,000 more each year to supplement the State Department’s annual grant of $500,000.

3. THE TIBETAN SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM:

The Tibetan Sponsorship Program was initiated in the U.S. to seek sponsorships for students and for Buddhist monks and nuns in refugee settlements. With the help of the dedicated volunteer work of people like Mr. Steve Drago, the Tibet Fund has been able to provide funding to the Department of Education, the Tibetan Children’s Village and the Tibetan Homes Foundation for the sponsorship of a large number of students each year.

In 2003, the Tibet Fund raised a total of $232,834.72 including $156,411 for Tibetan students and $76,423.72 for the sponsorship of monks and nuns in monasteries throughout India.

4. THE BLUE BOOK PROJECT:

The Tibetan Solidarity Alliance Blue Book project was initiated in 1997 to solicit annual contribution from individuals who each receive a The Blue Book. This project was patterned after the Tibetan Freedom Movement Green Book which facilitates annual giving by Tibetans to support the work of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA). The annual contributions of Blue Book Project participants are recorded in their books and funds raised are sent directly to the CTA to use at their discretion for their most important projects.

The Blue Book Project raised a total of $26,057 for the year 2003, and we transferred the entire amount to His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s Charitable Trust in India. Since the inception of the project, the Blue Book has raised and transferred a total of $216,191.45 to India.

5. ASSISTANCE FOR TIBETAN COMMUNITIES IN EXILE:

In 2003, the Tibet Fund provided funding to support the following community development and income generation projects in India, Nepal and Bhutan:

a) Tsering Elders Home, Kathmandu, Nepal:

The Tsering Elders Home in Kathmandu was built to provide a home for 50 of the increasing number of Tibetan elders who have no family to care for them. His Holiness the Dalai Lama provided the seed money to purchase the land for the home, and the Tibet Fund has raised the funds, including $85,000 from the Flora Family Foundation, for construction of the buildings. The Snow Lion Foundation and the Tibetan Welfare Office, Kathmandu managed the funds and supervised the construction.

In Nepal, Mr. Wangchuk Tsering, members of the Tibetan People’s Deputies, Chairman and Secretary of the Snow Lion Foundation, Ven. Drubthob Rinpoche, members of the Tibetan local assembly, heads of various Tibetan institutions, community representatives, over 200 guests and the Tibet Fund’s President, Mr. Rinchen Dharlo attended the inauguration.

The Tibet Fund recently received a request from the Department of Home in Dharamsala for an additional $30,407 to cover the cost of clothing, food and bedding for the residents, as well as salary and housing costs for 6 staff and transportation costs to bring senior Tibetans from remote areas of Nepal to Kathmandu.
b) Drought relief for two Tibetan Settlements in India:

A devastating drought hit two Tibetan agricultural settlements in Hunsur and Bylakuppe, in South India. The drought destroyed most of the crops, undermining the livelihood of the farmers and burdening them with potentially unbearable debt. Over 4,500 Tibetans were affected.

The Central Tibetan Relief Committee formulated a relief package of $260,640 (Rs.11,728,831) to provide subsistence living assistance to the poorest families and help the affected farmers repay loans and obtain resources for next year's crops. The Tibet Fund set up a special relief fund and donated $10,000 towards the drought relief.

c) Purchase of a vehicle for Sonamling Tibetan Refugee Settlement, Ladakh, India

The Sonamling and the Changthang Tibetan settlements are located in a remote part of Ladakh, India. The two settlements are far from each other and no public transportation is available. This created great difficulty for the settlement officer, based at Sonamling in Leh, to make the necessary visits to the Changthang settlement to monitor activities and conduct official duties. The settlement officer urgently needed a reliable means of transportation and made an application to the Tibet Fund for assistance to purchase a reliable vehicle. The Tibet Fund granted $10,124 towards the total cost of $11,896 to purchase a Gypsy Euro Soft from Delhi. The balance of the cost was borne by the settlement Cooperative Society.

d) Construction of a Guest House at Tezu Tibetan Refugee Settlement

The Tezu Settlement in the northeastern Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh falls within the Government of India's restricted and protected area. Travel to this area is restricted and the settlement is isolated. Most families earn their living farming small pieces of land, but this does not provide sufficient income even for basic living.

Since there are no accommodations where visitors can stay in the area, local residents decided a guest house would provide appropriate accommodations for visitors as well as be a source of supplemental income for the settlement.

Upon a request from the CTA, the Tibet Fund provided $8,785 towards the total cost of the construction of a guest house at the Tezu settlement.

e) Bhutan Housing

Approximately 1,450 Tibetan refugees reside in seven settlements located across Bhutan. Most of these settlements have a small monastery, a primary school and a small health clinic. Many of the Tibetan refugees in Bhutan are very poor, and they still live in the dilapidated makeshift housing of the 1960s. During the rainy season, leakage from the roofs is a major problem.

In response to a request for assistance from the Central Tibetan Administration, the Tibet Fund provided $22,260 to replace the roofs of 90 old houses belonging to the poorest families in seven Tibetan settlements in Bhutan.

f) Provision shop at Pondo Tibetan Refugee camp

The Tashiling settlement, Himachal Pradesh, has approximately 230 residents comprising 38 families. The settlement has no stores and residents must travel 15 km away to the nearest market to shop for their daily requirements. Since many of the residents are elderly, there are serious safety concerns when they walk to the market along the highway. To make life safer and easier for the residents and also to generate additional income, the settlement proposed to build and operate a store within the settlement. The Tibet Fund provided $6,843 towards the cost of constructing a store in the settlement.

g) Training for Cooperative Accountants

Most of the 54 Tibetan settlements have cooperatives to assist them in their economic development and also to earn revenues. These cooperatives operate various enterprises such as carpet weaving, handicraft centres, flour mills, animal husbandry, tractor workshop and transportation, and provision stores to meet the needs of the settlers and to provide them with supplementary income. They also supply the farmers with inputs such as fertilizers and seeds purchased in bulk from the dealers, and they assist farmers in marketing their agricultural products.

Since the cooperatives play a pivotal role in the sustainable development of the settlements, the necessity and benefits
of a strong cooperative management are obvious. The CTA has therefore decided to provide regular training to cooperative staff on financial and operational management and accounting training.

The CTA proposed to provide training to 50 accountants and section accountants of 14 major cooperative societies in two batches of 25 participants each. The Tibet Fund provided $5,519 towards this training.

h) Ngoenga School for Tibetan Handicapped Children, Dehradun, India:

Opened in March 2000 with seed money donated by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, this is the first school of its kind for disabled Tibetan children. Through the generosity of our donors, the Tibet Fund has helped build covered footpaths to make it easier for wheelchair bound students to move around the school.

Additional funding of $28,553 was also provided for the construction of staff quarters and a dining hall, which is now completed. The Department of Health, which bears responsibility for this school, is seeking support for the operation and maintenance of the Ngoenga School. In addition to this we are helping to find individual sponsors to support the children of this school.

i) Assembly Hall

Sakya Tibetan Settlement of Purwala is located in Sirmour District of Himachal Pradesh state and has a total population of 1100 people. Besides small farming where they grow wheat and soybean, most of the people in this settlement depend on winter garment selling for their livelihoods.

The settlement's Local Assembly, started in 1992, is considered a very important institution in the Charter for promoting grassroots democracy in the Tibetan community.

The Local Assembly does not have any office. The Sakya Dolma Phodrang, Sakya monastery and Sakya College have donated Rs.171,000 for this project. However the settlement still needed to raise an additional amount of Rs.80,000 to complete the project. Upon a request from the CTA, the Tibet Fund provided $1,766 towards the total cost of the construction of the Assembly Hall.

j) Safe Drinking Water for TWA Old People's Home, Kathmandu:

The Tibet Fund received a funding request for $5,360 from the Regional Tibetan Women's Association of Kathmandu to construct a water storage tank for the Old People's Home at Swayambu, Kathmandu. The Home has about 80 elder residents and an acute shortage of drinking water. We have raised and transferred a total of $5,299.28 to support this project.

k) Bus Stand:

Near the Sakya Tibetan Settlement of Purwala, there is bus halting place for the Tibetan settlers and 1700 Indians from three villages to board buses running to Paonta Sahib and Dehradun. This bus station is just an open space with no facility whatsoever. Those who have to board buses face difficulties especially during hot summers and long rainy seasons. The Settlement officer therefore proposed to construct a small bus station with a roof.

Upon a request from the Department of Home, the Tibet Fund provided $880 towards the construction of this small bus station.

l) Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts (TIPA) Videos of Tibetan Operas and Songs

The Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts (TIPA) was established in 1960 to preserve Tibet's rich culture and performing arts. Since then, TIPA has grown into a respected professional artistic group that brings traditional performances to Tibetan communities and many international countries.

In order to preserve traditional Tibetan songs and dances, TIPA proposes to establish a multimedia section to film traditional operas, new opera compositions, and other works in video form while the few original opera masters are still alive. The videos would also make it easier to show TIPA's works worldwide and in remote Tibetan settlements in India, Bhutan, and Nepal. TIPA also wants to make video films on new songs and dances researched by their artists for distributing in schools. The Tibet Fund raised and provided $23,000 to TIPA to establish a new multimedia section.

m) Ani Pachen Library

ANI PACHEN was a Tibetan nun, legendary for her leadership in resistance to the Chinese occupation of Tibet and for her
subsequent 21 years in prison. In 2000, she came to the United States for the publication of her life’s story, *Sorrow Mountain: The Remarkable Story of a Tibetan Warrior Nun*.

Since Ani Pachen's death two years ago, a small group of people came up with the idea of building an Ani Pachen library and education center in a nunnery in Nepal. They asked the Tibet Fund to receive the proceeds from the book, *Sorrow Mountain*, for the library. Tibet Fund has received $2,003.97 in royalties from the book on behalf of the library which will be housed at Kyirong Thukche Choling Nunnery in Kathmandu, Nepal. In addition to this we have also received donations from individuals and transferred a total of $10,603.97 for the construction of the library and four classrooms for the women students of Thukje Choling Nunnery School.

- Emergency Relief Assistance to fire victims in Thimpu, Bhutan. $3,000
- Towards supporting a conference on democracy and the right of self-determination organized by The Dalai Lama Foundation & Committee of 100 for Tibet. $2,500
- Towards maintenance cost of Gutso Hospital in Tibet funded by Wisdom's Goldenrod Ltd. $600
- Airfare for one student selected to join Berea College in August 2003. $900
- Assistance for 8 participants for attending a Tibet conference. $10,000
- Towards supporting the photograph holdings of the Tibet House Museum $7,600

6. OTHER MISCELLANEOUS FUNDING:

- Construction of Drinking Water tank at Camp #3, Orissa Tibetan Refugee Settlement, India and other related projects of the Department of Home, Dharamsala funded by Clear Water Project. $7,000
- Support to carry out the work of The Dalai Lama Foundation, California for promoting His Holiness’s idea for peace. $5,000

7. A PHOTO BOOK ON TIBETAN BUDDHIST LIFE:

In association with The Tibet Fund, D.K. Publishing brought out the picture book *Tibetan Buddhist Life* with approximately 200 photographs taken by author Don Farber. We believe this book will not only help generate interest in the Tibetan religion and culture, but it will also serve to inform readers about the Tibetan people.

8. PROJECTS INSIDE TIBET:

The Tibet Fund has provided assistance in the areas of education, health, and economic development in Tibet through the Khawachen Assistance Program (KAP). Below are some of KAP's projects in 2003:

a) Scholarship Program in the USA

Starting in 1997, KAP received annual funding from the US State Department to bring students and professionals from the US from Tibet. In the past six years KAP brought 48 individuals from Tibet to study English, learn computer skills and conduct research in the USA. Since KAP did not receive funding for this program in 2003, we were unable to bring any new students to the USA this year.

b) English Language and Computer Training Programs

There is great interest in learning English among Tibetans in Tibet and China. Some study English in order to qualify for higher studies such as Ph.D. programs, some to teach English in secondary schools and others to improve their employment opportunities. KAP supports English language training programs in 3 locations by providing $1,000 per student per year. To date, a total of 225 Tibetan students, professionals and officials, have either received training or are currently undergoing English language training in the three programs listed below.
b-1. Beijing English Language Program

This program was initiated in October 1999. Thus far, 80 students have received English language training at this program and this year the program has enrolled 20 new students from various parts of Tibet.

b-2. English Language-Cum-Computer Center at Dhartisdo

This program was established in 2001 using the Beijing program as a model. A total of 65 students has completed a one-year program of English language and computer skills training thus far. An additional 40 students are currently enrolled in this program.

b-3. Chengdu English Language Class

In 2003 KAP initiated a new English language class at the South West Minorities College in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province. Twenty students, all from TAR, enrolled in the class.

c) Orphanages

KAP supports two orphanages in Tibet.

c-1. Chushul Home

In 1999, KAP financed the building of the Chushul Home, an orphanage outside Lhasa, to provide a home for 24 children. Since its founding, KAP has provided $7,500 each year towards maintaining the orphanage and support of the children.

c-2. Poor Snow Land School in Golok:

This orphanage was founded by a Tibetan who returned to his hometown in Golok (Amdo) after studying English for a few years in India. Golok is in a remote area officially recognized as being one of the poorest areas in Tibet. There are 62 orphans in the school, 15 of whom are supported by KAP with a grant of $480 per child per year. The founder is in the process of adding a health clinic to the orphanage.

In addition to the above two orphanages, KAP provides partial support to Baimang Community Tibetan School and Lugang Community Tibetan School in Dechen prefecture in Tibet.

d) Health

In past years KAP has actively supported the Toelung Dechen Tibetan Medicine Factory and the Lhasa Eye Center.

In 2003, KAP provided a grant of $10,000 to establish a new health clinic in Pelpung, Tibet and another grant of $5,000 to an existing clinic in Narong, Tibet.

In the year 2003, KAP gave grants of $221,300, including support for nine students in the USA.

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The Tibet Fund would like to thank Dan Haig, Sasha Noble, Kunga Tsering and Louise Light for their tireless support and generosity in launching and redesigning our web site and providing on-going technical support to the Tibet Fund staff. We would also like to thank Molly Peckham for giving so much of her time in volunteering. Special thanks to Michael Edelstein and Miguel Ferry of Gillespie, Princeton, NJ for their continued assistance in designing and printing our brochures and other promotional materials at no cost.

For over a decade, the Tibet Fund has worked closely with our Central Tibetan Administration in Dharamsala to understand the priorities of the Tibetan Community. With the aid of the Tibet Fund, our people have built schools, homes for the elderly and other refugees in the settlements. The Tibet Fund has also enabled us to create programs essential to the preservation of our cultural heritage, the very seed of our civilization.

*His Holiness the Dalai Lama*

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The Tibet Fund's projects are wide ranging, with the ultimate goal of helping Tibetans become self-sufficient - this includes Tibetans living as refugees and those inside Tibet. Please help by supporting Tibet Fund and helping us continue with this important work.

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THE TIBET FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2003

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Liabilities and Net Assets

| Liabilities:                                |                   |                             |          |
| Accounts payable                           | $ 3,513           | $ -                         | $ 3,513  |

Net assets:

| Unrestricted                                | 1,822,714         | -                           | 1,822,714 |
| Temporarily restricted                      | -                 | 4,162,510                   | 4,162,510 |
| Total net assets                            | 1,822,714         | 4,162,510                   | 5,985,224 |

Total liabilities and net assets

| $ 1,826,227                                    | $ 4,162,510       | $ 5,988,737                 |          |
THE TIBET FUND

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the year ended December 31, 2003

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