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Nepalese Children's Education Fund



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About NCEF....

NCEF is a non-profit organization whose mission is to develop the potential of disadvantaged Nepalese children through education. Need-based scholarships are provided to deserving students who would otherwise be unable to attend school. Our social workers in Nepal meet regularly with the selected children and their parents to assist in each child's development. We dedicate our resources to each NCEF child until they complete high school (twelfth grade).

Pamphlet

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HIGHLIGHTS.....

Convenience for NCEF volunteers in Nepal NCEF coordinator manual

NCEF has traditionally relied on the Internet to disseminate information to its volunteers in different places in Nepal and also for volunteers to get in touch with the management team. One obvious disadvantage of this medium is the language barrier - our volunteers are more comfortable communicating in Nepali but they must read and write in English. Our expansion to far-away cities and villages has made us rethink our inter-organization communication. This year we made the area coordinator manual, a document describing all area coordinator responsibilities, available in Nepali.

Our volunteers meet the students once a month in the school or at their homes and fill out a student visit form. We have made this form available in Nepali as well. The area coordinators were given a choice of language for the form: English and Nepali. We printed the student visit forms for each student for the whole year and shipped them across the country to all the areas. Our efforts have paid off. The area coordinators feel more comfortable with their work and the direction the organization is taking.

Local support for NCEF volunteers

Access to a computer is imperative for volunteers working in Nepal, whether to communicate with the NCEF body in the U.S. or just to type documents. Lord Buddha Education Fund, a NGO working to educate masses about Information Technology, is offering corporate assistance by allowing NCEF interns to use its computers to perform organizational tasks. This is encouraging news for the volunteers who had difficulty accessing a computer and are thankful to the Lord Buddha Education Fund.

We would also like to thank Development Resources Mobilization Network (DRMN) for donating office space to NCEF from January-July 2005 free of cost. DRMN is a development-consulting firm based in Katmandu, and their generous contribution has been immensely beneficial to NCEF's efforts.

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Get To Know...

Pratikshya Shrestha

A second year BSW (Bachelor of Social Work) student at St. Xavier's College in Katmandu, Pratikshya Shrestha has found volunteering with NCEF quite fulfilling. "Being a trainee of this agency, I am having new experiences and gaining a lot of knowledge about the problems related to the education of children that are longing to study but are unable to afford it because of their family's poor economical conditions," Pratikshya states.

In her first year in BSW department, Pratikshya worked with street children by promoting health awareness and organizing entertainment programs for them. "I try my best to give the maximum possible benefit for those children who are in need."

This year, she has been volunteering with NCEF. She enjoys visiting children and encouraging them to be laborious in their studies. Volunteers like Pratikshya are indeed critical to NCEF's efforts to give unprivileged children in Nepal an opportunity to obtain a basic pre-requisite of any human being - an education.



Getting Involved...

Why?

- To make a lasting difference in the lives of children.
- To be a part of an exciting team of interesting and dedicated volunteers.
- To put your spare time, no matter how little, to good use.

How?

- **Join** our announcements list!
- Help fundraise money for NCEF scholarships.
- Help with the administrative aspects of NCEF.
- Take part in discussions to ensure NCEF is increasingly effective.
- Help expand NCEF to new areas in Nepal
- Become a field volunteer in Nepal.
- Help lead NCEF by running for a position on the Board or Executive Committee.

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