

# NCEF

Nepalese Children's Education Fund



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## Order 2006 Calendar

Please order your NCEF 2006 Calendar by sending an email to:

[calendar2006@nepalchildren.org](mailto:calendar2006@nepalchildren.org)

Along with pictures of our children, the 2006 calendar has both Nepali (B.S.) and English (A.D.) dates with all major international and national holidays.

**We appreciate your  
concern for our  
children! We look  
forward to your  
continuous support.**

**Happy New Year**

## 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).

## **Looking back on 2005**

With its establishment in 2002, NCEF has been helping develop the potentials of disadvantaged Nepalese children through education. In the year 2005, NCEF made great progress, developed new ideas and enhanced coordination and cooperation among invaluable volunteers to carry out its mission.

In 2005, we added two new regions: Mustang, a rural village in northern Nepal, and Patan, a historical city in the Katmandu Valley. Nine students from these regions have received scholarships. We also doubled our support in Nepalgunj, a major commercial city in the western part of Nepal, from five students in 2004 to ten students in 2005. We were also able to add students in Katmandu and Kavre, making the total number of students increase to 32.

With increasing numbers of students and new regions of operation, NCEF would have ceased to function without the help of generous volunteers. Now more than 27 volunteers in Nepal and the United States work behind the scenes, performing administrative tasks, coordinating regions in Nepal, visiting students, writing reports, raising funds, and providing valuable comments.

The year 2005 also produced great ideas that are proving useful in fulfilling NCEF's mission. In June 2005, NCEF started its monthly newsletter. The newsletter has allowed the organization to keep donors, supporters and volunteers updated and informed regarding NCEF activities. Similarly, to assist our fundraising efforts, NCEF is publishing 2006 calendar with pictures of our children (See the left column for information about ordering). The money raised from this effort will help NCEF support more and more deserving children in Nepal.

NCEF strives to continue its efforts for many years to come and hopes that NCEF can continue to progress in its capacity and effectiveness in 2006 and many years to come.

## **NCEF's New Year Funding Resolution**

In 2005, we set out to meet the fundraising goal of \$16,000. At this time, we have not sufficiently met this target. However, we have still made some progress, making \$9,500 thus far. Also, to ensure greater fiscal success, NCEF is has made some important changes.

The first major change is in regards to how we think about

## Making Donations:

### □ Online:

<http://www.nepalchildren.org/donation.html>

### □ Checks:

Make checks payable to:

Nepalese Children  
Education Fund or NCEF

Mailing address:

Nepalese Children's  
Education Fund  
P.O. Box 380061  
Cambridge, MA 02238-0061  
USA

## Questions?

Website:

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fundraising. Rather than just soliciting donations, we began to think of ways to keep our donors and friends in the fundraising loop. The solution came from Chhitij, who began to create a monthly newsletter noting important NCEF updates, which you see before you now.

The second change involves how we handle donation information. We moved our data to a database that was developed by Anurodh. The database allows for more detailed queries as well as a record of donor preferences - for instance, whether or not a donor wants to receive the newsletter.

The third change came in an attempt to allow for greater fiscal solvency. NCEF invested in a fundraising project in the hopes that the organization would not have to only rely on donors. NCEF created a calendar with photos of NCEF children, which will be available in first weeks of 2006. Although the jury is still out on the success of this project, NCEF is optimistic. Mr. Basudev Gnawali in Katmandu undertook the daunting task of personally visiting and photographing the children.

NCEF wants to continue making changes that will allow for the organization to become more successful. Please email us with your suggestions on our work. And if possible, please help us reach our fundraising goal for this is crucial to the survival of NCEF. We remain grateful for your continued support and look forward to a successful new year.

-Atul Pokharel, Fundraising Committee

## 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 scholarships.
- Help with 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.

