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*Our sewing room is serving as the temporary sleeping quarters during the construction on the House.*

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### **A Message from Beverly**

I am very pleased to announce House with Heart has been granted official 501(c)(3) status in the US. After almost nine years working under our fiscal sponsor, it is good to be able to now accept donations in our own name. All donations made through our website will now go automatically to our new account, and checks may now be made out to “House with Heart.” Our mailing address remains the same (see below).

Many thanks to **Jane Halperin**, our pro bono attorney, for all of her hard work on making this happen. We are pleased Jane will continue providing us with guidance as the Secretary for House with Heart. Thank you also to our board members, **Colleen Boland** (President), **Lisa Hartmann** (Treasurer), and **Fred Ripley**, for their work during this process and for seeing us through the development of a sound earthquake recovery plan. We are also very grateful to **Adam Thorburn** for helping set up our new accounting system and for making the transition from our fiscal sponsorship to operating on our own such a smooth one. He will continue to work with us as we make this transition, for which we are very thankful.

I have other good news to report. We have begun to repair and retrofit the House as part of our earthquake recovery plan. It’s been exhausting emptying the House, but we now have our temporary sleeping quarters set up in the sewing room, where we’ll be for the next three to four months. It’s quite a mish-mash of carpets and mattresses, but we hope this will keep us warm as we enter the colder months. There is a play area and a corner for the many clothes. The children have adjusted quite well. The main problem so far seems to be the mosquitoes – boy, do they like my sweet British blood!





*The hard working construction workers have removed the exterior plaster of the House, and are reinforcing the wall. Thank you to Delia Shumway of New Line Structures Inc for providing safety glasses and ongoing advice to our local engineer. Now if we could only get them to wear something other than flip flops.*

While the plaster is being chipped away on the bedrooms and the entire exterior, we are able to continue using the kitchen, dining and living rooms, as well as the downstairs bathroom for the next two weeks, which will bring us to the Dashain festival. The children were worried about this because Dashain is a very special day where they get blessings from the oldest female in the family (me) and the staff. Their new clothes are being made by **Devkala**, our sewing teacher who has free time now that the sewing classes have been put on hold until the House's construction is complete.

The office, training room and Learning Centre will be addressed in Phase II of the construction process in 2016. Many thanks to our Co-Manager **Hem Bahadur Rai** for overseeing our entire rebuilding project.

Our newest family member, two-year-old **Marsang** settled in very well but, unfortunately, recently broke her arm. I think her bones are weak because of poor nutrition in her first two years. We are working with **NAFA Nourishes**, a nutrition program of the Nepal Adoptive Family Association, to improve her condition.

I am returning to New York in November for three months with many new products made by the women in our training programs. Felt toys and silk clothing, along with other Nepali items will be available for sale at my shop, **A Repeat Performance**, and at the **Lower Eastside Girls Club Trade Fair** on Saturday, December 5. **Nicola Hayward** will be selling items in Morristown, NJ, and **Karen Mendes** in Vermont. We are grateful to them for their efforts; all of the money raised from the sale of these

items goes back to support our programs. See our [website](#) for details. If anyone from out of town would like to order anything, I will try to oblige – you can [contact me](#) directly.

We are short-staffed at present but coping. **Rajina Banepali**, our Co-manager is on three months maternity leave and **Preeti Aryal** is suffering from viral typhoid and recuperating with friends. The older children are helping, and we are all busy, but happy.

We greatly appreciate all of the support we have received so far, and hope that you will continue to support us in the future. Donations are going towards our recovery and outreach into the community, including the rebuilding of three schools. The people of Nepal are going to need our help for a long time, and we will be here to help them as much as we can, with your support.

With best wishes,  
Beverly



*The crafts made by the women in the training program make excellent holiday gifts. Here a woman puts finishing touches on felt houses, and Abhaya models some of the lamb purses.*

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