

Subject: This last year has been a good one

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Beverly Mummy leads the children in morning meditation.

Annual Report 2016

Dear friends,

House with Heart made significant progress in recovering from the devastating 2015 earthquakes this past year. I am so grateful to all of you who made this possible in many different ways. You made donations, you recommended us to your friends, you raised money for us, you sold our products at craft sales, you visited the house, and you volunteered your time and talents. Your generosity has deeply touched me.

This past year marks our first complete year operating independently as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and I'm pleased to submit our **first ever Annual Report** highlighting our 2016 accomplishments.

With gratitude,



Beverly Bronson
CEO & President



The house underwent extensive reconstruction & retrofitting to withstand any future earthquakes.

Facility Reconstruction Completed

In May 2016, one year after the earthquakes, the retrofitting of the house (a complicated and lengthy project) was completed, and the children and staff moved back in. The office, felt training room, and sewing room were also rebuilt. Other projects included a new well, water filtering system, and solar work. With the completion of the reconstruction project, all of our programs were restarted and operating at near capacity levels in 2016.



At year end, we had achieved 90% of our \$200,000 goal to build a second house. This new house will allow us to take in 10 new children and expand our programs. The building was designed by Prativa Maharjan, a female Nepal architect, providing a role model for our girls.

Building a Second House

People in Nepal continue the struggle to recover from the earthquakes. The work of House with Heart has never been more critical. With that in mind, we initiated a **Capital Campaign** to build a new multi-purpose house that will allow us to significantly increase our outreach to those in need. We raised over \$179,000 (90%) towards our goal of \$200,000 during 2016. Generous lead donors kicked off the campaign with a \$50,000 anonymous donation, and, most recently, the kind people at **ABS/DBG Group of Li & Fung** and the **Li & Fung Foundation** in Hong Kong donated over \$33,500. **Construction will begin early in 2017.**



The Tarkeshori School, located in a remote village high in the Himalaya Mountains, was rebuilt as part of the House with Heart School Rebuilding Program.

School Rebuilding Program

We completed the School Rebuilding Program that was initiated in 2015 as part of our earthquake response plan. **Four schools were rebuilt, and over 1,700 children returned to school.** Those schools completed in 2016 included a new building at the Tarkeshori Lower Secondary School in a small village high in the Himalayan district of Ramechhap serving 85 children. The **Wonder Life Academy**, also located in a remote mountain village, was rebuilt for a largely Dalit (the so-called untouchable caste) community.





The children in this family went back to school in the newly rebuilt Tarkeshori School, located in a remote village in the Himalayas.

The House with Heart Family

We welcomed six new family members this year bringing the total number of children living in the house to 23. They make up the second generation of children raised at House with Heart, and include:

- Two-year-old Marsang, an active little girl saved by her pregnant mother who died after tossing Marsang outside of their home just before it collapsed on her during the first earthquake.
- Sisters Dolma, aged 5, and Bhim Maya, 7.
- Ashta (shown right), 3, is a budding soccer star who also lost her mother in the earthquake, and is from a remote village.
- Sun Maya, 10, who was buried alive in the earthquake for five days, and her sister Pem Chhoij, 11.



Our older family members moved onto **new stages in life** as young adults last year. **Laxmi Banyia**, our eldest child (25), got married. Her new husband, whom she met at her school for the deaf and mute where he also attended, holds a secure government job. We supported **Kamala Lama**, who is in her fifth year of law school. **Benita Shrestha** played an important part as a staff member at the house, working with the younger children and helping in several of our programs. **Babu Shahi** applied himself to his hotel management studies while working toward becoming a professional musician.

Our Programs

The participants in the **Women's Training Program** were busy this past year learning new skills and producing beautiful crafts. We sold \$13,708 worth of their products with the revenues going directly back to programming. With the income they earn, the women can feed their children, send them to school, and pay for their medical needs – **moving them out of a life of poverty**. Ten women worked in our felt making program, and 30 women participated in our Sewing Training Program. Volunteers from abroad brought new ideas and shared their talents with the program participants.



SUCCESS STORY

Shuvadra Karki has been working in the felt making program for ten years. "It's because of our jobs at House with Heart that our children are going to college," said Shuvadra in Nepali speaking through an interpreter. Shuvadra's daughter Deepa was in her third year of a bachelor program. "I can pay for books, bus fare, tiffen [food], as well as the tuition out of my salary."

SUCCESS STORY

Bimala Niraula is also a longtime member of the feltmaking program. "We have met and worked with many different volunteers, and that has boosted our confidence," she said through an interpreter. "While working, we share our feelings, find out about each other, and learn many new things. We don't have to get permission from our husbands to spend a little money on ourselves." House with Heart also helped Bimala to get her



citizenship papers, which many women born in Nepal don't have because they are dependent upon male relatives to complete the process.



We continued work to improve our program results. Regular attendance by the students in our **Children's Learning Centre** was an issue, so we began to pay the families a small stipend (most of the mothers work in a nearby carpet factory) and to provide the children with nutritious snacks. As a result, attendance was up significantly, and the children were better able to concentrate with full stomachs. **This program prepares the children to enter a regular full-time school.**

In addition to educating the 22 children in our home, we also **funded the education for an additional 19 children and young adults** through our **Education Outreach Program**. This includes students of all ages, from those attending preschool to college professional programs.

Eleven girls attended our after-school **Rise Above** program for girls and young women aged 11-25 who are at high risk of dropping out of school because of pressure to earn an income for their families. Rise Above combats cultural forces that lead to early marriage, child labor, and human/sex trafficking by **keeping at-risk girls in school**, and also provides college tuition for participants.



Self-Sustainability

We continued to increase our independence as an organization by improving our ability to generate our own electricity, water, and food.

Our rice paddy and vegetable garden flourished in 2016. The produce nourished our children and many families in need. To protect our fields and improve security, we built a wall around the garden area this past year.

Gas and kerosene shortages continued in Nepal. To make sure we always have fuel for cooking, two staff members plus **Govinda Bogati** (who grew up in our house), attended a briquette making training to learn how to make these backup fuel sources from paper and leaves.

Who Made this Possible?

YOU-- our donors and volunteers made this happen.

DONORS

We are so grateful to our generous donors. [View the donors list on our website.](#)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (US)

Colleen Boland (chairperson), **Lisa Hartmann** (secretary), **Fred Ripley** (treasurer), and our newest member **Nicola Hayward**.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (NEPAL)

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SPECIAL THANKS

Noel Faulkner

NEPAL STAFF MEMBERS

Hem Bahadur Rai (manager), **Samista Thapa** (children supervisor), **Preity Aryal** (teacher), **Nabina Rana** (teacher), **Dev Kala** (teacher), **Binita Shrestha** (assistant caregiver), and **Bimala Poudel** (cook).

PROBONO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (administration & program)

Accounting: **Adam Thorburn**; **Eric Roth** and **Buddy Dikman** of **Bernard Dikman, CPA**
 Photography: **Scoop Anthony**
 Nursing and nutrition supplements: **Nepal Adoptive Family Association**
 Speech Therapy: **Helene Maguin**
 Interns: **Matt Singer**, **Dewi Tan**

EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY PROJECTS

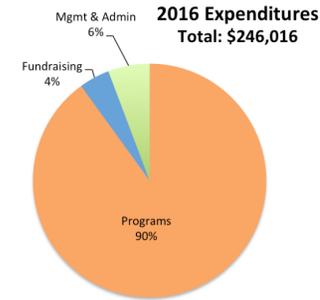
New Line Structures Inc, **Martin & Julia Loy**, **Delia Shumway** (structural engineering)
Rivka Orlin, **Queen of Falafel** and **Ilan Telmont**, **House of Yes** (new well and building reconstruction)
Walk for Nepal (School Rebuilding Program)
PYAR Foundation (water filtration)
Keith Gough and **Ronald Au**, **Global Tech China Limited** (solar equipment)

VOLUNTEERS, WOMEN'S TRAINING PROGRAM

Bonnie Chollet, **Nicola Hayward**, **Karen & Mark Mendes**, **Chris Redman**, **Elena Stonebraker**, **Cara Valentino**, and **Susan Young**.

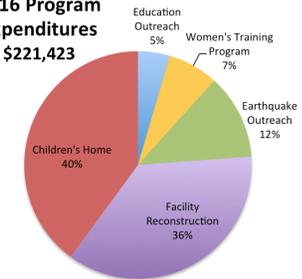
FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

Independent Schools Foundation Academy (Hong Kong), **Lower Eastside Girls Club**, **Aarti Shah**, **Tjasa & Aiden Whiteman**, **Gloria Wu**, and **Susan Young**.



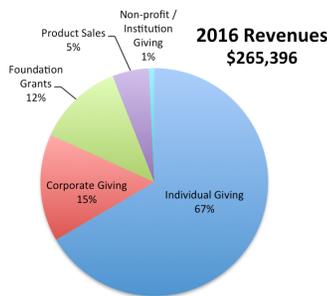
A total of 90% of expenditures went towards programming, and 10% went towards overhead (fundraising and management/administration). Revenues were up in 2016 due to donor response to our Capital Campaign. Expenditures were up due to ongoing earthquake recovery efforts.

2016 Program Expenditures \$221,423



This breaks down the programming expenditures by specific programs.

Financials



<u>REVENUES</u>	
Individual Giving	\$176,885
Corporate Giving	\$40,418
Foundation Grants	\$32,496
Product Sales	\$13,724
Non-profit/Institution Giving	\$2,072
TOTAL REVENUES	\$265,396
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Programs	\$221,423
Fundraising	\$10,417
Mgmt & Admin	\$14,176
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$246,016
SURPLUS	\$19,380

Here is how you can help.

Donate to the Capital Campaign or the General Fund online.

OR send a **check** made out to "House with Heart". **Our mailing address is:**
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 151 First Ave, #74
 New York, NY 10003

House with Heart (formerly Ghar Sita Mutu) is a home for abandoned children, an education center for impoverished women and children, and an outreach program for needy families in Kathmandu, Nepal.

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