



Detroit2Nepal Foundation Newsletter

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Gratitude. Since the first earthquake hit Nepal I have experienced every possible emotion, but the one that sticks with me is gratitude. Gratitude that there was no loss of life in our villages. Gratitude for the outpouring of support D2N received from the Detroit community. Gratitude to the sponsors and donors that made Over the Edge a reality. Gratitude to the 82 rappellers- young, old, terrified, seasoned, Nepalese and superhero that scaled down the First National Building. I thank you all.

- Richard



Yuba Jyoti Primary School, Dipsung. D2N purchased the land the school was constructed on. This is one of the schools being rebuilt.

Earthquake Relief Efforts

D2N is proud to announce our plans to rebuild nine schools in the villages of Dipsung, Sungdel and Rakha which were completely destroyed by the earthquake. This project will take three years and cost approximately \$300,000. Given the facts that the Nepalese government is overwhelmed by the destruction caused by the earthquake and our villages are quite remote/marginalized, it is highly unlikely that these schools would/could be rebuilt by the government and local communities without our help.

All students in these nine schools are currently studying in "temporary learning centers" and will continue to do so until permanent structures are built. All schools will be designed so they are "earthquake safe." This will hopefully prevent any destruction from future earthquakes. D2N will be funding this entire project and partnering with the dZi Foundation, who will be the implementing partner.

Over The Edge Detroit

This past May we hosted our first large-scale public fundraiser - Over the Edge Detroit. Working in partnership with Quicken Loans and Bedrock Real Estate Services we were able to not only introduce D2N's work to a whole new audience but raised in excess of \$100,000 for earthquake relief efforts, education and health programs in Nepal as well as funds to support Detroit students learning STEM subjects through DAPCEP (Detroit Area Pre-College



Engineering program). Through your support this event was a huge success and we are already gearing up for an even bigger turnout and response in, 2016. We are scheduled to hit the ropes again May 6-7 and this year are excited to partner with American Promise Schools, as the recipient of the Detroit portion of funds. For more information and updates visit:

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Art For Relief

In June Anya and Annika Chinnaiyan, ages 12 and 10, raised \$3,384 for D2N's earthquake relief efforts. Wanting to help after the earthquakes, Anya and Annika asked their friends, schoolmates and classmates at Tae Kwon Do to create pieces of art. These 120 pieces of art were then displayed and auctioned off at an evening reception at Midwest Tae Kwon Do in Plymouth. The evening was complete with musical entertainment and refreshments. At Anya and Annika's request, the funds will be used for girls' education and general needs.

Updates

- D2N's first school library was established this past spring in the village of Dipsung. Early reader books were also brought to the two established libraries the remote villages of Ainsulekharka and Bakachol.
- 78 girls and 3 boys continue to receive scholarships. Requests for 50 new scholarships for next year have been received.
- The Alex Graham Sub-Health Post in Rakha is more than 50% completed. Because it was built "earthquake safe," it withstood the earthquake without damage.
- 129 toilets of the Rakha Toilet Project have been completed with septic.
- Training of all nurse, midwife and female community health volunteers at the Dipsung Birthing Center took place this summer. The necessary equipment has been ordered.



Napalese children attend class in temporary learning center.
Photo courtesy of dZi Foundation.

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Donations of Stock

D2N can accept donations in the form of securities. As long as a stock has been held for at least a year, that stock can be donated to D2N. Donors receive a deduction of the appreciated amount of stock and avoid paying capital gains tax on the stock gains.

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