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Dear Friend of D2N:



We are entering our 15th year! Thank you for joining us in our journey!



Your ongoing generosity and support allows D2N to do amazing work in Detroit neighborhoods and in Khotang, Nepal. None of our accomplishments are possible without you!



D2N believes that partnerships greatly increase the impact of an organization. This is especially true of our partner organizations in Detroit, all of which focus on building community, particularly youth. Our colleagues provide unique resources which allow people to live life as they hope.



Black Leaders Detroit provides access to capital and Building Better Men, Detroit Outdoors and Figure Skating in Detroit provide opportunities and experiences for youth to be happy, healthy and productive members of their communities.

Partnership is also at the heart of our work in Nepal. On November 3, 2023 a powerful earthquake struck Western Nepal. Although the area is nowhere near Khotang, because of relationships, contacts and resources honed over the past 15 years, D2N was able to provide expeditious relief.

Collaborating with BlinkNow, D2N supplied necessary items to get through the winter - sanitation kits, tarps/tents, blankets and sleeping bags, winter clothing, food and medicine and transportation for the injured. Rebuilding schools are the priority for the future in the villages.

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A community contribution of resources is part of every D2N project. Milled trees and finished lumber were the community's contribution to the Janahit Primary School, one of the 12 schools rebuilt following the 2015 earthquake in Nepal.



The students of Jana Bikash Basic School are currently housed in a temporary learning center constructed by UNICEF.

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D2N's newest associate, Build up Nepal, has started construction of the first school to be rebuilt - Jana Bikash Basic School - located in Thuli Barkhu. The school serves 80 low-income students, ages 4-10, from 70 families in three communities.

The school will include five classrooms, one office, and a separate building housing three toilets. Build up Nepal uses Compressed Stabilized Earth Blocks (CSEB) interlocking bricks, a technology that is internationally recognized as both earthquake resistant and eco-friendly.

As with all D2N projects in Nepal, the local communities are significantly vested and provide some of the resource transport, labor, and supplies. We also work with a School Management Committee to ensure that the local community prioritizes and is invested in this project so it ultimately can oversee the operations of the school once construction is completed.

**A year ago D2N had no emergent need for additional funds, but I assured you we would ask when the need arises. I am now asking. With your generous support D2N will be able to complete the current school and look toward building more.**

With heartfelt gratitude,

Richard

