

Walk for Nepal Proposal
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Request Summary

House with Heart (HwH) requests funding from **Walk for Nepal** for our **School Rebuilding Project** to fund the reconstruction of schools damaged or destroyed in the 2015 earthquake in order to get as many children back to school as quickly as possible. We instituted this program to broaden the scope of our community impact as part of our earthquake recovery plan. We have committed to rebuilding three schools so far, and plan to raise more funds to rebuild others. Two of the construction projects (serving a total of 1,650 students) have been completed. We are seeking funding from Walk for Nepal for the third project, which is to rebuild the main building of the Tarkeshori Lower Secondary School that served 85 children in a remote village before it was destroyed in the earthquake.

We are very grateful for the generous support we have received from Walk for Nepal in the past three years.

House with Heart Organization Overview

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. House with Heart is a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization and its programs have been operating successfully for the past 15 years. Beverly Bronson is the founder of HwH and serves as its President and CEO. She oversees a staff of 17 in Nepal and a number of volunteers in the US.

Our Programs

Children's Home - HwH provides a warm and loving family atmosphere for up to 20 children by providing nutritious meals, education, enrichment activities and healthcare.

Women's Training Program – Women receive free training in craft making and literacy to provide them with skills to support their family. Approximately 80 women are trained per year.

Children's Learning Centre – The Centre provides free schooling and tutoring for children whose families cannot afford to send them to school. Our goal is to teach them basic literacy and provide a path towards attending a full-time school. Typically, the program runs with 10 children at a time aged 3-11.

Education Outreach Program – HwH pays for the tuition and school supplies/books for 23 impoverished children living in Kathmandu.

Rise Above – Rise Above is a holistic, multi-year program for girls and young women aged 11-25 that provides education and skills training leading to self-sufficiency and economic dependence, with the aim of keeping impoverished vulnerable girls from dropping out of school.

Family Outreach Program - We provide both emergency and non-emergency help to families in need, including emergency healthcare and basic necessities. Also as part of the outreach program, we funded a major renovation at the Shangrila School (900 students) in Kathmandu in 2013 and 2014 totalling \$10,500.

Current Situation

The recent massive earthquake and aftershocks have significantly damaged our facility and impacted our programming. Fortunately, none of the people we serve nor the children in our Home or our staff members were harmed in the earthquake. Our earthquake recovery plan includes has two immediate **priorities**:

- (1) **Rebuild our facility to ensure the safety of our children, staff, and program attendees, and to allow for the full resumption of programming.** We are beginning a combination of retrofitting, repair and new construction on our facility. We are working with a structural engineer from New York and an engineer and architect in Nepal to plan the project and make sure that all construction will withstand future earthquakes. Most of our programs have been restarted at a reduced level in makeshift quarters. The children in our Home and the staff have been living mainly in tents and a tin hut on the grounds of our facility.
- (2) **Put as many children back to school as possible through the School Rebuilding Project.** Schools all over Nepal have been heavily damaged or destroyed, impeding or stopping education altogether in many communities. It will take the government years to rebuild these buildings. As part of our outreach program and in order to make a broad community impact, we have implemented a School Rebuilding Project with funding from our earthquake recovery fund. We are choosing schools, in part, based upon our ability to oversee the project either directly or by a known and trusted partner to ensure funds are spent correctly. We have committed so far to rebuilding three schools, and plan to raise more funds to rebuild others. Two projects have already been completed so far. They include the Sharada School in Bhaktapur serving 1,200 students, where we funded a \$14,000 project to complete a partially finished building, which will serve 300 of the school's students. We also funded a new tin roof for \$1,880 for a school serving 450 students in the remote village of Barabheti, located in the hard-hit Nuwakot district. We are seeking funding for a third school from Walk for Nepal as outlined below in the Project Request Details.

Project Request Details

We are requesting funding from **Walk for Nepal** to rebuild the Tarkeshori Lower Secondary School building destroyed in the earthquake and also repair the one standing building as part of the HwH School Rebuilding Project. These are the details regarding the school:

- *Location:* Village of Simle (95 households), Ramecchap_District (V.D.C. Makadum). There are no other schools nearby.
- *Number of students served:* 85. Approximately 1/3 of the children attending the school are of the Dalit caste, one of the untouchable castes.
- *Classes served:* Kindergarten to Class 8.

The rebuilding project will include constructing a new school building measuring 14' x 83' with six classrooms. Emphasis will be placed on making the building earthquake proof. The project will also include making repairs to another building that is part of the school and is still standing after the earthquake. The project will be overseen by Suresh KC, who has been the House with Heart attorney for 10 years, and is also the Chairman of the Tarkeshori School's Management Committee. Suresh grew up in this small village.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal

Our goal is to provide children with an opportunity to move out of poverty through education.

Objectives

Our main objective of the School Rebuilding Project is to:

- get as many children back to school as possible by repairing and rebuilding school buildings damaged or destroyed in the earthquake in Nepal.

The objectives related to this specific request include:

- rebuild the demolished six-room school and repair the damaged, but still-standing school building for a total of \$14,300 by the end of January 2016.

WORK PLAN WITH DETAILED ACTIVITIES & TIMELINE

The work plan and timeline are as follows:

- Begin construction on the new school building and repair of the other building. October 15, 2015.
- Complete the construction of the new building and repair of the one standing classroom. January 15, 2016.

BUDGET

The budget for the project is as follows:

Materials and supplies:	\$7,550
Transporting material and supplies with porters (the bridge to the village has been destroyed):	\$1,950
Labor:	\$4,500
Repairs to building still standing:	<u>\$ 300</u>
TOTAL	\$14,300

ATTACHMENTS

Photo 1: demolished school building

Photo 2: still-standing school building that requires some repairs