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Words of Wisdom from His Holiness the Dalai Lama

“Whether one believes in a religion or not, and whether one believes in rebirth or not, there isn’t anyone who doesn’t appreciate kindness and compassion.”

The Tibet Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1981 under the guidance of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. The Tibet Fund is the primary funding organization for the health, education, refugee rehabilitation, cultural preservation and economic development programs that enable Tibetans in exile and in their homeland to sustain their language, culture and national identity.

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The Tibet Fund Helps the Theosophical Society with the Dalai Lama’s Visit

On July 17 and 18, 2011, His Holiness the Dalai Lama visited Chicago to give a public talk, *Bridging the Faith Divide* and to participate in *Building Bridges: Religious Leaders in Conversation with the Dalai Lama*. Both events were attended by sold-out audiences.

The Dalai Lama’s visit was hosted by the Theosophical Society of America (TSA). He was received by TSA’s President, Tim Boyd, Nina Schroeder, Executive Producer of the Visit Host Committee, leaders of the Tibetan Alliance of Chicago, and a representative of

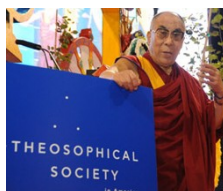


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the Consulate of India in Chicago.



Robyn Brentano, The Tibet Fund Executive Director (l) and Lily Boyd (r), join TSA President Tim Boyd as he presents the donation to The Tibet Fund President Rinchen Dharlo.

The Tibet Fund helped the TSA develop the interfaith program. As Rinchen Dharlo, Tibet Fund’s President, reflected, “It was an honor for The Tibet Fund to be involved. Due to The Society’s

visionary approach to programming, His Holiness’ programs brought communities of faith together in an innovative way. This visit will have a deep and long-lasting impact on Chicago.”

Major Gift to Support Scholarship Program

The TSA donated 100% of the proceeds from the Dalai Lama’s visit to The Tibet Fund and the Dalai Lama Trust. The gift of nearly \$250,000 to The Tibet Fund will support our Professional Scholarship Program (PSP).

We launched the PSP in 2008 to help overcome the serious shortage of well-trained professionals in the exile community, particularly in the medical and health care fields. Many worthy young Tibetans are unable to pursue costly professional degrees, either because they are orphans or their families are barely making ends meet in the settlement economy.

In 2010, The Tibet Fund provided \$21,015 to support 20 students in the health care fields. In 2011 we are expanding the program to include other professions such as engineering, science, architecture, business, and community development.

Students who receive more than \$3,000 in scholarship support are required to perform a minimum of two years of service in their community upon completion of their studies.

Gere Foundation and The Tibet Fund Form Partnership

The Gere Foundation and The Tibet Fund have formed a partnership to advance innovative solutions to urgent and long-standing health care issues faced by Tibetan refugees and impoverished Tibetans in Tibet.

The program will function under the Ribur Rinpoche Fund, an initiative established by Richard Gere in 1999 to provide access to quality care for thousands of members of the Tibetan Buddhist monastic community, whose institutions are devastated each time a monk or nun suffers a catastrophic illness or accident. The Ribur Rinpoche Fund

will be administered by The Tibet Fund, which will work closely with the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) to identify and address the health care needs of refugees.

The first project is training by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, which helped the CTA design and implement a Health Information System to significantly improve Tibetan refugee health care policies and programs and serve as a model for refugee health care around the world.

Four Stars Again!



The Tibet Fund again earned the maximum 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. As stated in the award letter, this “indicates your organization adheres to good governance... and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way. Approximately a quarter of the charities we evaluate received our highest rating...”

Tibetan Scholarship Program: New Students and Program Updates



We are pleased to welcome eight new participants in Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP) who arrived to the US in August 2011.

To date we have enrolled 394 students in master's degree and certificate programs in some of the best American universities and colleges. Program alumni have returned to India and Nepal to serve the exile community as educators, health workers, business leaders, and officials in the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), including Prime Minister Dr. Lob-sang Sangay.

The TSP is for eligible Tibetan refugees residing in India, Nepal and

Bhutan. Since 1989, the program has been primarily funded by the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and administered by The Tibet Fund in collaboration with the CTA Department of Education.

This year we are incorporating a mentoring program into the TSP. The goal is to support participants by linking them with professionals who can help them prepare for their return and eventual employment or, if they choose, to start a social venture that benefits the community. The Tibet Fund's network of academics and professionals will serve as mentors to the incoming students.

A new Student Selection Committee has been set up at Dharamsala

under the Chairmanship of Dr. Sangay, who is also the Minister for Education.



The Tibet Fund wishes to recognize and thank the former Student Selection Committee in India, which chose the scholars for the program in 2012 and was headed by Thupten Dorjee.

Update Gala 2012

The Tibet Fund and Chef Eric Ripert will once again host an extraordinary evening of fine dining and entertainment.

Chef Ripert and other great chefs will prepare their signature dishes to the delight of our guests, while items donated from artists and others will be offered in a silent auction. All proceeds will benefit the mission of The Tibet Fund.



The Tibet Fund thanks The Shelley and Donald Rubin Foundation for their financial support of the 2010 and 2011 Tibetan Women's Leadership Trainings.

Second Tibetan Women's Leadership Training a Success

By Tendar Tsering, Phayul.com
Dharamsala, December 2, 2011: Tibetan Women's Association (TWA), the second largest NGO in the Tibetan exile community concluded its ten-day Advanced Tibetan Women's Leadership Training (ATWLT) in the Indian capital New Delhi on Wednesday.

TWA said that the second in the series of ATWLT witnessed in-depth training and debate on topics such as personal effectiveness, time management, team building, goal setting, communication, media and digital empowerment, and building leadership skills.

Thank You!

We kindly thank these donors who gave a gift of \$1,000 or more from July 1 - December 31, 2011, and the countless others who support our work.

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