



## TRAS AGM ~ September 13

You are cordially invited to the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
of the Trans-Himalayan Aid Society:

**Tuesday, September 13, 2016 ~ commencing at 7pm**  
**1183 Melville Street ~ Vancouver, BC**

Please join TRAS directors for a tour of our new office space in the Vancouver  
Vantage Point offices (a not-for-profit leadership training centre).

There will be a brief presentation on the new BC Societies Act,  
and its effect on the TRAS constitution and bylaws.

Refreshments      Project presentations      Craft sales

Parking available on the street or in the parkade just east of the office –  
Melville Street runs one way from the east. Close to the Burrard Skytrain Station  
and to buses on Georgia and Burrard Streets. In case of difficulty, call 604 761 4078.

## Reports from the Field:

**A quick glimpse (more details in the Fall newsletter)**



**Good  
news  
from  
Sikkim!**



The greenhouse, which has long been a dream of Lama Paljor's, is finally a reality! This is the first greenhouse in the village of Phadamchen, hopefully the first of many! Congratulations to Lama Paljor for persevering in spite of sloping land, landslides, monsoons, an earthquake and scepticism. Vegetables will greatly improve the children's diet!

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## Excellent news from Dolakha, Nepal!

Remember you, our donors, contributed enough to build 188 toilets for the devastated villages at the epicentre of the second of last year's disastrous earthquakes in Nepal? Sara Shneiderman visited Dolakha in early June and sends this report:

"At the time I was there the first 40 toilets had been completed (with the exception of a few difficult cases that were getting resolved during my time there), and meetings were being held about how to allocate the second lot of 40 toilets.



*Photos by Sara Shneiderman in Suspa-Kshemawati VDC, Dolakha District, Nepal, May-Jun 2016*

"People were very pleased about the program and felt proud of their new toilets. Often these were the only part of their property that had been rebuilt by the time I visited, as people were still awaiting government subsidies to rebuild their homes, so the toilets were a source of pride and accomplishment in what has been a very difficult year for all."

## The TRAS Scholarship Fund extends its reach!

TRAS is delighted that the Voice of Children project in northern India and the Dekyiling Tibetan Settlement near Dehra Dun have both sent all the necessary paperwork to become partners with TRAS, supporting two university students a year from each place. We'll be sharing the new students' stories in an upcoming newsletter.

# TRAS

**Supporting health and education for  
children and youth in the Himalayas**

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