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TRAS Scholarship Fund (TSF) Annual Report 2023

I am very pleased to report that the TRAS Scholarship Fund (TSF) is thriving. This year the TSF is supporting 24 students, which is our maximum capacity. The current selection of 9 new students is truly inspiring. All but one student is entering the fields of sciences and nursing.

The **Rinchen Zangpo Society for Spiti Development** has 6 students in the TSF. Their 2 new selections are:

Ringzin Dolma is starting her studies in a BSc(non-medical). Both her parents work on the roads as seasonal labourers.

Tanzin Chhukit is in a BSc (medical) program. Her parents are tenants from a lower cast and have no regular job.

It is truly commendable that these students from very poor backgrounds are striving to succeed in the sciences.

Another Tibetan community, **Dekyiling**, has chosen 3 new candidates. Their full scholarship candidates for this year are:

Karma Wangmo is starting a 4yr B of Pharm degree. Tenzin Dase is pursuing a 3yr nursing (GNM) degree.

Ngwang Jangchup is replacing last year's candidate and is also starting a 3yr GNM degree. He will receive 2 years of funding for his nursing degree.

The 3 other students in the second and third years of their funding are also all in nursing programs! Tenzin Yangkyi "I am in the top tenth percentile in my (nursing) class". Such a hard worker!

Voice of Children (VOC) is the third partner of the Scholarship Fund based out of Almora, Uttarakhand in N.W. India. The 2 NGO's AMAN and VIMARSH each select 2 new candidates yearly.

AMAN has selected Bharti Pandey who is pursuing a post graduate diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication after completing an arts degree. Unfortunately, she experienced, along with her sister and mother, extreme domestic violence in the family. The scholarship provides funding for mental health support as well as her course expenses.

"Bharti's journey exemplifies her strength and resilience in the face of adversity."

The other 3 candidates selected, all in sciences: Rachi , BSc with a goal of becoming a teacher; Anvesha Bisht , a 4yr degree in Agricultural Sciences; and Alka Budhlakoti, GNM, 3 yr. nursing degree.

As it is clear in this report these bright students are embarking on careers that strive to make a positive impact on their families, communities, and society. After the pandemic the economic and societal impact has been harsh with often the students' families succumbing to Covid or losing their jobs.

It is thanks to YOUR support of the Scholarship Fund that these courageous students have survived adversity, excelled, and are now able to fulfill their dreams.

The Scholarship Fund needs YOUR support more than ever.

THANK YOU for supporting the Scholarship Fund!!

Lynn Beck
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