

NCEF

Nepalese Children's Education Fund



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About NCEF...

NCEF is a non-profit organization whose mission is to develop the potential of disadvantaged Nepalese children through education. Need-based scholarships are provided to deserving students who would otherwise be unable to attend school. Our social workers in Nepal meet regularly with the selected children and their parents to assist in each child's development. We dedicate our resources to each NCEF child until they complete high school (twelfth grade).

Pamphlet

Share information about NCEF with your friends with this [printable pamphlet](#). Thank you for your support!

HIGHLIGHTS...

Meeting of Students, Volunteers and Parents

On July 2nd 2005, volunteers, students and their parents of Nepalgunj gathered in Bageshowari Temple for a small, yet important, meeting.



With fifteen participants, the meeting focused on informing parents about their children's education status, the importance of nutrition and sanitation, and NCEF rules and regulations. The assembled group also made a decision to hold similar meetings in quarterly basis.

Apsara Khanal, one of the volunteers in Nepalgunj, stated the following: "Because of the meeting, our closeness with the students and their families has increased and a more comfortable and family-like environment has been created." She asserted that this event helped to provide awareness regarding the importance of education to parents, who were then in turn motivated to pass this knowledge to their children.

SLC Results: All NCEF Students Have Passed exam

All five NCEF students who took the SLC (School Leaving Certificate) exam this year have successfully opened up "the iron gate." In other words, students have passed the exam that signifies the completion of tenth grade.

Out of 216,303 Nepalese tenth graders who took the SLC exam this year, only 39% passed. Such a low passing rate indicates the level of difficulty of this exam. As such, it is great news that all five NCEF supported students passed this exam.

Making Donations:

□ Online:

<http://www.nepalchildren.org/donation.html>

□ Checks:

Make checks payable to:

Nepalese Children
Education Fund or NCEF

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Cambridge, MA 02238-0061
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Questions?

Website:

<http://www.nepalchildren.org/donation.html>

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SLC Results (continued)

The results clearly suggest that our deserving students' have worked hard to succeed academically. Relieved of the financial burden of attending school, the NCEF students have gained the opportunity to dream and work towards actuating their dreams. With your help, more deserving students will have the opportunity to be empowered by an education.

Newly Elected NCEF Board

July 15, 2005

The NCEF board of directors includes Omprakash Gnawali (chairman), Hesky Fisher (Treasurer), Susan Buchman (Clerk), Amrit R. Pant, John Perry, Atul Pokharel, Karen Leffingwell, Steven Kurt Lustig, Olivier Kamanda and Cecilia Hyun Jung Mo.

For more information about these appointees, please visit <http://www.nepalchildren.org/board>

Did You Know?

- Gross Enrollment Ratios (%) in pre-primary (kindergartens), primary (grades 1-5), secondary (grades 6-12), and post secondary (university) educations are 20%, 120%, 42% and 3% respectively.
- Pupil teacher ratio is 1:36 (headcounts).
- Only 48.8% of the adult population (15 years and older) and 70.35% of youth population (15 to 24 years) are literate.
- Only 14.9% of government funds go towards education.
- **Only US\$100 is required to put a student in Nepal through a year of school.**

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics

Getting Involved...

Why?

- To make a lasting difference in the lives of children.
- To be a part of an exciting team of interesting and dedicated volunteers.
- To put your spare time, no matter how little, to good use.

How?

- **Join** our announcements list!
- Help raise money for NCEF scholarships.
- Help with the administrative aspects of NCEF.
- Take part in discussions to ensure NCEF is increasingly effective.
- Help expand NCEF to new areas in Nepal
- Become a field volunteer in Nepal.
- Help lead NCEF by running for a position on the Board or Executive Committee.