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SEASON'S GREETINGS!

*Our children thank you for your support
that has created endless opportunities for them.*

Wishing you a season of joy and a year of wonderful new beginnings!



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Grade 8, Patan

NEPALESE CHILDREN'S EDUCATION FUND (NCEF)

In Memory of Ms. Mira Rana Michaud

Ms. Mira Rana Michaud, who unexpectedly passed away on December 27, 2005 at the age of 68, is remembered by her good friend as a woman that was “like a ray of sunshine.” To honor her deep love for children and for Nepal, Ms. Michaud’s family kindly requested family and friends to contribute to NCEF. Total contributions thus far exceed \$13,000, which is enough to provide 10 years of education for 13 children! On her second anniversary, we write this article in honor and remembrance of Ms. Michaud with sincere gratitude and respect.

Born in 1937 in Kathmandu, Nepal, Ms. Michaud moved to the United States at the age of 18 to pursue higher education. In just three and half years, she graduated *magna cum laude* from Georgetown University, majoring in languages. Besides her amazing ability to speak seven different languages, she had vast knowledge in world history, social studies, and anthropology.



After completing additional coursework, she started her teaching career for 15 years. She taught English in Frenchville then Social Studies to high school children in Madawaska, Maine. Yvette, one of her three daughters, remembers her mom’s deep love for teaching: “My mom provided many hours of guidance and instruction to all her students. She was well liked and popular with many students and faculty.” She was generous with her time and shared her Nepali culture with her students and challenged them to think beyond the borders of Maine. She also cared deeply about poverty and the lack of opportunities available to children living in Nepal.



Ms. Michaud also had profound impact on her own children. Sonya, the youngest daughter, remembers her caring mother: “I always thought that she did not know what it felt like to be the youngest in the family. Yet, after I had my daughter, I discovered that she really did understand how I felt. I know that she worried about us children a lot and that she always wanted the best for us. Her granddaughter Madyson reminds me of my mother a lot – she loves to look her best, wear beautiful clothes and is very strong willed and independent.” She further adds, “She was an excellent model of the modern American woman for her daughters and students in her classes.”

Aside from her commitment to children, Ms. Michaud possessed other passions. Bob, her husband of almost 50 years was her deepest passion. “Bob and Mira were a special couple. It was love at first sight,” says Tanya, her third daughter. “Those two were so in love and she looked absolutely lovely, radiant and exotic in her sari and long hair,” Tanya recalls a comment from one of their close college friends.



She was also a big fan of bridge. She played in local clubs in Maine and Arizona. She traveled nationally and internationally to play bridge at the tournament-level, attaining Silver Lifemaster status in 1998. “I think there was not a person in the bridge world that did not like Mira,” comments one of her friends. She also liked playing golf (in a women’s golf league in Arizona) and tennis, and enjoyed cross-country skiing, transcendental meditation, karate,

aerobics, line dancing and yoga. She loved traveling around the world with family and friends. She volunteered for many activities during her time in the Sun City retirement community in Arizona, and always found time to help others. According to one of Ms. Michaud’s good friends, “She was an incredible lady and so kind to everyone.” Her kindness will be



forever remembered by her dear husband Bob, her friends and her children – which not only include her own and those she taught in Maine, but, now, also those that she’s given the gift of education to in Nepal.

ABOUT NCEF

NCEF is a nonprofit 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).

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Ganga in Nepalgunj says, “It feels good to play and when I share my knowledge with my friends.”

Jyoti in Nepalgunj laughed as she told how she had to memorize body parts in her class.

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