



**KIDS IN KATHMANDU NEPAL**

*"a better life through education"*

## Annual Report and Accounts 2011-2012



**Kids in Kathmandu Nepal supports orphaned and underprivileged children in the Kalimati area of Kathmandu by providing facilities and activities that assist in advancing their education to improve their life chances**

**KIDS IN KATHMANDU NEPAL**  
**(A company limited by guarantee)**  
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**TO 30 JUNE 2012**

**Company Registration Number: 07517465**

**Charity Registration Number: 1142150**

# **Kids in Kathmandu Nepal**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012**

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**Trustees:**

- Janet Davies Chair
- Lai See Chew Founder/Director
- Shabir Musaji
- John Crowe
- Peter Downes (resigned 11/03/2012)
- Simon Kleinig (appointed 12/10/2011)

**Company Registration Number**

07517465

**Charity Registration Number**

1142150

**Registered Office**

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**Bankers**

HSBC Bank, 14 High Street, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 1BX

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
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The Trustees, who are also Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, submit their first annual report and the financial accounts for Kids in Kathmandu Nepal for the year ended 30 June 2012. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial accounts comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing documents and the provisions of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

## **STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE**

### **Organisational Structure**

Prior to Kids in Kathmandu Nepal's establishment as a charitable company, the Founder, Lai See Chew, had volunteered in Nepal following her retirement from the NHS. On her return to the UK in 2008, Ms Chew encouraged several friends to support individual children at the Saves Lives Foundation Orphanage in the Kalimati area of Kathmandu. Each year Ms Chew has returned to Kathmandu and the local Shree Neel Barahi School was also identified as needing financial support to improve the facilities and infrastructure of the school, thereby improving the life opportunities of its students. It was agreed that the best way forward, in order to appeal to a wider audience and to raise funds transparently within a 'legal' framework, was to establish a charitable company.

Kids in Kathmandu Nepal was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 02 February 2011 (company number 7517465) and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 27 May 2011(charity number 1142150). The charity is governed by its Articles of Association. Legal responsibility for the management of the charity is vested in the Board of Trustees.

The charity has no members, other than the Trustees. It has no ties with any other organisation. The Board of Trustees makes all strategic decisions.

Ms Chew acts as the Director of the charity and co-ordinates activities, including providing agendas and minutes of meetings, reporting to sponsors on the children they support and liaising with the orphanage and school that we support in Nepal. Bank transfers of funds to Nepal, as approved by the Trustees, require the authorisation of the Director and Chair.

The first Annual General Meeting, in accordance with the Articles of Association, will be held in November 2012, when children's sponsors and Friends of the charity will be invited to attend.

### **Staff**

Kids in Kathmandu Nepal charity does not employ any staff and has no premises costs. All its administrative duties and fund-raising efforts are carried out by the Trustees and by Friends of the charity.

### **Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

The Articles of Association provide that Trustees (Directors) are appointed for a period of four years, when they must retire, but can be re-appointed in accordance with the rules outlined in clause 31 of the Articles of Association. The minimum number of Trustees is three, with no maximum number. Trustees can be appointed at any general meeting, under the terms of the Articles of Association.

The original five Trustees were all sponsors of children that the charity supports. Since then, we have recruited a new Trustee from a wider pool, and will continue to look to recruit Trustees who complement the skills of those Trustees already appointed. We ask that potential new Trustees attend a Board meeting and meet with the other Trustees, before consideration of appointment.

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The Board of Trustees met every six weeks during the first year of operation, plus more frequent planning meetings were held for our first large fund-raising event to celebrate our first anniversary as a charity. From May 2012, we have reduced Board meetings to four times per year.

**Induction and Training of Trustees**

Before registration with the Charities Commission, all five original Trustees researched and discussed the guidance for Trustees from the Charity Commission's web-site. We have regularly referred to the guidance and to our Articles of Association during the year, and particularly when our new Trustee was appointed in November 2011.

For several years, the Chair has been a Trustee of a larger and long-established charitable company, and has been able to offer some practical guidance. The Chair attended a training course on the duties of a Trustee at the Directory of Social Change, in March 2012, after which more information was provided to fellow Trustees.

We have purchased several publications on running and growing a charity from the Directory of Social Change, to assist with Trustees duties.

As the charity provides for the needs of children, albeit in Nepal, we have developed a Child Protection Policy which is given to Trustees and all sponsors of individual children.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Summary of Objects**

The Articles of Association include two Objects:

- To relieve the poverty of orphaned and underprivileged children in Kathmandu Nepal by the provision of clothing, equipment and other goods for daily living; and
- To advance in life and relieve the needs of orphaned and underprivileged children in Kathmandu Nepal by providing support, facilities and activities which assist in advancing their education and developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

**Summary of the Main Activities Undertaken in Relation to these Objects**

In June 2012 the charity was sponsoring a total of 22 children. Eight sponsored children are cared for at the Save Lives Foundation Orphanage and the others are pupils from the Shree Neel Barahi School and other local schools. The orphanage and all the schools involved are in Kalimati, an impoverished area of Kathmandu where most of the families live below subsistence level. Nepal, as we know, is one of the poorest countries in the world. Not all the children we support are orphans, but those who are not orphans are often living in one-parent, destitute families. For sponsored children, the funding ensures that they have adequate summer and winter clothing, school uniforms and essential equipment for schooling, and pays for their school fees.

We also fund extra-curricular English classes at both the orphanage and the school, and extra-curricular karate classes and dancing classes at the school. These activities are for the benefit of any children attending Shree Neel Barahi School.

The majority of children whom we support are girls. During the past year, the Director has met with the Nepali Ambassador to the United Kingdom in London and with the British Ambassador to Nepal in Kathmandu. Both have highlighted a major problem of Nepali girls from poor families being sold and trafficked, often to circuses in India. We consider that by supporting our children their life chances are

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improved, they will have greater opportunities to go onto further education and acquire life skills for future employment. Thus families are less likely to 'sell' girls as a result of their poverty.

In addition, we have identified that the Shree Neel Barahi School, with some 700 pupils, aged 7 to 17 years, lacks essential equipment and facilities for modern-day schooling. The main deficiencies being few computers for an average class of 35 pupils, insufficient science equipment and poor facilities, a too small library, and very inadequate toilet facilities.

The host mother of the orphanage is our contact in Nepal, and all funds are transferred quarterly to the orphanage's account, for distribution as approved by the Trustees. In September each year, the Director visits Nepal, staying at the orphanage and visiting the school, to ensure that the transferred funds have been utilised as directed. She is also able to identify any matters of which the Trustees should be aware, including new children to be sponsored or additional requirements for funding at the orphanage or school.

The Trustees agreed that our first priority for fund-raising would be to provide the school with 28 new lap-top computers. When the Director visited the school in September 2011, the Trustees had approved the purchase of 4 computers. However, during the visit it became clear that the school was in greater need of a photocopier to enable the distribution of learning materials to students, as well as for printing examination papers. The Trustees approved, via electronic communication, that the funds initially identified for the purchase of the computers should be diverted to purchase a commercial-sized photocopier. Printing the termly examination papers was previously sourced externally, so use of the photocopier also provides a long-term cost-saving benefit to the school.

With further fund-raising efforts, as well as the photocopier, we have now provided a total of 5 lap-top computers for the school. We intend to raise funds for an additional 23 computers to enable the school to start IT class in the near future.

From other funds raised this year, the Trustees have approved the purchase of two lap-top computers for Save Lives Foundation Orphanage, together with nine new mattresses for the children's beds.

All equipment that we provide to the orphanage and school is clearly and indelibly marked with the charity's name.

*A case-study to illustrate our work in Nepal can be found as an appendix to this report.*

## **Summary of the Main Achievements during the Year**

### **Sponsored Children**

During the year we have increased the number of children we sponsor from 18 to 22. At present, all the sponsors for individual children are friends or acquaintances of the Trustees, who have been approached directly and agreed to provide regular funding for a named child. The sponsors receive reports on their sponsored child's progress at school. In accordance with our Child Protection Policy, any communication from a sponsor to a child must be vetted by the Director. While all duties are carried out on a voluntary basis, it is unlikely that we will have the administrative capacity to manage more than 25 sponsored children.

Once a year, the Director holds a Sponsors' Tea event on her return from her visit to Nepal. The main aim is to keep the on-going interest and commitment of the sponsors by sharing with them news and events in the children's lives. This is achieved through displays of photographs, video and personal letters from the children to their individual sponsors. It is always a very rewarding day.

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**Friends Scheme**

We launched a Friends scheme in July 2011. Friends are asked to make a regular annual donation of at least £25, or to give a one-off donation of at least £200 to become a Life Friend. All sponsors automatically become a Friend. We have fewer than 20 Friends, excluding sponsors. However, some of these Friends have given substantial donations.

**Fundraising Events**

During 2011/2012 our main vehicle for raising funds to support extra-curricular activities and to purchase goods for the Save Lives Foundation Orphanage and the Shree Neel Barahi School has been through fund-raising events organised by the Trustees and Friends. At some of the events we have sold Nepali goods brought back from Nepal by the Director. We consider that we have been more successful than anticipated in raising funds during the year. The key fund-raising events undertaken were as follows:

- *Summer Lunch – July 2011.* Sponsors and donors were invited to a lunch provided by the Director. We received donations of £445.
- *Sponsors' Tea – October 2011.* We raised £250 on the sale of Nepali craft goods.
- *Sponsored walk to London Premier League Football Clubs – September 2011.* One of our Trustees walked the 26 miles between the London Premier League Football clubs over two days and purchased a souvenir mug at each, which were sold at subsequent events. Sponsorship for the walk raised over £650
- *Sponsored Climb of Ben Nevis – September 2011.* A Friend, who subsequently became a Trustee, decided to make his planned climb of Ben Nevis into a sponsored event and raised £235
- *Chinese New Year Celebration – February 2012.* The Director held a Chinese New Year event, with delightful food and entertainments. More than 20 people attended and we received over £600 in donations.
- *Curry Evening – March 2012.* A Life Friend, who had recently visited India, hosted a curry evening for 20 guests. We raised more than £525 in donations and also gained another Life Friend.
- *Craft fair at St John's Church – March 2012.* A sponsor had a stall at a local church event. Trustees and Friends were asked to make donations of unwanted gifts. We sold goods to the value of £132
- *Charity Cricket Match – May 2012.* We celebrated our first anniversary as a charity with a charity cricket match hosted by Bromley Town Cricket Club. It was played against the Weekenders, a cricket team founded by actor Clive Swift, who personally sold copies of his CD to visitors and donated the proceeds to the charity. The Mayor of Bromley opened the event, which was played out on a gloriously sunny day.

We had set a target of £1000 for the day. Despite higher than anticipated equipment hire costs, and fewer attendees than we had expected, we made a very healthy profit of £844. In addition to the funds raised, the benefit of this event was the publicity of the charity to a new and wider audience. Particularly, two significant contacts were made with organisations that may assist future fund-raising activities, as described below.

A member of Bromley Town Cricket Club is involved with the charity 'Futures for Kids', based in the City of London, and which raises significant funds to donate to small charities that support children in the UK and abroad. They agreed to donate funds to bring the money we raised at the cricket event up to our target of £1,000. They have suggested that we bid to 'Futures for Kids' for more substantial funding.

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We approached Bromley Football Club, which is a neighbour of the cricket club, to take part in the cricket event. Barry Wicks, CEO, provided a rousing public address system on the day. He has since indicated that the charity can hold a 'bucket donation' collection at one of the league football matches during the 2012/13 season.

Since the cricket event, we have undertaken a detailed review of the preparations, administration and outcomes to assist with planning future fund-raising activities.

We would like to take this opportunity to give our sincere and grateful thanks all our sponsors, Friends, donors, and organisations who have contributed to our successful fund-raising activities during the charity's first year of operation. We particularly thank the following individuals and organisations:

- Barbara Scott
- Bromley Football Club
- Bromley Town Cricket Club
- Carol Schembri & Family
- Dalwir Josanjh
- Futures for Kids
- Nuffield Health Fitness & Wellbeing Centre, Bromley
- Peter Downes
- The Spa at Beckenham
- The Weekenders Cricket Club
- Yoong Eng Pam

**Web-site and Newsletter**

At the time the charity was being established, a donation from Community Solutions Management Services enabled us to fund the development of a web-site, which became operational in June 2011. We pay a fee for our web-site to be hosted and we have been fortunate to find a computer science graduate volunteer, who keeps the web-site updated.

We have received contact via our web-site from three university undergraduates who wish to volunteer at the Shree Neel Barahi School to teach basic computer skills. A group of Cambridge University students also made contact through our web-site and are hoping to travel to Kathmandu in September to teach drama and performing arts at the school.

One of our Trustees produced our first newsletter in March 2012, and this was distributed to a wide range of people to publicise our work to date and to advertise the charity cricket event.

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**OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2012-2013**

We aim to undertake the following activities in 2012-2013 to meet our charitable objectives:

1. *Trustees* – to seek at least one new Trustee to complement the skills of the current Board members
2. *Sponsors* - to maintain the current number of 22 individual sponsors, and to identify at least one more sponsor during the year
3. *Friends Scheme* – to more actively promote the Friends scheme with a view to gaining more regular donors
4. *Futures for Kids* – to make an application for funding for school computers from the Futures for Kids charity
5. *Fund-raising activities* – to organise a pre-Christmas live music gig and to identify a date with Bromley Football Club when we can undertake a 'bucket collection' during a league match. We are also considering asking the Bromley Town Cricket Club to host a charity rematch with the Weekenders in 2013
6. *Bromley Football Club* – to explore whether the club can assist with an initiative to set-up five-a-side football for girls and boys at the schools we support
7. *Technology* – to review and improve the content of our web-site, and to learn more about the use of social media in promoting the work of the charity
8. *Newsletter* – to investigate the development of an e-newsletter to distribute information more efficiently, and to develop a comprehensive data-base of contacts

We recognize that with only five volunteer Trustees we may have difficulty in fully achieving all our objectives, and our main aim is to maintain our income streams from sponsors, other donors and fund-raising events so that we can continue to meet our commitment to support and benefit the children at the Save Lives Foundation Orphanage and the Shree Neel Barahi School.

The Director will spend a month in Nepal in September 2012, working as a volunteer at the orphanage and undertaking business on behalf of the charity relating to both the orphanage and school. The Chair also plans to visit Nepal on an observation visit in September 2012.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Our total expenditure for the year was £9,667 and with an income of £16,314 we have a surplus of £6,647 for the year ended 30 June 2012. Please note that this covers a period of 17 months from February 2011, when the company was established. The Balance Sheet shows a sum of £6,507 carried forward, when fees of £140 due in 2012/13 are taken into account.

Funding for all activities is raised by donations, through our Friends scheme or from fund-raising events. Sponsors of individual children make payments of regular donations to support a named child.

**Policy on Reserves**

As a small charity, to date we have had no formal policy on reserves. We have operated on the basis that we will only spend in line with funds raised. However, as our fund-raising in the first year has brought in more funds than anticipated, we plan to take a Reserves Policy resolution to the Trustees' meeting to be held in August 2012, when we will ask the Board to approve a reserve of £750.

The rationale for this level of reserve is twofold. Should any three persons cease to be sponsors in the same period, a sum of £360 would cover on-going payments to benefit the three sponsored children for a six months' period. This would provide time to enable us to recruit new sponsors, or to plan an exit strategy for the sponsored children if no new sponsors can be found. If, at the same time, an emergency payment was required to benefit sponsored children there would be a maximum sum of £390 available to cover such a request.

**Funds Materially in Deficit**

We have no funds in deficit.

**Funds held as Custodian Trustee**

We hold no funds as Custodian Trustee.

**Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements**

The Trustees (Directors) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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As a smaller company, under the terms of the Companies Act 2006, the Trustees have not required the accounts to be audited.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 4 September 2012 and signed on their behalf by:



**Janet Davies**

**Chair**



**Lai See Chew**

**Director**

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	
		£	
		2012	
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Donations and grants	2.	12,983	
Fund-Raising Income	3.	3,331	
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>16,314</b>	
<b>Resources Expended</b>			
Charitable activities: supporting children at the Save Lives Foundation Orphanage and the Shree Neel Barahi School	4.	8,143	
Purchase of Nepali Goods		150	
Fees	5.	500	
Governance Costs		0	
Administration Costs	6.	449	
Fund-Raising Costs		425	
Reserve Fund		0	
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>9,667</b>	
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>		<b>6,647</b>	
<b>Other Gains and Losses</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>6,647</b>	

The notes found on pages 11 & 12 form part of this Statement of Financial Activities and of the Balance Sheet on the following page.

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BALANCE SHEET  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012**

	Notes	Total This Year	
		£	
		2012	
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Assets		0	
Investments		0	
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stock and work in progress		0	
Debtors	7.	2,216	
Cash at bank and in hand		4,431	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>6,647</b>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due this year</b>	8.	(140)	
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		0	
Liabilities and charges		0	
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>6,507</b>	
<b>Funds of the Charitable Company</b>			
Unrestricted funds	9.	6,507	
Designated funds		0	
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>6,507</b>	

**Audit Exemption Statement**

For the year ending 30 June 2012 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to smaller companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- the members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- the Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts,
- these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

*J. Davies*

**Janet Davies**  
Chair

*Lai See Chew*

**Lai See Chew**  
Director

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**1. Accounting Policies**

**1.1 Basis of preparation**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- and with Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act

**1.2 Change in basis of accounting**

These are the first annual accounts, covering the period from 03 February 2011 to 30 June 2012

**1.3 Changes to previous accounts**

Not applicable. See above

**1.4 Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources
- the Trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources. No grants have been received.

Gift Aid Tax reclaims are included to the value expected to be reclaimed from HMRC with regards to eligible donations received since registration with the Charity Commission on 27 May 2011.

The charity has no investments.

**1.5 Expenditure and liabilities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities for its beneficiaries.

Fund-raising costs are those costs incurred in setting-up events to attract income.

The charity has no governance costs, and fees for filing the accounts are included on the balance sheet under 'creditors'.

The charity has no fixed assets.

The only liabilities are fees due in 2012/13.

**2. Donations and Grants**

This is made up of the following:

	£
Sponsors' donations	6,275
Other donations	4,492
Gift Aid Reclaim	2,216
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,983</b>

No grants have been received in this accounting year.

**3. Fund-raising Income**

Fund-raising income includes income and donations from all events held during the accounting period. It also includes the sale of Nepali goods at these events.

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**4. Resources Expended on Charitable Activities**

Expenditure in relation to the Saves Lives Foundation Orphanage and the Shree Neel Barahi School is broken down as follows:

	£
Sponsored children	4,210
Goods and equipment	2,973
Extra-curricular activities	960
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,143</b>

**5. Fees**

Fees include payment for setting up the web-site, the annual fee for hosting the web-site, bank charges for transferring monies to Nepal, and filing at Companies House.

**6. Administration Costs**

These costs include postage, printing and stationery.

**7. Debtors**

The sum of £2,216 is the amount the charity expects to receive from HMRC when the Gift Aid claim is submitted.

**8. Creditors**

This takes account of the web-hosting fee, and the fee for filing the accounts at Companies House.

**9. Unrestricted Funds**

There are no restrictions on any of the expenditure of the income and donations received, provided such expenditure complies with the Objects of the charity.

**10. Company Status**

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The liability of the members in the event of winding up is limited to £10 each.

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**APPENDIX A**

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**A Sponsored Child's Story**

Rochana was 8 years of age when she was first sponsored by Kids in Kathmandu Nepal in 2010. She is a friendly child and very keen to study. She was attending a free school when she came to the charity's notice. At such schools English is not taught and the education is generally of poorer quality than schools where the payment of fees is required, and where English tuition is provided.

Rochana lives with her parents and her younger brother (whom we also sponsor) in a room no larger than 12x12 ft. It is a common feature for families from lower socio-economic groups to live, cook, eat and sleep in one rented room, regardless of the size of family. A communal toilet and an open air shower are shared by all tenants living in the same block of housing.

Rochana's mother goes out early each morning, knocking on doors to canvass for work carrying out household chores. She will do the weekly washing, cleaning or other such domestic tasks for any household requiring her services. The chores are physically very demanding, and she is paid a pittance for her labour. Rochana's father does not have work. This appears to be a common situation amongst men from the lower socio-economic groups.

It is against this background that the charity's sponsorship has enabled Rochana's mother to move her children to a better school, where English is the teaching medium. The school fees are paid by the charity. In addition, every sponsored child is provided with a table (on which to study) and with an emergency lamp (there are twice daily power cuts during winter evenings) to enable them to do their homework. These factors have helped Rochana to study better and will assist her to achieve a better start in life as she grows to be an adult. Although Rochana's mother received no formal education herself, she wants the best education she can provide for her children. She believes that education is the only route to a better life. In addition to school fees, school clothing and equipment, Rochana and her brother have each been provided with a warm jacket for the winter by the charity; the first time in their life they have had warm clothing.

When the Director was last in Kathmandu in September 2011, she visited the children's new school. The principal reported that Rochana had done so well in her school work that she had been moved up to a more senior class in order to stretch her academically. Since the promotion she has settled in very well with her new classmates.

The charity is making a difference to Rochana's life, and hopefully to those around her as she grows up. Almost all the children the charity sponsors are similarly progressing very well at school. In the rare case where it is identified that a sponsored child appears not to be benefitting from the charity's financial input, the annual visit by the Director enables us to identify whether there are other issues that can be addressed by the charity to help improve matters or alleviate problems that may be impeding educational progress.

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**Children whom the charity supports  
wearing their new clothes**



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**Nursery Class at Shree  
Neel Barahi School –  
52 children in class**



**Happy School Days – Children from Save Lives Foundation Orphanage**

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**At Home in Kalimati,  
Kathmandu**



**Sadly, since this photograph was taken, this young boy's mother suddenly left the family home. He lives with his father, a retired school master, and continues to be supported by the charity**