

2009 marks the 10th anniversary of Friends of Nepal Inc. in Perth. Since then we have come a long way keeping alive the flames of love and commitment towards helping disadvantaged people in Nepal, especially in the field of health and education.

This year we are celebrating our 10th anniversary with a special cultural program and fundraising dinner on Saturday, 31 October 2009. We will have an opportunity to hear from the founders of FON, project presentations, the journey so far, Nepalese cultural dances and cuisine, and most of all, an opportunity to meet and greet all the supporters of FON at one place. The proceeds from the event will go towards the salary of two teachers for one year at Sannikot Primary School in Achham, located in far-western region of Nepal. Please make your booking as soon as possible as the tickets are limited.

The Annual General Meeting for FON was held on 29 August 2009. Bindu Chhachhi, Felicia Singkang, and Mani Rai were elected as Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer respectively to the new executive committee. To summarise the financials, the audited accounts shows that we raised \$4230.85 and spent \$5725.00 for the financial year 2008/2009.

Cultural Gala 2009: Fundraising Dinner

Date : Saturday, 31 October 2009
 Time : 6:30 PM
 Venue : St. Nicholas Parish Hall
 : The Boulevard
 : Floreat (Opp. Floreat Forum)

Ticket Price

\$40.00 : Members
 \$45.00 : Non-Members
 \$10.00 : Child under 12 yrs

Drinks

Soft Drinks : Buy at the venue
 BYO : Wine Only please

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All proceeds goes to sponsoring two teachers' salary at Sannikot Primary School in Achham, a far-western village in Nepal. We have fantastic door and raffle prizes. This will be an evening to cherish. So please book the tickets for you and your friends in a hurry.



Fundraising Events: 2008

Last year, on Saturday, 25th October 2008 FON held a culture night to celebrate Nepali festival Dashain and to raise funds for the Sannikot Primary School in Achham - far western region of Nepal.

The cultural night was just amazing as the night started with Nepali dances and party followed with wonderful food including momos and authentic Nepalese curries.



Photo: Dancers for the cultural night 2008 and Mike Wood

Our Guest Speaker for the night - Mike Wood from Mountain Designs took us on an amazing journey into the Everest region. All of us were captivated by his

amazing stories; the pictures he showed us were breathtaking. FON would like to thank Mike for taking time to share his stories at such a short notice. The guests thoroughly enjoyed it.

We raised just over three thousand dollars from the event. Three thousand dollars was sent to support salary for two teachers at Sannikot Primary School in Achham. We would like to express our appreciation and thank each and everyone for their generosity, support and kindness, who turned up for the event and made generous contributions towards helping disadvantaged people in Nepal. We will post updates on our projects in the FON website and Newsletters.

On behalf of FON, we would like to thank everyone who made this night successful. This year we are doing it again. So we need your help in making it successful one more time.

FON's fundraising movie event

Friends of Nepal organised a movie event on the 27th of July to raise funds for the school project. Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince appeared to be popular among many FON supporters. We were able to raise just over three hundred dollars during the event. The money has been allocated to supporting the two teachers in Achham and Takshindu village.



Photo: FON sponsored a teacher at Saraswati Primary School

We have received feedback from our beneficiaries and they are very happy that we were able to contribute towards helping children's education. We also received a certificate of appreciation from Takshindu Foundation for our contribution.

Our current commitments

1. Sponsoring a teacher's salary for a year at Saraswati Primary School in Takshindu VDC through Takshindu Social Welfare.
2. Sponsoring two teachers' salary for another two years at Sannikot Primary School in Achham. The school also receives support from community and

the teachers themselves are taking pay-cuts so that they can run the school.

3. Providing school furniture to Sannikot Primary School in Achham in collaboration with Malika Development Organisation (MDO), an NGO based in Nepal.
4. Helping Nurses in Bir Hospital with financial assistance for medicines for needy patients who cannot afford to purchase them.



Photo: FON sponsored teachers at Sannikot Primary School

FON's Recipe book

FON request you to share your favourite Nepali recipe as we are in the process of publishing a recipe book. We need your help as we need as many recipes as possible.

Please send your recipe as soon as possible via FON's website or via email at: info@friendsofnepal.org.au

Membership: update

If you have not updated your membership, we request you to do so and you could also help by passing the membership form to interested friends and family. The membership fees help us in covering our administrative costs. The form can be downloaded from "Download" section of our website www.friendsofnepal.org.au.

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