Sunrise Children's Association Inc.

"Bringing a brighter future to Nepal's children in need"

Newsletter
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Nuwakot (Shivapuri) Education Scholarship Program

We are delighted to share with you some recent news of our sponsor children across **"Nuwakot (Shivapuri) Education Scholarship Program"**. In addition to the regular program activities, this quarter the children enjoyed 45-day monsoon vacation, celebrated National Children's Day and sat their 1st terminal exams.

Regular monitoring lowers students drop out rates

Over July, August and September our team successfully visited **45 students'** homes across 7 schools.

SCAI Australia and our committed, hardworking team in Nepal are continuously working to prevent children from unnecessary separation from their family and community, by strengthening the family capacity and breaking the chain of poverty. Given that education is a major reason thousands of children are separated and sent to orphanages, the education scholarship support plays an important role in achieving this.

Despite challenging geography, heavy rainfall and adverse environment, our team walk tirelessly to the children's homes and schools to monitor the students and ensure they attend school regularly, attend exams and encourage them participate in extracurricular activities to enable their personal development.

Above: Dishan with his mother

Above: Sanumaya with her mother

Above: Ashmita with her mother

Above: Justina with her grandmother

Above: Niraj with his grandfather

Above: Ashmita with her grandmother

Above: Sushil and Sundar with their mother

Above: Chameli with her mother

Above: Shrijana with her mother

Above: Kamal with his mother

Above: Pramila with her mother

School visits help inspire the children and guardians

This quarter our team organized group counselling for the children and parents, simultaneously with monthly Savings Group meeting which occurred in every month amongst the children's guardians.

Our team help make the guardians/caretaker responsible for their children and teach them about the importance of being regular in school for a brighter future.

Above: Sarita BK at her college

Above: Niraj studying in the school library

Above: Kamal with his new bag at his college

Above: Nishma's college visit

Material Distribution to encourage students to attend regularly

During this quarter, we distributed **stationery items, uniforms and hygiene kits** to the students. The provision of the goods help prevent them from being isolated and help reduce drop out due to poverty.

Above: Students of Gramindevi School receiving materials

Above: Students of Kalikadevi School receiving materials

Above and below: Students of Janagyan School receiving materials

Above and below: Students of Kumbeswor School receiving materials

Above and below: Students of Janagyan School receiving materials

Child Progress

1st terminal exams

60/81 students attended their 1st terminal exams conducted by the school for the evaluation of 1st half of the academic session.

Participation in ECAs

On Library Day, **Pushpa Tamang and Justina Tamang** participated in a Reading competition organized by Room to Read, and they got 2nd and 1st prize in the class wise competition respectively.

Above: Justina and Pushpa with our Field Coordinator, Nisha

Graduate news

Manoj Tamang, a brilliant star

Manoj Tamang graduated with A Grade in Science in July 2019. He is preparing for medical entrance to be a Doctor.

Krishna Tamang, now working

Krishna Tamang started working in a hotel in Kathmandu after his college and earning regular income.

Soniya Bhattarai, elected as Child Club VP

Soniya Bhattarai was elected as a Vice-President of the Child Club of her school in July 2019.

Family Progress

Family started new business

Simrala Pandey- Her family started a new hotel and snacks house at their village, and they earn profit of around 10,000/month. Her family also received income from litchi farming this year.

Elder sister employed…

Sujana Bhandari's elder sister got a job in one of the local NGO's working in Drinking Water project in August 2019.

Livelihood Program savings groups continue

Our team facilitates monthly meetings with all families in the savings groups, making them aware of the long term benefits of saving and encouraging them to deposit as much as they can. This will benefit their children and families as a whole.

Under this program, we have 5 saving groups-

- Gramindevi Kriyasheel Krishak Samuha
- Kalikadevi Krishi Samuha
- Uddhmasil Krishak Samuha
- Kumbeswor Krishi Samuha
- Janagyan Krishak Samuha

Above: Group meeting of Janagyan Krishak Samuha

Above: Group meeting of Uddhamsil Krishak Samuha

Above: Group meeting of Kumbeswor Krishi Samuha

Saving Group leads to new enterprises of the family…

We are delighted to notify that as at Sept 2019, the savings groups have the following amount deposited by the families:

Gramindevi Kriyasheel Krishak Samuha=Rs 9941/-
Kalikadevi Krishi Samuha=Rs 23,765/-
Uddhmasil Krishak Samuha=Rs. 20,640/-
Kumbeswor Krishi Samuha=Rs. 66,955/-
Janagyan Krishak Samuha=Rs 16,314/-

Some group members have taken loans from the group to expand their livelihood such as poultry farming, goat rearing and some for their household needs. So far, the saving groups seem very functional and meaningful to the parents of the children in our program.

2 Days Life Skills Training for SEE Grads and Year 12 Grads ....

2 Days Life Skills Training for Grade 10 and Grade 12 Graduates students was organized in July 2019 with the main aim of guiding graduate youth to **follow their aim, provide career counseling and essential life skills** for a smooth, bright future.

The training was organized in partnership with National Children's Rights Council (earlier called Central Child Welfare Board) and the chief guest of the closing ceremony was **Honourable Deputy Speaker, Ms Radhika Tamang of Province 3.**

Above: Some of the youth with their aims for the future

Above: Group photo of the participants after the Training

We hope you enjoyed reading some of the highlights for the quarter. Don't forget to follow our news at **www.facebook.com/SCAI.Aust** and Instagram **sunrisechildrensassociation.**

Thank you for your ongoing support which makes all this possible!

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