

## The CWA Children's Home

The Children's Welfare Association Children's Home (CWA) was set up in 2001 by Nepalese couple Ganga Devi Sunar and Thak Bahadur and began with looking after 11 children from villages around Nepal, especially those in the mountain villages surrounding Pokhara.



The children taken in by the home were orphaned, had lost one parent, had been abandoned or were neglected and came from the poorest family situations. Most of them belong to the lowest social caste.

There are now 20 children ranging from 6 to 16 years old (10 girls and 10 boys) living as one big family under one roof and enjoying the care they receive in a safe family atmosphere.



### The situation in Nepal

Nepal is one of the 6<sup>th</sup> poorest countries in the world. For years the unclear political situation has resulted in unrest which causes a lot of suffering to the population and especially the children.

Nepal has around 25 million inhabitants (of which about 90% are Hindus), the average life expectancy being 54 years.

The average annual salary in Nepal is US\$ 250; the literacy rate is about 28%.

More than half the population live below the poverty line, about 40% do not have access to clean drinking water and half the children are malnourished. About 45% of children under 15 years old must work to help



support their families, therefore only every 4<sup>th</sup> child is able to attend school regularly.

Unclean drinking water, lack of hygiene and smoke from the open kitchen fireplaces are the main causes of poor health and illness. Up to 80% of the population has a parasitic infection; tuberculosis, leprosy and aids are also widespread.

### Responsibilities and aims of the CWA Children's Home

- Provide a home in which the children are safe, shown affection, support, love and provided with regular meals.
- Afford a continuous good standard of education for all the children.
- Provide medical treatment for the children when necessary.
- Ensure comprehensive development of each child in a safe and family environment.



## The School

In Nepal there are two different kinds of schools, Government schools and private schools. At first our children attended a Government school, where the classes were often 70-100 children on school benches in front of overtaxed teachers. We soon realized that most children made little or no progress in this environment.

We were so affected by the children's desire to learn and realising how little chance they had of having a good education in these surroundings, we went to look for a better school.

After intensive searching we found the "Shining Star Boarding School", a private school with small classes where English is the main teaching language for all subjects.

The children were excited to be going to a different school and motivated to learn as much as they could in their new school environment.



## Moving to bigger premises

Because of the growing number of children, the lack of room for homework, the old and poorly home was getting too small; so in 2004 we were able to rent a slightly larger house to address some of these issues.

The eldest children helped with the renovation of the new house; now there is more space for all the children and most have their own bed.

In addition, in the old home it was necessary to wash all clothes and school uniforms of 19 children by hand, now we have finally been able to buy a washing machine.

## The future

Besides providing food, shelter, medical care and money for the children's schooling, the next big goal is to buy a house. At present renting the house leaves our home exposed to the arbitrariness of the landlord and in the long term, owning a house is the only solution to guarantee the safe existence of the Children's Home.

In addition further education and job training for the children after they complete the School Leaver Examination (SLC) has to be financed so they are able to go on learning and become independent and accomplished members of society.



## Foreign support

Two foreigners who have been instrumental in CWA and its children's development are Barbara Rentsch and Peter Vecker. They have been involved with the project since 2002 and concentrate their fundraising activities in Switzerland and Germany, their respective countries.

## How can you help the Children's Home?

Like most social institutions, CWA gets no support or aid from the state and has no regular income. Financial contributions come exclusively from private donations and sponsorship. Sporadic help also comes from volunteers who work in the Children's Home.

To avoid unequal social treatment for the children we offer collective sponsorship, so all the children benefit equally from your support, however direct correspondence with a child is possible and encouraged. Of course, any donations to assist the Children's Home

## Our guarantee

100% of your contribution goes direct to the Children's Home to be used only for its activities. No money is taken for administrative costs!

Tax confirmations in the amount of your donation for Swiss and German citizens are possible. Please contact us for further information under [cwa-nepal@email.de](mailto:cwa-nepal@email.de)

## Contact details to the Children's Home



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## Bank details for your support

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**You'll find the CWA Children's Home in Pokhara, Lakeside, Gaurighat No. 35, near Hotel Glacier and Hotel View Point. Our phone no is ++977-61-540227.**

**Heartfelt thanks  
for your support!**



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## **A Children's Home in Pokhara, Nepal**



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