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# ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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# FROM THE FOUNDER

## Silver Anniversary Reflections

While contemplating an upcoming spring 2022 return trip to Nepal after a two-year absence, I've been reflecting back on my first trip to Nepal in 1997, twenty-five years ago.

On that initial visit as a volunteer photographer for NYF, a US-based non-profit helping needy children in Nepal, and accompanied by my son Aaron (aged eleven at the time), I had an epiphany in the chilly early hours of February 24th. Bundled up in extra layers of clothes, cozy within my sleeping bag, watching Aaron sleep through the cacophony of barking dogs, I tearfully envisioned re-focusing my life, being a 'planter of seeds'- leading by example and showing others what is possible if you give of yourself to others in service.

I found my purpose that night, my calling, what I was meant to do in life.

So much has transpired over the past 25 years. It's been an emotional roller-coaster ride of mostly highs, a few lows and lots of lessons learned.

Timely serendipitous meetings, and incredible Rotary-based projects and programs helped lead to the beginning of TRIFC in 2006, which has driven a multitude of positive impacts for people with disabilities.

2021 mirrored 2020 as another challenging year to create and implement programs in Nepal. Even though COVID threw some curveballs with its multiple variants, at least we 'knew the drill' from 2020. Along with our implementing partner ADSoN, we were able to pivot, plan and innovate to the best of our ability.

Read on for more details on what TRIFC/ADSoN accomplished in 2021!

**ROB ROSE**

*TRIFC's Founder*



# 2021 ACHIEVEMENTS

## NEW LIBRARY FOR SERC COMPLETED

TRIFC is pleased and proud to have supported construction of a library and multipurpose room for SERC (Special Education & Rehabilitation Centre). SERC provides educational support, including hostel/dorm facilities, for 120 children with developmental disabilities. TRIFC has also provided educational materials, games & iPads to help non-verbal kids express their needs and feelings.



EMPOWERING PEOPLE  
WITH DISABILITIES  
THROUGH BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT

*Inclusive Organic Farming  
and Poultry Raising  
3-Month Training Program*

## ORGANIC FARMING EDUCATION

In 2021, The Rose International Fund for Children, along with our project partners in Nepal, created a legacy program focused on helping adults with disabilities gain access to training opportunities and business development skills in the areas of organic farming and poultry raising. Our 3-month vocational training program launched in January 2022!

## BLIND/VISION-IMPAIRED SUPPORT

With the funds raised during May's GiveBig 2021 campaign, we were able to help the students with blindness at REAL Nepal, a residential educational and preparatory training center in Kavre-Banepa, Nepal. With TRIFC's contribution of \$4,000 the students now have many basic needs met for their ongoing educational support.



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## MEDICAL REHAB FOR CHILDREN

TRIFC is excited to be starting a brand new program in conjunction with DHC (Disabled Help Center). DHC will become a Medical Rehabilitation Home, beginning in April 2022. The focus will be on children who have serious physical disabilities, who have come from extremely poor family backgrounds, and/or come from remote parts of Nepal.

## EMPOWERING WITH TECHNOLOGY

A number of our students received funds to purchase laptop computers in 2021 to help them with their schooling or jobs. One example is Babulal, is an engaging young man with muscular dystrophy whom we've provided school sponsorship for over the past 5 years. He was offered a part-time IT job, but needed a new computer to qualify for the job. He is so happy and appreciative to TRIFC, ADSon and our donors for making it happen!



## HELPING IN A MEDICAL CRISIS

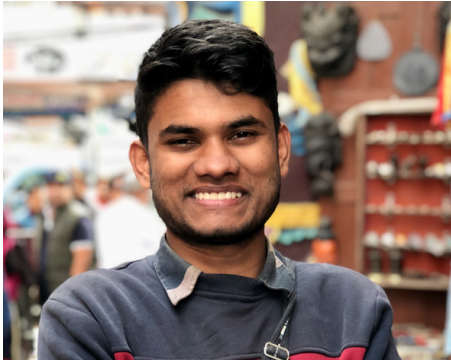
Several of our students became seriously ill this past year. Pushkar Magar, a talented Nepali artist who has created many spectacular pieces for our annual fundraisers, was hospitalized with pneumonia, fever, cough, and critical nutrient deficiencies. Pushkar took several months to make a full recovery with financial support from TRIFC. **To TRIFC it is as important to provide aid and comfort to one individual as it is for the many.**



# TRIFC STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

## RAHUL YADAV - R.I.T. STUDENT IN NEW YORK

Rahul Kumar Yadav is a 25 year-old student who is in the first year of ATT-AAS (Applied Computer Technology - Associate in Applied Science) degree studying at the Rochester Institute of Technology in upstate New York. Rahul applied for and received a full-ride scholarship to R.I.T which has a deaf education department. He has been profoundly deaf since his birth. He enjoys reading non-fiction, analyzing stocks, and troubleshooting computer issues. He anticipates going back to his home country upon his graduation, working in an IT company, and supporting the deaf community. TRIFC was his educational sponsor back in Nepal and we are so very proud of his achievements.



## ROSHAN DAKHAL - 2ND YEAR BACHELORS STUDENT

Roshan Dakal is a 27 year-old student who is in his second year of studying for his Bachelors in Education degree at the Kathmandu School for the Deaf. He had a high fever when he was only 6 months old and lost most of his hearing. He has a deaf sister named Rushma, whom TRIFC also sponsors. He enjoys playing table tennis, reading stories, and loves learning about coffee, including its origin and history! He recently completed an barista internship in Kathmandu and would like to work in a coffee shop after his graduation.



## ASTHA RAI - 12TH GRADE STUDENT

Astha Rai is a 19 year-old deaf student from a small village in Eastern Nepal. She is doing her 12th grade studies at Central Higher School for the Deaf in Kathmandu. Her father was a primary school teacher and her mother a homemaker. Sadly, her father died at age 39 after falling from a tree while cutting leaves for his livestock. Astha had a high fever at the age of 2 and gradually lost her hearing. Astha is an excellent chess player! She also likes playing football (soccer) and traveling. She would like to be a teacher after she finishes her schooling.



# TRIFC STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

## SAGAR LAMA - 3RD YEAR BACHELORS IN MUSIC

Sagar is doing his third year Bachelor studies in Nepali classical music. He is a student with blindness. Although he has dearly missed playing cricket (for the blind) with his friends this past year due to the pandemic, taking his classes online has actually been helpful for Sagar. He was not only able to attend his regular school classes via Zoom, he also took other online classes and tutorials. He was even able to learn the basics of music production! He hopes that all of the TRIFC/ADSoN family remain healthy and well.



## SEEMA TAMANG - BACHELORS 1ST YEAR

Seema finished her Class 12 studies with 'flying colors' and is now studying for her Bachelor's degree in Social Work at Golden Gate College in Kathmandu. Seema was born with blindness. Her classes include psychology, English, and social work. In the future she would like to be involved with counseling or other social work as a profession. Seema is diligently studying for her TOEFL exam (English language proficiency) with the plan of returning to the US to complete her university studies at Bellevue College.

## CHUNI MAYA GURUNG, STUDENT AT SERC

Chuni can be a little shy when you first meet her, but she has a such a sweet and kind personality. She is a 16 year-old girl with cerebral palsy who has been attending SERC for about 4 years. She attends SERC's 'Cafe' and baking training program and loves making breads and coffee!

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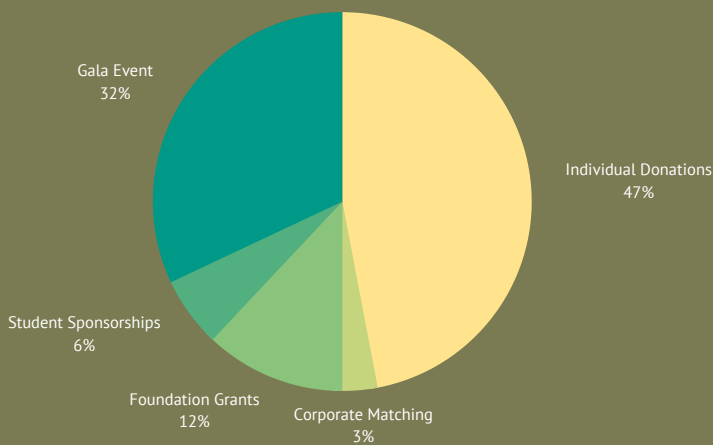
# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

TRIFC had an excellent year of fundraising in 2021, thanks to our many committed donors and supporters, and an active board of directors. We are also now better connected with the ADSoN board in Nepal and are working together to streamline fund transfers and program implementation, while being sensitive to the many government rules and regulations in Nepal.

In 2022 we are looking forward to investing a substantial amount of funding into 15 of our past beneficiaries with targeted project support for their grant request applications. In addition, we will be launching our tactile education program for the blind in early June in Eastern Nepal, as well as continuing to refine our newly-launched organic farming and poultry-raising vocational training program.

2022 is shaping up to be a dynamic year of impact for TRIFC and ADSoN, our implementing partner in Nepal, as we continue to grow responsibly and transparently for the benefit of people with disabilities.

## REVENUE SOURCES



## USE OF FUNDS

