

THE ROSE INTERNATIONAL FUND
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Lifting Those Left Behind



FROM THE FOUNDER

With the COVID risk receding around the world, I made two trips to Nepal in 2022 - the first in May-June, and the other with my wife Gina in November. What an exciting reunion we had with our ADSoN staff, our Deaf Women's Empowerment Group, friends, and especially our many sponsored children!

2022 brought new opportunities for positive change with fifteen organizational grants TRIFC made to previous beneficiaries in amounts averaging \$5,000 each. We had some retained funds from the previous two COVID years and decided to boldly turn that money into impact!

We asked our current organizational partners to let us know what they would do with this amount of funding and each came up with highly impactful project concepts.

Our 'Organic Farming for Adults with Disabilities' program was launched with our small demonstration farm and we trained men and women to prepare them to start their own farming and poultry raising enterprises. With these students we are planting 'seeds of change' which, with proper care will provide them with a 'high-yield' future!

Moving Forward With Intention

Our Tactile Educational Materials & Teacher Training program for students with blindness officially launched in early June in Province #1 in Eastern Nepal. It was a huge success, bringing students and teachers from 10 schools together to experience education via touch, sensing and learning. Next up is the launch of this program in far Western Nepal in April 2023.

We continue to partner with Rotary and Rotaract clubs in Nepal. We partner with the Rotary Club of Patan on our organic farming program and with the Rotaract Clubs of Dhulikhel, Damak and Dhangadhi on our programs supporting education for the blind/visually-impaired.

That's just the beginning of TRIFC's 2022 story – read on for more exciting news!

ROB ROSE - FOUNDER, TRIFC

2022 ACHIEVEMENTS

TACTILE TOOLS & TEACHER TRAINING

In June, TRIFC launched our 'Tactile Learning Materials w/Teacher Training' program for blind/visually-impaired students & teachers from 10 schools in Eastern Nepal's Province #1. This innovative program brought teachers and students together in a 2-day workshop to learn new education strategies using tactile educational materials to touch, sense & learn. An extensive set of tactile learning materials was given to each school.



ORGANIC FARMING EDUCATION

In January 2022 TRIFC, along with our project partners in Nepal, launched 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. 25 students with disabilities have now graduated from our 3-month training program and 10 are actively working in this field.



OSTOMY BAGS FOR THE POOR & NEEDY

In cooperation with Providence Health & Services and Medical Teams International, TRIFC volunteers are bringing donated ostomy bags for the poor and needy in Nepal. This is a critical need if you have had colostomy surgery. Without these bags an individual's mobility and life are severely restricted. These supplies are too expensive for the poor to afford and their availability is also very limited.

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DEAF WOMEN'S SEWING TRAINING

Our Deaf Women's Empowerment Group (DWEG), created by TRIFC to provide community, camaraderie & skills training, received one of our fifteen \$5,000 grants for their 3-month sewing/tailoring training program. They are planning to open a local shop to sell what they produce and they are also selling products online!

SECURE WALL FOR RAM/SITA SCHOOL

Children with disability living in a dormitory throughout the school year are an extremely vulnerable population. Ram-Sita School in Sunsari requested funding for a security wall to surround their hostel/dorm compound. 20-40 children with disabilities will live in this dormitory while hundreds of kids and staff without disabilities come and go every day. This was one of the fifteen \$5,000 grants TRIFC was proud to fund in 2022.



HELPING IN A MEDICAL CRISIS

Several of our students became seriously ill this past year. Soma Tamang, a previously-sponsored student at DHC (Disabled Help Center), needed emergency surgery to replace metal rods in her back which had snapped. Soma contacted Rob by email to request financial help from TRIFC. Soma has now made a full recovery and is doing well!

To TRIFC it is as important to provide aid and comfort to one individual as it is for the many.

TRIFC STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



SEEMA TAMANG - BELLEVUE COLLEGE STUDENT

Seema Tamang returned to Bellevue in June 2022 to begin her college journey at Bellevue College. Living with her host parents Rob and Gina, Seema is doing extremely well at school. She was recently nominated by her Interpersonal Relations class teacher for the 'Transforming Lives' award at school, who wrote, "I am very much impressed with [Seema], who as a person with blindness coming from Nepal, showed great dedication to her course of learning, especially with her courage and candor relating to her own life experience in her reflection writings. She helped all of us see a slice of her experience that is usually invisible for others."

BHARAT B.C.: FROM SPONSORSHIP TO EMPLOYMENT

TRIFC and ADSoN are so happy to introduce Mr. Bharat BC, not as a sponsored student, but as ADSoN's Program Manager! Bharat (seated in photo) had been working for another organization supporting employment and empowerment programs for people with disabilities, when his job contract with them ended. Their loss was our gain as we quickly hired Bharat to fill this important position for ADSoN, TRIFC's direct implementing partner. Bharat is a fine young man who understands the circumstance both of growing up with a disability in a residential program, AND being with a non-profit organization supporting people with disabilities.



MUNA PURI - AGRICULTURE STUDENT

Muna grew up in the DNC organization (Disabled New Life Centre) in Kathmandu, Nepal. She came to the center when she was about 4 years old with a disability that was later corrected by orthopedic surgery. Although she is now studying for her bachelor's degree in agriculture, Muna is also a gifted artist who wanted to give back to TRIFC by creating beautiful, individual works of art in the form of bookmarks! Muna is kind, thoughtful and insightful and we are so proud of her! TRIFC is continuing to support Muna to achieve her educational goals.

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YAM KUMARI SUNUWAR - MOBILITY MIRACLE!

One of TRIFC's sponsored students is 18 year-old Yam Kumari, studying in grade 6. She was born with cerebral palsy and struggled greatly with mobility and speaking challenges. We consulted with Kalpana Basnet, founder of SERC (Special Education Rehabilitation Center) who agreed to provide intensive physical therapy treatment. The progress that occurred was remarkable. Accomplished with the dedicated work of Kalpana and her staff, and with the incredible concentration, perseverance and hard work done by Yam Kumari herself over about a one month period, she is now able to stand up straight on her own two feet and walk without a cane or walker!



PREETI CHOUDHARY, SPONSORED DEAF STUDENT

Preeti Choudhary was born profoundly deaf. She was sent to the Purwanchal School for the Deaf in Dharan, Nepal at age of 11, where she finished her lower secondary education while staying at the dormitory there. For her higher education she came to Kathmandu School for the Deaf. Now she is studying in Grade 12. She likes to play chess and is very friendly and sociable. After finishing her Bachelor's of Education degree she would like to be a teacher.

SUNITA TAMANG - MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Sunita was born with a crooked spine and three urinary tracts, instead of the normal two. Over time, one of her kidneys had become badly infected and was threatening to infect her healthy kidney. She urgently needed surgery to remove the infected kidney. But twice within a month Sunita contracted COVID so the surgery had to be postponed! We were so worried, and when we chatted with Sunita she seemed so weak and listless. At last, the surgery was successfully completed and Sunita has now returned to school after recovering. She is back to her usual sunny disposition and is in the second year of her bachelor's studies!



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

TRIFC had an excellent fundraising year in 2022, thanks to our many dedicated donors and supporters, a stellar Fall Fundraising Dinner event, and a very active board of directors. We continue to carefully select new board members to join our team. Moving forward we have an organizational goal of growing from a founder-driven organization to a board-driven one.

Big news for ADSoN, our implementing partner in Nepal, is the addition of a new Executive Director, Ms. Victory Thapa and new Program Manager, Mr. Bharat B.C. During my spring visit to Nepal it became crystal clear that our staffing level wouldn't be able to effectively manage our growing portfolio of impactful programs. We are thrilled to welcome Victory and Bharat to the ADSoN team joining our superstar Nirmala Gyawali who is moving to the position of Fund Development Director!

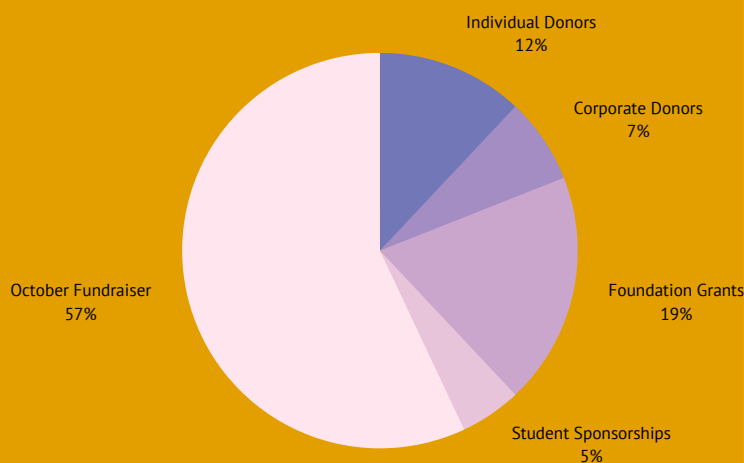
After retaining substantial funding from two COVID-affected years, in 2022 we provided \$5,000 grants to fifteen of our past beneficiaries with targeted program support from their grant request applications. Over 1,000 children and adults with disabilities were impacted by TRIFC in 2022!

2023 is shaping up to be another dynamic year of impact for TRIFC and ADSoN as we continue to grow responsibly and transparently for the benefit of people with disabilities in Nepal.



ADSoN Staff in Nepal

REVENUE SOURCES



USE OF FUNDS

