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The younger House with Heart children on the recent first day of school.

House with Heart eNews

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Message from Beverly

Hello friends.

While the construction of the new house is going full bore at House with Heart, most of our regular programming continues. We currently serve on average 75 people per month. They include the children living in our home who receive education, food, clothing, medical care, shelter, and, of course, lots of love. We also provide critical education support to children, young adults, and women in the surrounding community with everything from vocational training to college tuition. Outreach—in a myriad of ways—also continues to the most needy people in our community.

Can you help?

I'm reaching out to you for your help in keeping these critical programs going this year. There are many things you can do:

- Give a special gift.
- Tell a friend about House with Heart.
- Host a small fundraiser. It doesn't have to be elaborate. Perhaps just a simple gathering of friends. We can help by sending you our new "Party in a Box," which includes the basics for hosting a party: brochures, a dvd about House with Heart, and items to sell that are made by the women in our training programs.
- Get your child's school involved by raising awareness of the problems that exist for children in Nepal.

Please contact me if you'd like to help: bevbronson@yahoo.com. I'd be happy to talk over ideas!



*Work is progressing well on the construction of the second house under the direction of Manager **Hem Bahadur Rai** who is very resourceful in obtaining scarce building materials. The new house is being built to withstand any future earthquakes.*

Education Update

Education is the key to moving people out of a life of poverty, and we focus on it with our children. I am happy to report that three more family members recently passed their School Leaving Certificate. Congratulations to **Manisha**, **Sushmita** and **Abhilasha** – we are so proud of them! They can now enroll in Class II (the equivalent of grades 11 in U.S. high schools).

Some of our best students are looking to study abroad, with the full expectation they will return and contribute to improving life in Nepal. We are very excited that **Manu** has started her first year of college at the Community College of Vermont, on her way to becoming a nurse practitioner, a course of study that is not available in Nepal. She is being hosted by **Karen and Mark Mendes**. Thank you to **U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (NY)** and **U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy (VT)**, **HwH Board President Colleen Boland**, and **Dr. Kanani Titchen** for help in obtaining her

donation. In other news about our college students, **Kamala** just finished her fifth year at law school, and **Maya** finished her BA in social work.



Manu is getting settled in Vermont pictured here with Beverly and her host sister Margaret.

Education Update (continued)

Then there are the younger children—from **Marsang** in nursery school to **Sujita** in class ten. All attend the Shangri-La School, which we have been collaborating with for over ten years to improve the education of the 900 students enrolled there. You may recall, we have funded several facility improvement projects at the school over the years. We are currently working to team Shangri-La up with the British Council, to form a partnership with a school there to share teaching methods and ideas.

House with Heart also continues to pay for 22 children who live in the neighborhood to go to school and college, many of whom we've sponsored for nearly 12 years. The children we support are all from poor families, and they often express their deep gratitude for the opportunity House with Heart has afforded them. We're happy we can help.

have learned to read and write in our Children's Learning Center. Unfortunately, sometimes we have to say, "No, sorry, we can't help". There are not enough funds to pay for everyone, which includes the cost tuition as well as uniforms, shoes, and textbooks. I usually add by saying, "Perhaps in the future," because leaving families with some hope is really important.

Our **Rise Above** program, funded by **The Don Splawn Foundation East**, targets girls from impoverished families who are especially vulnerable to dropping out as adolescents to enter the workforce. We have an intensive tutoring and support program, along with a college tuition incentive to keep girls in school. In our third year, I am happy to report that all 12 of our original members are still actively involved.

New Child

We welcomed 5-year-old **Janisa** in April, whose family was not able to care for her after her mother died. Based upon the ease with which she has fit in, I can only imagine how difficult her previous life must have been.



***Janisa** (right) is the newest member of the House with Heart family shown here with Ashmita.*

As always, I am so grateful to all of our donors and supporters. You are, without a doubt, making all of our work possible.

With all best wishes,
Beverly

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