



Jhamtse Canada

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FALL 2017

Welcome to our fall newsletter. Our mission is to relieve poverty in developing nations by providing the basic necessities of life, including food, clean water, energy, education and shelter to children and families who are poor and in need.

LOCATIONS PROVIDED SUPPORT

During this year program funding was provided to the Jhamtse Gatsal Children's Community for the purchase of a school bus in the spring. This area is very difficult to travel to so all modes of transportation are critical to the school.

We are pleased to announce a new 5-year education support pilot program for school girls in remote Eastern Nepal in partnership with InREACH Nepal. For the new school year in 2018 we will sponsor 20 girls whose families would not otherwise be able to afford the local school expenses. Many studies have proven that the most effective way to end poverty is through girls' education. Should the pilot program reduce the local drop-out rates and increase the likelihood of children graduating high school, our plan is to increase the program to 100 girls by 2020. Should any of our supporters be interested in sponsoring children in this new program please email Adarsh at amehta@jhamtsecanada.ca.

CURRENT VOLUNTEER STORIES

Hardworking Volunteers in Mississauga organized the 2nd annual Diwali Dhamaal, a fun children-focused festival event. On October 15th over 160 people, including 60 children, attended the dinner, aarti decorating contest and performed dances. Our thanks go to organizers Parul Patel, Alapana Dullabh and Radha Bharania for donating the surplus funds raised to Jhamtse Canada.



Girls receive prizes for best aarti tray during the Diwali children's event

Vancouver volunteers created another fun night of food and music on November 7th at the Vancouver Rowing Club in Stanley Park. The Just Singin' Round event, sponsored by the Synergy Collective, had another thoroughly entertained crowd. Six local performers including David Sinclair, Mark James Fortin and Yvonne McSkimming sang original songs about life in and around Vancouver as well as requested songs like My Funny Valentine.

With over 150 people coming out to the event in support of Jhamtse Canada, the evening's activities raised more than \$6,000.



Another sold out Just Singin' Round crowd hears great musicians.

Our special thanks go to Carol Evenchick, Paula Pysllakis, Janice Ebenstiner and Mark Riddell whose effort and contributions made the night a tremendous success. The Vancouver volunteer group have already made plans for the third annual event on October 4th 2018 and will need your help to sell out again. If you are interested in volunteering and/or purchasing tickets please email Jeff Jenner at jjenner@jhamtsecanada.ca. We also thank the Synergy Collective who organize the Just Singin' Round music and dinner events for us and many other worthwhile charities throughout the year. If you are in the Vancouver area please go to (<http://www.synergycollective.ca/programs/ticket-info>) to check out their events.

For the second straight year our daughter has raised funds for her friends at Jhamtse Gatsal. During her 5th birthday this year Milaan raised \$340 for art supplies at the Community.

SPONSOR JOURNAL

John Andresen is a supporter of one of the children at Jhamtse Gatsal. John traveled to the Community this fall to visit the children and taught them about law and debate. Part of his story

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is below and the full text of his Journal has been added to the Jhamtse Canada website at the following link (<http://jhamtsecanada.ca/blog/>).

“Standing on the tarmac of the Tawang heliport I was still a little shell shocked from seventeen hours in the air, Calgary – Heathrow – Delhi, then the noise and energy of Guwahati, a rapidly growing northeast Indian city, and finally the one hour ten-minute helicopter ride to land in this remote Himalayan town. But waiting there was a smiling Jhamtse Gatsal representative with a Khata, the Tibetan ceremonial scarf, to put around my neck.

An hour and a half drive later amidst the gorgeous backdrop of high mountain ridges and deep gorges, I arrive at the sprawling campus of the Jhamtse Gatsal community.



Like all visitors, John's arrival is a cause for celebration and show of respect at Jhamtse Gatsal

Stepping out of the car, Dorjee the 15 year old sweet girl we help sponsor, drapes another ceremonial scarf around my neck. The entire school is lined up to welcome me personally. I was deeply touched but this welcome was a mere forerunner of how warmly I was accepted here during my two and half weeks.

I found the community of Jhamtse Gatsal had a rhythm of a slower, gentler life that I happily blended into. There were healthy delicious meals of mainly rice and vegetables. I frequently ate with the kids rather than the separate sitting for the staff. Before each meal kids all chant a prayer of gratitude. I could feel their sincerity.

Days there consisted of hanging out with the kids, and daily long walks, often to a Buddhist worship site with the prayer wheels a half hour down the road. Behind that place, off road, is a 15-minute hike to a high point with the two ancient cairns standing as sentinels.

I began to sleep better.” - W. John Andresen, Q.C.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Jhamtse Canada is completing its third year as a registered charity and will continue as a 100% volunteer organization with no paid staff. During the prior year we raised over \$86,000 while keeping expenses below \$9,500 according to our auditor's report. We committed the 2016 accumulated surplus to the continued support to Jhamtse Gatsal at over \$35,000 per annum and to fund our new educational support program in Nepal.

With the new support program being launched and in keeping with our broad charitable mandate we are contemplating a name change in 2018. The change will reflect our commitment to help children and families in need while keeping administrative costs to the bare minimum. This ensures that 100% of your contributions goes to support great causes.

Our commitment, as always, is that all administration costs of the charity be covered by us personally. We will continue to support Jhamtse Gatsal, InREACH Nepal and are still searching to find other worthwhile organizations to bring to your attention.

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DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS

Donations can be made by cheque and sent to the address on the footer of this page or by Paypal or credit card from our website (<http://jhamtsecanada.ca/donate/>). If you are interested in volunteering or creating other events in support of our programs please email Adarsh Mehta at amehta@jhamtsecanada.ca or telephone us at 905-990-2464.

We thank you for your continued support and trust.

Adarsh and Jeff

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