



# Jhamtse Canada

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## SPRING 2017

Welcome to Jhamtse Canada's newsletter. The word Jhamtse means love and compassion in Tibetan. Our mission to relieve poverty in developing nations by providing basic necessities of life, including food, clean water, clothing and/or shelter to children and families who are poor or in need.

## LOCATIONS

In 2016 we sent over \$35,000 of funds raised for relief, programming and to buy a school bus for the Jhamtse Gatsal Children's Community located in the Himalayan foothills at the "end of the road" in northeastern India. The Community is beside the Bhutan eastern border where India meets Tibet and Bhutan.



### *School Bus purchased by Jhamtse Canada donors*

The school bus contributions were the goal of one generous family so we fundraised in late 2015 and 2016 to enable the purchase of the bus shown in the prior column. The mini-school bus seats 24 and has been key to moving lots of students to functions, competitions, high school and other events including to hear the Dalai Lama speak in early 2017.

Of special note is the \$680 that our daughter Milaan raised at her birthday party. Her birthday wish was that her friends at Jhamtse Gatsal could enjoy pizza which is Milaan's favourite food. Instead of gifts she asked that kids attending her party bring a contribution for this pizza event half way around the world.



### *Pizza party in the Himalayas*

We were astonished with the result and the creativity of the administrators at Jhamtse Gatsal. As you can imagine there is not a local pizza delivery in the Himalayas. Above is a picture of the pizza party that was created at Jhamtse Gatsal and a photo cut out of Milaan with her best friend Tashi and others enjoying pizza and birthday cake in Milaan's honour.

## CURRENT STORIES

The reason the current newsletter is later in 2017 is that **Adarsh and Jeff** welcomed their new son Keval into the world. Both Milaan and Keval are doing well. Mom and Dad could use some more sleep ☺.

Jeff will be visiting India in the fall of 2017 to meet with Lobsang and staff along with the Directors of other entities that support Jhamtse Gatsal. Any sponsors of children should get their update packets to our office over the next few months and we will deliver these in late September.

**Volunteers** in Vancouver are having another Singin' Round event in conjunction with the Synergy Collective. The event will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Vancouver rowing Club in Stanley Park. Last year's event sold out so mark the date and don't delay in buying your tables and tickets. Tickets this year are \$60 per premium ticket and \$35 for regular ticket and children under 12

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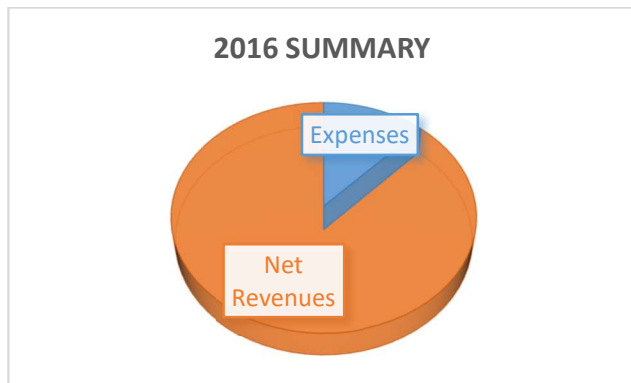
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are free. Tables can be reserved and are 10 seats each. The ticket purchaser will get a donation receipt for 100% of the ticket price.

It is a great evening with dinner and world class live music. Doors open at 6:00 pm, dinner completed by 7:30 and the show starts at 7:40 and wraps up around 10:00 pm. Our goal is to sell out the event again this year at 170 tickets so anyone interested in buying tickets and more importantly volunteering to help us with the general organization of the event please call Carol Evenchick at 604-985-2511.

## FINANCIAL RESULTS

Jhamtse Canada completed its second year as a registered charity in 2016. On the following page is the summary of the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016. The complete audited financial statements are available to review on our website at [jhamtsecanada.ca](http://jhamtsecanada.ca) under the News/Events heading.



	2016	2015
<b>Revenues</b>		
Donations	\$75,562	\$104,367
Fundraising and DVD Sales	<u>11,093</u>	<u>12,826</u>
	86,655	117,193
<b>Expenses</b>		
Audit and Insurance	3,459	3,033
Supplies and Marketing	2,516	4,181
Program Travel	<u>3,452</u>	<u>6,555</u>
	9,427	13,769
<b>Programming</b>		
Jhamtse Gatsal	35,680	43,000
Child Haven Nepali Relief	<u>          </u>	<u>3,224</u>
	35,680	46,224
Net Surplus for Year	<u>\$41,548</u>	<u>\$ 57,200</u>

We raised over \$86,000 while limiting administration expenses for the year to under \$6,000 or 7% of revenues and program travel to 4% of revenues in 2016 (6% and 5% respectively in 2015).

During the year we provided over \$35,000 to Jhamtse Gatsal in accordance with our three year commitment to support their capital and operational needs.

We have accumulated a surplus that allows us to remain committed to an additional two years of continued support to Jhamtse Gatsal up to \$35,000 per annum.

With good fortune we will be able to find other worthwhile causes to bring to your attention in 2017.

Jhamtse Canada is a 100% volunteer organization with no paid staff. Administration costs are covered by contributions from Adarsh Mehta and Jeff Jenner. As a result 100% of your contributions goes to great causes and organizations.

## DIRECTORS

The Board of Jhamtse Canada:

- Linda Bertoldi, LLB Partner, Bordner Ladner Gervais
- Mark Foley, President, Jhamtse International
- Jeff Jenner, CA, CBV, CEO, Potentia Renewables Inc.
- Adarsh Mehta, MSc, MBA Vice President, JRC Inc.

## 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 for Jhamtse Canada please call Adarsh Mehta at [amehta@jhamtsecanada.ca](mailto:amehta@jhamtsecanada.ca) or telephone 905-990-2464.

We thank you for your continued support and trust.

*Adarsh and Jeff*

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