

Nepal: Watabaran Girls and Boys Home

There are more than 5000 children living on the streets of Kathmandu, Nepal. They live without basic shelter, food and education, and are exposed to drug abuse, prostitution and anti-social activities such as robbery and pick pocketing. They look for food in garbage, get wounds, get diseases, live in damp places as shelter, like under the bridges of the polluted rivers in Kathmandu. Many children on the street die, due to this inaccessibility to first aid and basic medication. Children were found who used soil and mud to stop bleeding and plastics and dirty clothes as bandage. The Child Watabaran Center Nepal (CWCN) is an organization that provides services to street children in Kathmandu and lobbies for the rights of children and street children in particular.

Through Net4kids the following projects are being supported:

- Watabaran Mobile Health Service (*existing service*)
- Transit Clinic (*new in 2007*)
- Construction of Watabaran Home for Street children (boys home and girls home) (*new in 2007*)

These projects are contracted and monitored for Net4kids by Wilde Geese Foundation.

Construction of Watabaran Home for street children

Many street children don't have family, live on the street and are in a daily struggle to survive. These children cannot be accepted into foster families because of their background, exposure to drugs and anti-social behavior. These children (8-18 years) need psycho-social counseling, therapy and intensive socialization.



Project description

With the construction of a home for street children, these children can be provided social security, a chance to rehabilitate and be reintegrated into the mainstream of society.

The homes for street boys and girls will be built in Kathmandu Valley, approx. 7 kms outside of the ring road of Kathmandu.

Objectives:

- to provide an alternative home for street children
- to provide them with a residence, a school and education
- to provide street children non-formal education, formal education and vocational training and life skills education
- to make them respected, skilful and productive citizens by providing them with skill trainings
- to reintegrate them back into society
- to work as model child home by giving the children who have experienced the worst, the best rights based care.

Activities

- Construction of the Girls Home - for 30 girls including pre-construction activities such as land purchasing and structural planning
- Operation of the girls home (ongoing): food, shelter, judo, regular health check-up, outings, counseling and vocational training
- Construction of the Boys Home - for 30 boys
- Construction of Academic and Administrative building

How can you help?

Construction of Watabaran Homes

(total of € 341.518):

- Purchase of land: € 83.918
- Construction girls home: € 96.000
- Construction boys home: € 60.000
- Construction education /admin building: € 72.600
- Running costs girls home 2007 and 2008 (13 girls 2007 and 15 girls 2008): € 28.900

About the organization

Child Watabaran Center, Nepal (CWC, Nepal) is a non-governmental organization established in 2002 primarily to work with the street children of Kathmandu providing them center-based education and vocational training. However, the official registration took place only in 2003. In the beginning, Child Watabaran Center Nepal started a non-formal education center for street boys. Later on in 2004, it started a non-formal education center for street girls also. Side by side, CWC Nepal runs a street based health service called Watabaran Mobile Health Service as mentioned above.

The Centers of CWC Nepal give home to 40 street children and youths in a family environment. CWC Nepal runs its own income generating business activities to partially self support the projects. Watabaran Garden Service Center, Youth Opportunity Production House (Clothes stitching) and taxi services with the Electric vehicles (TUK TUK) generate some money to the project. At the same time they provide vocational training to the graduate ex-street youths of CWC Nepal.

CWC Nepal is affiliated to Social Welfare Council of Nepal and an executive member of the National Alliance of organizations for street children.

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