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## Annual Summary Report 2015-16

Freedom, Health, Shelter and Education  
for Nepal's most impoverished children



## 2015-16 Nepal Youth Foundation

Dear Friends,

It was another challenging year for Nepal and the children and families we serve.

Just months after two major earthquakes devastated the country, political unrest and a prolonged blockade at the Indian border brought Nepal's recovery efforts to a near standstill.

Petrol, cooking fuel, food, medicine and building materials were in short supply and prices more than doubled, causing even more suffering.

The crisis slowed us down, but it couldn't stop Nepal Youth Foundation's dedicated staff from doing everything they could to care for some of Nepal's most impoverished children.

They rode bicycles to work when there was no petrol. When the cooking fuel ran out, they built outdoor fires to keep the community kitchens operating. They worked 16-hour days to help people who had lost everything.

We are so proud of what the NYF team accomplished in face of these hardships.

Two former indentured girls became the first to graduate from college. Congratulations to Saraswoti and Basanti for being the first freed Kamlari to earn bachelor's degrees!

NYF trained 244 homeowners in the skills needed to rebuild their earthquake damaged homes and rebuilt 88 classrooms towards an ultimate goal of more than 200.

From the 10 community kitchens we set up in the villages hardest hit by the earthquakes, we fed 1,100 children healthy lunches at school last year.

As we help Nepal rebuild, we are also restructuring our U.S. operations to grow and expand our programs. CEO Kelly Anderson joined President Som Paneru to help build the team to support that growth in the years ahead.

For all of this, we are grateful. And we are grateful to NYF's volunteers, our fellow board members, our enthusiastic chapters and to all of you for supporting our mission to provide shelter, health, education and freedom to some of the most disadvantaged children in the world.

Thank you and dhanyabad!

**Nick Prior**  
Board Chair

**Olga Murray**  
Honorary President



2015-16 Financial Summary

**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 <sup>[1]</sup>**

**Revenue**

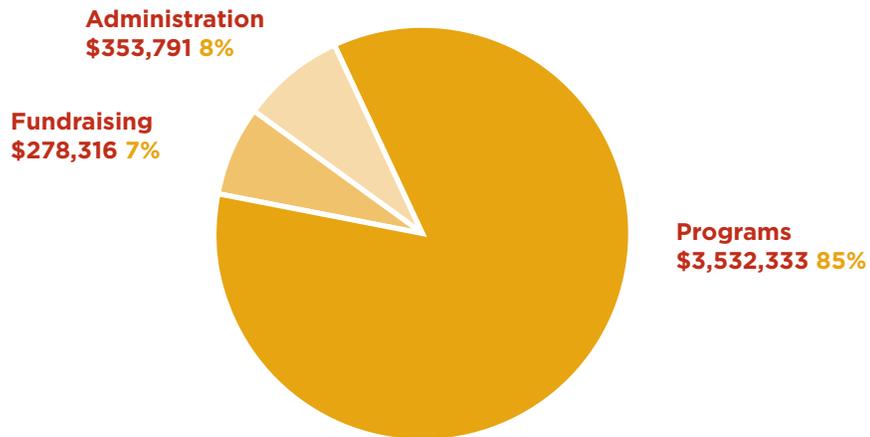
Grants & Contributions	\$3,728,475
Investment & Interest Income	\$ (69,732)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,658,743</b>

**Expenses<sup>[2]</sup>**

Programs	\$3,535,333
Administration	\$353,791
Fundraising	\$278,316
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,164,440</b>

<sup>[1]</sup> This is a preliminary summary. The audited financial statement will be available in March 2017.

<sup>[2]</sup> Includes earthquake relief and Olgapuri construction for which donations were received in the prior fiscal year. For 990 Tax Returns and Audited Financial Statements, please visit [www.nepalyouthfoundation.org](http://www.nepalyouthfoundation.org)



We're proud to have earned Charity Navigator's highest 4-star rating for ten consecutive years, a measure of our efficient use of your donations. Fewer than 1% of all charities earn 10 consecutive 4-star ratings.



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## 2015-16 Highlights – Our work

### Freedom

NYF has rescued more than 12,700 girls from indentured servitude since launching our successful campaign to end the inhumane practice in 2000.

Nearly 7,000 freed Kamlari are now participating in 41 business co-ops in Western Nepal and another 4,974 are attending school or college.

### Health

Malnutrition, already a huge problem, was worsened by the earthquakes and the blockade. Our nutrition staff screened 7,874 children at 13 medical outreach camps held throughout the country. While the children received medical checkups, their mothers attended classes on health, sanitation and good nutrition. Severely malnourished children were referred to one of the 16 nutrition clinics NYF has established.

Psychological counselors from the Ankur Counseling Center helped hundreds of children in our programs who have endured trauma and abuse. We also cared for 60 HIV-AIDS afflicted children and their caretakers at our New Life Center.



### Shelter

The blockade slowed our efforts, but construction crews worked hard on the beautiful new children's village just outside of Kathmandu. *Olgapuri*, which means Olga's little oasis, will offer a permanent home to our J&K House children. It's set to be fully operational in late 2016.

While the children of our shelter programs have nowhere else to turn, keeping children with their family is healthier for the children and the community. We vastly expanded our Kinship Care program for earthquake-displaced or orphaned children and plan to maintain that support in coming years.

### Education

Education is at the core of what we do. Through education, we create opportunity and a brighter future for thousands of disadvantaged children and youth.

We do it by **giving scholarships** – 782 children and young people attended school and college last year.

We do it by offering **private coaching** to former Kamlari to help them prepare for the School Leaving Certificate (SLC) exam. Last year, our tutors worked with 655 former child slaves to prepare them for the notoriously difficult test which all students must pass to enter college.

We do it by offering **vocational training** so young people have employable skills to earn a living. Last year, 373 young people completed vocational and technical skills training.

And we do it by **starting early**. Our Early Childhood Development program grew by 24 centers last year as we expanded to support 43 preschools in schools in five districts in Nepal.



## Rebuilding *more* than structures

After two major earthquakes devastated large parts of Nepal in the spring of 2015, NYF's team assessed the damage, brainstormed strategies, and got to work.

We worked long days, delivering tarps, tents, water filters, clothing, rice and emergency supplies to people who had lost everything. We drove borrowed school buses to transport the injured to hospitals and cared for them at our temporary clinic for people released from overcrowded area facilities.

Then we turned to longer range efforts to help people in Gorkha, Sindhupalchowk, Dhading, Rasuwa and Kavre stay warm, safe and fed while they began rebuilding their lives.

We coordinated with the Central Child Welfare Board to open two transit homes keeping orphaned children safe all year.

We delivered coats, blankets and mattresses to help people survive the brutally cold winter. We rebuilt seismically-safe classrooms and trained people to rebuild their homes and enter the growing construction trades.

We also awarded scholarships for post-high school education to 300 young people whose educations were interrupted by the earthquakes. 50 graduated this year and the rest are continuing their studies with NYF support.

The earthquakes orphaned thousands of children, and disrupted the livelihoods of many families. To help, we took 743 children into Kinship Care - providing financial assistance to keep children with their parents, aunts and uncles or grandparents. While some families will recover and no longer need NYF support, hundreds of others may need us until the children grow to be self-sufficient.

## Namaste...

For more than 25 years, NYF has offered hope and opportunity to some of the neediest children in Nepal.

As noted throughout this annual report, the 2015-16 year offered special challenges... and many new opportunities to fulfill our mission.

We're proud of both the progress of our essential programs and the incredible impact of our disaster relief response to the devastating earthquakes. In the face of so much destruction, there were also many shining moments of connection and caring.

We were also humbled and impressed, once again, by the leadership of our Founder, Olga Murray. In just the year covered by this report, Olga published her memoir *Olga's Promise*, gave a TEDx Talk in Vienna, once again traveled to Kathmandu, and celebrated her 91st birthday!

Olga's indefatigable example inspires us all. We're pleased to share these details of NYF's programs and projects, and we know that it's possible only because of the many generous individuals who care enough to support this work. As Nepal rebuilds, and we build NYF's internal capacity and support network, we're eager to move forward and help transform many more lives in the years ahead.

On behalf of the entire NYF family - and in particular, the thousands of children and youth whose lives are being transformed - we're honored to be able to express our appreciation. ***Dhanyabad.***

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President

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