



ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE

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# Himalayan Children's Fund News

Dear Friends,

As we begin another year it is with wholehearted gratitude for your devoted interest and generosity. The photo on the right from SMD expresses it very well!

Your support does make a world of difference and it is in this light that we humbly request that you visit [Great NonProfits](#) and give Himalayan Children's Fund a review. It is easy to do and their webpage has clear prompts to guide the process.

Please tell your story of involvement with HCF, what particular projects you support and why. This can help others to be inspired and reassured that their gift is being put to good use. We need help to spread the joy!

Thank you and best wishes for a peaceful, healthy and happy 2019.

~ Debra Ann



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## VAJRA VIDYA INSTITUTE

The management staff at VVI have been beautifying the grounds and enhancing the landscaping all around the monastery. They have planted a small organic garden and have plans to keep improving the environment.

The young monks help by cleaning up the dead leaves and sweeping every morning.



### SPONSORSHIP RATES

#### SMD BOARDING SCHOOL

Boarding Student	\$890.00*
Day Student	\$420.00

#### FOR MONASTICS

SMDBS or SMD Monk	\$480.00
Shedra Monk	\$600.00
Nun (base sponsorship)	\$240.00
Additional for school nun	\$240.00
Monk (base sponsorship)	\$240.00

We will always accept any amount toward sponsorships and find additional sponsors to complete the full fee amount.

\* SMD calculates \$935.00 as the actual cost for boarding students, however, HCF is reluctant to increase sponsor fees and will continue to raise additional funds for the support of the school.



### SHREE MANGAL DVIP

Many of the projects HCF donors have sponsored are well under way at SMD. The girls shower room will soon have tiles, taps, partitions, and hooks. The multipurpose room will have large mirrors on the wall (for dance classes), flooring, small cabinets, lights and ceiling fans. The art room will have cabinets, tables and chairs and a good lighting system. There will soon be a good roof for all as well. We will share photos of the completed work as soon as they are available.

What we can show you now is the joy of having the library back in order again. Tsering Dolma (below left) is the Senior currently working as the SMD librarian and the children do race to the top floor for story time!



### THRANGU TARA ABBEY

Improvements are continuing at Tara Abbey now that the reconstruction is completed. A new multipurpose room has been constructed above the main office which overlooks the garden area. It is a completely open space with many windows and is perfect for yoga classes and Tara Dance practice.



The shedra classroom and library has been beautifully refurbished and is in full use again now that the nuns doing shedra study have moved back from Lumbini. Even though it is hard to get used to the heat in Lumbini, many nuns felt that it is a place that is conducive to study and they were reluctant to leave. Khenpo Chonyi's solution to the quandary was to hold a vote ~ 30 nuns voted to stay in Lumbini ~ 34 voted to return to Tara Abbey!

