

SANCTUARY for kids

Sanctuary for Kids (S4K) is a not for profit foundation that serves to provide sanctuary for children who do not live with the right of safety in their lives.

The mission of Sanctuary for Kids is to improve the lives of children around the world who need protection and are in crisis – those who are exploited, dispossessed and threatened.

The money that is raised goes directly to the charities that we support.

The Sanctuary for Kids Promise

The charities which Sanctuary for Kids supports have been very carefully chosen. Part of our selection process includes determining which organizations will benefit significantly from the marketing boost that comes from S4K and our connections. We like the little guy! We ensure through our auctions and online giving that 100% of the money donated goes directly to the children and the programs that support them.

Donation Information

As a not for profit foundation, we are not able to tax deductible receipt. We are grateful for your donation.

Fundraisers are encouraged to collect all donations and make one payment on PayPal through our website. Please identify your efforts in the comments section. www.sanctuaryforkids.org. Alternatively, a money order in Canadian dollars can be mailed. Write to info@sanctuaryforkids.org for information.

The Charities:

Asha Nepal

Sanctuary for Kids educates 19 children at Asha Nepal's children's home in Kathmandu.

Asha Nepal is a UK-registered charity working for the rights of women and girls in Nepal. Asha is the Nepali word for hope. Asha supports, houses and rehabilitates girls and young women who have been victims of sex trafficking, sexual and physical abuse, child labour, and discrimination due to gender, caste and HIV/Aids. With Nepali partner organizations, Asha provides a community in the form of psycho-social support, healthcare, legal support, education and training, to help women and girls to become self-sufficient and fully re-integrate into society.

Sopudep- Haiti

Sanctuary for Kids continues to support the teachers that make up the backbone of this community organization. Our support pays teachers and additional staff for over three months. This is one of the most challenging budget items and obviously one of the most crucial. Many of the teachers have worked without pay as the school was being established and are currently underpaid in a country where families make less than \$2/day.

SOPUDEP was founded in 1996 by Rea Dol, a Haitian educator who began an adult literacy program in 2000. She is a gifted leader and as need increased, so did her education programs. SOPUDEP's premiere K-12 school, *Institution Mixte de SOPUDEP*, currently provides free education for over 600 students who otherwise would never have an opportunity for an education. It stands out as a privately funded school in that it charges students a minimal fee, but this is waived if it cannot be paid. The importance of free education to a child in Haiti is sometimes hard for us to understand, as for most of us, free education is the norm. SOPUDEP is able to do away with mandatory tuitions for its students by putting its international support toward paying it's dedicated all Haitian teaching staff.

Nepal Orphans Home

Established in 2005, Nepal Orphans Home attends to the welfare of children in Nepal who are orphaned, abandoned, or not supported by their parents. The foundation currently cares for 150 children in 4 separate homes, each of which are known as Papa's House. Many of these children have been removed from situations where they had been sold into indentured servitude. Papa's House provides for the children's basic needs of food, shelter, and clothing, as well as schooling and health care, and administers to their emotional needs with love and compassion. Papa's House allows children to grow up in a nurturing environment. The mission of Nepal Orphans Home is not just to rescue children from abject poverty, but to enable the children to develop and realize their potentials.

We have recently contributed to the purchase and installation of solar lights for the kitchen and common study rooms as well as select bedrooms and halls in each of the five homes at Nepal Orphans Home. We continue to contribute to upgrading the diet of the children at NOH. Since starting this infusion two years ago, the obvious benefits of increased energy and less illness have made it a priority in the budget. Sanctuary for Kids will be purchasing supplies and providing salaries so that children can participate in extra-curricular music and art at NOH.

Over the past few years, we have donated funds to date which have allowed the orphanage to open Gumba House and we have set up the Sanctuary for Kids NOH Capital Fund. Nepal Orphans home has plans to build its own campus which will house and educate the children. (Buildings are currently leased). We have contributed \$100 000 to the first home to be built on this campus. NOH has been working to purchase land which to achieve this goal. This a slow process in Nepal but we have hopes to make it a reality soon.

Watari's Transitioning to Independence Program(TTIP) and the Transitioning to Independence Program for Parenting Youth (TIPPY)

These two programs work with the homeless youth population in Vancouver, BC. The goal of each of the programs is to assist youth, 16 - 24, to master skills required to maintain market housing while supporting them to continue to receive support for mental health/substance misuse. By removing the barrier of homelessness youth can put energy and focus towards other life areas such as educational, vocational and social goals. The purpose of TTIP is to provide 20 units of supported independent living for youth with addiction and or mental health issues. It is a transitional housing program with an expected stay of 18 months. The program consists of two components a rental supplement to enable youth to rent safe market housing and support services from a housing worker. It was the success of the program that allowed for TIPPY to be established, with 10 additional subsidies for pregnant and parenting homeless youth.

Currently it is difficult for youth with mental health or substance misuse to find and maintain safe, affordable housing. Our initiative tackles several crucial elements that addresses gaps in service. This approach allows youth to access treatment or family support while maintaining their housing. Sanctuary for Kids will be giving funds this year to starter kits to help each individual and family set up their homes.

Next Generation Nepal

Next Generation Nepal supports children who were sold to traffickers during the civil war under the false belief that they were being saved from conscription into the Maoist army. Next Generation Nepal preserves family unity and strengthens communities by reconnecting trafficked children with their parents and culture in post-conflict Nepal by:

- Searching remote regions to find families of children who were taken by child traffickers with false promises of safety and education.
- Reconnecting these children with their families by facilitating regular communications and visits.

Caring for children in transitional homes that offer safety and security during the reconnection process.

This year Sanctuary for Kids is helping to support Next Generation Nepal's Empowerment Program. This program provides education, mentoring and independent housing to older youth of NGN's programs so that they can transition to independence.