

# Annual Report July 2011 to June 2012



**Nga Gyur Shed Dup Choe Ling School, Eastern Tibet**

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Education at Elevation (E@E) celebrated its fifth year and we couldn't have done it without you. This past fiscal year June 2011 – July 2012 we transformed our brand with a new name, logo, and website. But the biggest and far greatest news is about the students at Nga Gyur Shep Dup Cho Ling School.

### **The students are thriving!**

This past year the school was honored to have a guest teacher, a specialist in Tibetan writing, visit for several months. The Tibetan writing instructor made a huge improvement in the children's education by expanding their knowledge of the Tibetan language.

According to Sonam Rinpoche, the school founder, **writing** is a special skill that is difficult to acquire in a culture that is traditionally nomadic. Many Tibetans know how to read the Tibetan texts, but they do not know how to write in Tibetan. Because of the dedicated instruction this teacher provided, the children now have a comprehensive knowledge of their native language.

Today there are 75 boys and girls in the Anzi village who know how to read and write in both Tibetan and Mandarin (the official language of China). This amazing accomplishment has been made possible because of your generous support. Your support catapulted **the literacy rate from less than 2% to 25%** in this tiny little village in Eastern Tibet.

### **Water Project Update**

The water project data collection has been underway since October 2012 and will be complete by the summer of 2013. The water project construction will begin the summer after engineering design has been finalized by Living Earth Institute (LEI). LEI is a Seattle-based non-profit that specializes in building water and sanitation systems in developing communities. We are very thankful to have them working with us on this project and look forward creating a much-needed sustainable water system for the school.

### **Too-Je-Che (Thank you in Tibetan)**

I'd like to pass along a very big and warm-hearted "thank you" from Sonam Rinpoche, teachers, and students. Your support and donations make a huge impact on the future of these Tibetan children! We are all very touched by your generosity and compassion and look forward to another wonderful year ahead.

*With warm compassion,*

*Wendy H. Wong, on behalf of the E@E team*

# Who, What, Where, When, and How

**Mission:** To provide a home and educational opportunity for unfortunate Tibetan children in Garze Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, China.

## Our goals:

1. To support orphans and poor children at the school “Nga Gyur Shed Dup Cho Ling” (loosely translated to The Early Translated Dharma Teaching and Study Center), located at a rural village in Garze Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Eastern Tibet
2. To provide an education, housing, clothing, basic living items for the children and staff at the ‘Nga Gyur Shed Dup Cho Ling’ School.



# Program Services



All of the students can now read and write Tibetan. This is a great accomplishment. The literacy rate jumped *from 2 to 25%* in this remote nomadic village. The boys and girls continue to study Tibetan along with Mandarin and mathematics.

The school now has five teachers: two for introductory Tibetan, two for advanced Tibetan, and a female teacher for the girls. The teaching staff has *increased by 66%*, from three to five teachers this year.

Mandarin teachers are also hired or volunteer for several months at a time.



*The* students usually take their tests in December of each year to evaluate their progress. Last year, five male students scored excellent in their tests. Three out of 10 female students are also doing really well.

Because of the Tibetan culture, girls traditionally do not receive an education and it has been a challenge to encourage girls to enroll. Our goal for 2013 is to increase the female enrollment.



# Program Services

## Food Supply



*E@E* provides most of the food supply for the students and teachers. This year food prices have stabilized compared to a 20% annual rise over the last two years. The food sent to the school consists of rice, dried noodles, pork, potatoes, flour, and vegetables (baby bok choy).



Vegetables and pork are rare treat for the children.

# Program Services

## Cast Iron Stoves

All thirteen stoves were replaced this year. The stoves are used daily and provide the only source of heating and cooking.

The stove offers warmth and comfort every day and will last for years.



# Local Activities

## Benefit Auction 2012, Seattle, WA



# Local Activities - *continued*



**Bellevue Festival of Arts, July 2011,  
Bellevue, WA**



# SPiRiT OF GiViNG

## FUNDRAISER for the TiBET SCHOOL

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### Karma Kookies



Every bite counts! 100% of proceeds from the sale of these scrumptious, made-from-scratch cookies will help feed the boys & girls at the Tibet School. **Eat Up!**

**Original Karma Kookie:** For the spicy people. Tempt your tummy with the warm spice of Sichuan accented by natural smoky, buttery, pea-nutty flavors.

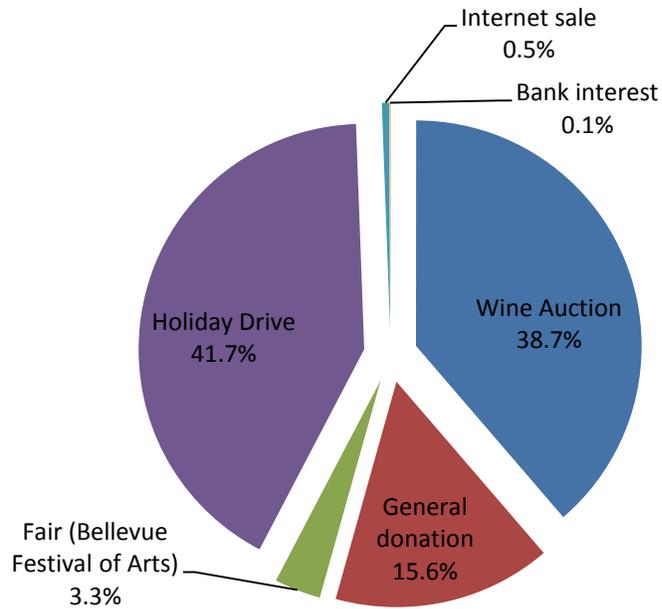
**Dark Karma Kookie:** Chocoholics unite! This cookie delivers a double whammy of chocolate deliciousness with a kiss of raspberry liqueur. Need we say more?

\$8/bag - suggested donation  
1 dozen/bag

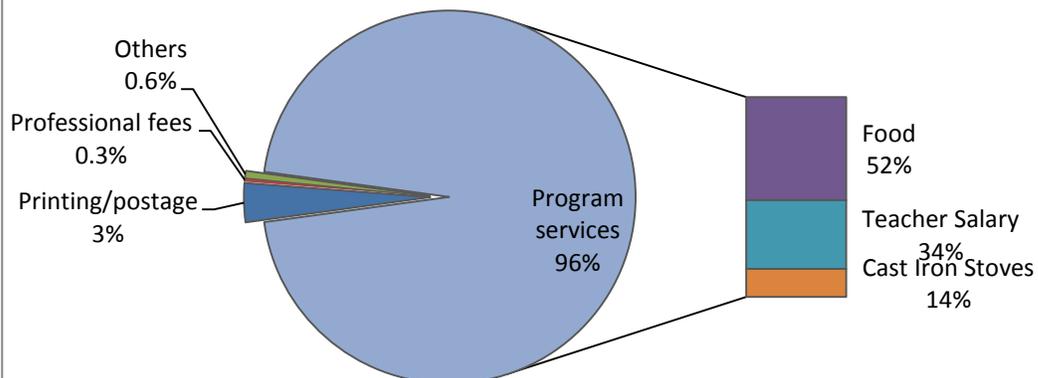


# Financial Statement (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012)

## Revenue And Support



## Expenses



# Financial Statement

## Consolidated Balance Sheets

July 1, 2011 – June 31, 2012

	<u>Yr 2011- 2012</u>	<u>Yr 2010 - 2011</u>	<u>Yr 2009 - 2010</u>
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash Donations	3017	7727	12438
Internet Merchant Sale	100	0	129
Revenue from Holiday Drive, Art fair and Auction	16154	7673	6168
Interest from Banks	12	4	5
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>19284</b>	<b>15404</b>	<b>18740</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Professional fees	0	474	0
Booth rental	0	80	343
License/filing fees	30	0	103
Program services	8319 *	20508	8958
Printing/postage	294	170	166
Subscription	50	0	50
Bank related fees	0	7	55
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>8693</b>	<b>21239</b>	<b>9675</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	10591 **	-5835	9065
	<b>19284</b>	<b>15404</b>	<b>18740</b>

\* \$3,600 food purchased for this fiscal year for June to Nov 2011 was recorded in last fiscal year. This is because the food was purchased at the end of May 2011 which fell in the previous fiscal year of 2010-2011.

\*\* Includes \$10,000 reserve fund for water project construction.

# Financial Statement

## Consolidated Statements of Activities

July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

	2011-2012	2010-2011
<b>Revenue and support</b>		\$
Wine Auction	7463.17	6417
General donation	3017.3	2138
Fair (Bellevue Festival of Arts)	642	1256
Holiday Drive	8048.77	5588
Internet sale	100	
Bank interest	12.49	4
	<u>19284</u>	<u>15404</u>
 <b>Expenses</b>		
Program services	8319 *	20508
Booth rental	0	80
Printing/postage	293.8	170
Professional fees/License fees	30	474
Others	50	7
	<u>8692.8</u>	<u>21239</u>
 <b>Net Assets</b>		
Beginning	8957	14792
Ending	20058	8957

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# List of Directors (July 2011- June 2012)

Sonam Rinpoche	Main Spiritual Advisor
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