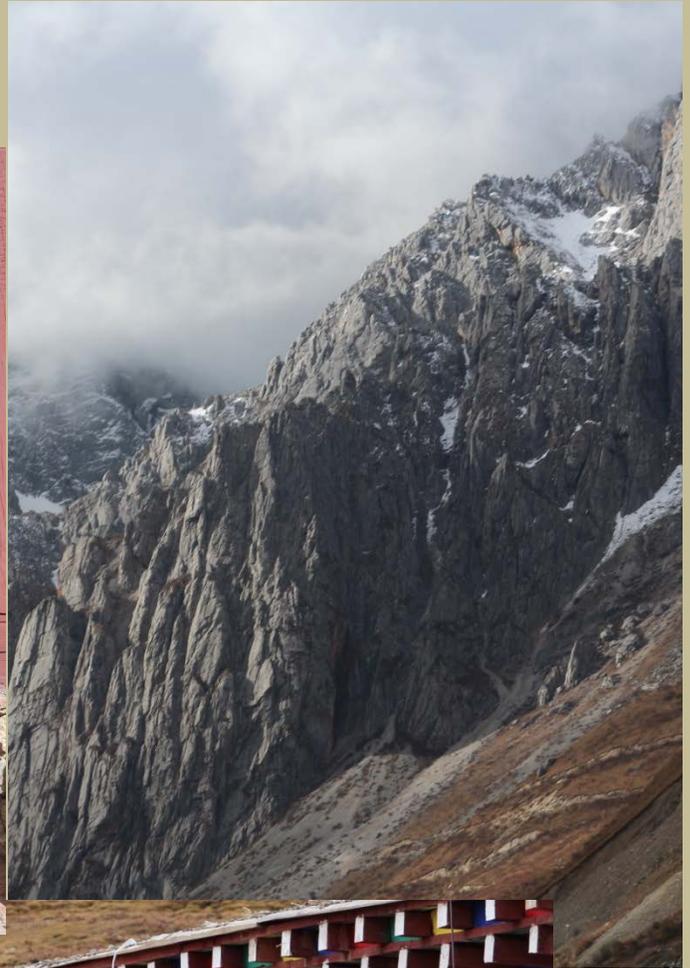


Education  Elevation

Annual Report  
July 2012 to June 2013



## **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

This year was a significant year for the graduating students, as well as for you, E@E donors and volunteers. This past October, 56 students graduated from Nga Gyur Shed Dup Cho Ling School. This group is the very first batch of students, ages 12-25, to graduate since the school opened five years ago. **We are very proud of them!**

Sonam Rinpoche visited the school twice this year, in July and October and reported that the children are doing well and studying hard. While he was there, he spoke to the students and emphasized the importance of education. He also urged them to be committed and to complete their studies so that they will be eligible to graduate.

This past school year, there were five fulltime teachers that taught 74 boys and eight girls. The school also had the privilege of hosting volunteer teachers - several recent graduates from universities in China - who taught Mandarin for a few months in Winter 2012/2013 and Spring 2013. The time that they spent teaching the students Mandarin was invaluable and we thank them very much.

As always, the students are very grateful to study and to learn new things. Each morning, they dedicate merit and blessings to donors during their prayer time.

I'd like to deliver a heartfelt **Too-Je-Che (Thank you)** from Sonam Rinpoche, the teachers, and the students.

Each day, your support gives **hope** to the students and shows them that **kindness** has no borders.

*With Warm Compassion,*

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

# Program Services



## *Congratulations Class of 2013*

E@E is happy to announce that we had our first class graduate since the school opened five years ago. Out of the 56 students that graduated from the program, 33 left to further their studies at free monasteries located in Kham, eight students went to study at Chang Tai Gompa (monastery), nine returned home to their families, five students left to work in a factory in Southern China and one went on to study computers in Chengdu.

The students are very grateful for the education that they received. Before they came to the school, they were illiterate. Now, they can skillfully read and write in Tibetan and Mandarin, and have comprehensive math skills.



(L) The students enjoying a celebration feast outdoors. October 2013.

(R) A fellow classmate helped tie colorful ribbons on his friends as decoration for a performance at the graduation party. October 2013.

# Program Services

**Penjok**, age 24 came from a family of five, wrote “Thank you very much to those who helped us. I will not forget your kindness for the rest of my life.”



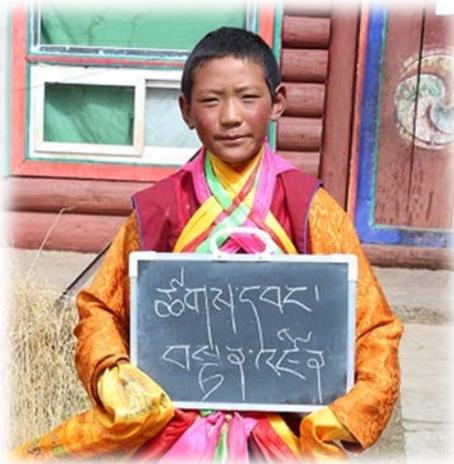
Pic 1 Penjok, Aug 2010



Pic 2 Penjok, Oct 2013



Pic 3 Tsenam, Aug 2010



Pic 4 Tsenam, Oct 2013

**Tsenam**, 16 years old, wrote “Thank you everyone who helped to provide food, clothes, and education for all these five years ”

**Dawa Tsering**, 16 years old, comes from a large family of seven, wrote “I learned Tibetan very well. I will help whenever I am able.”



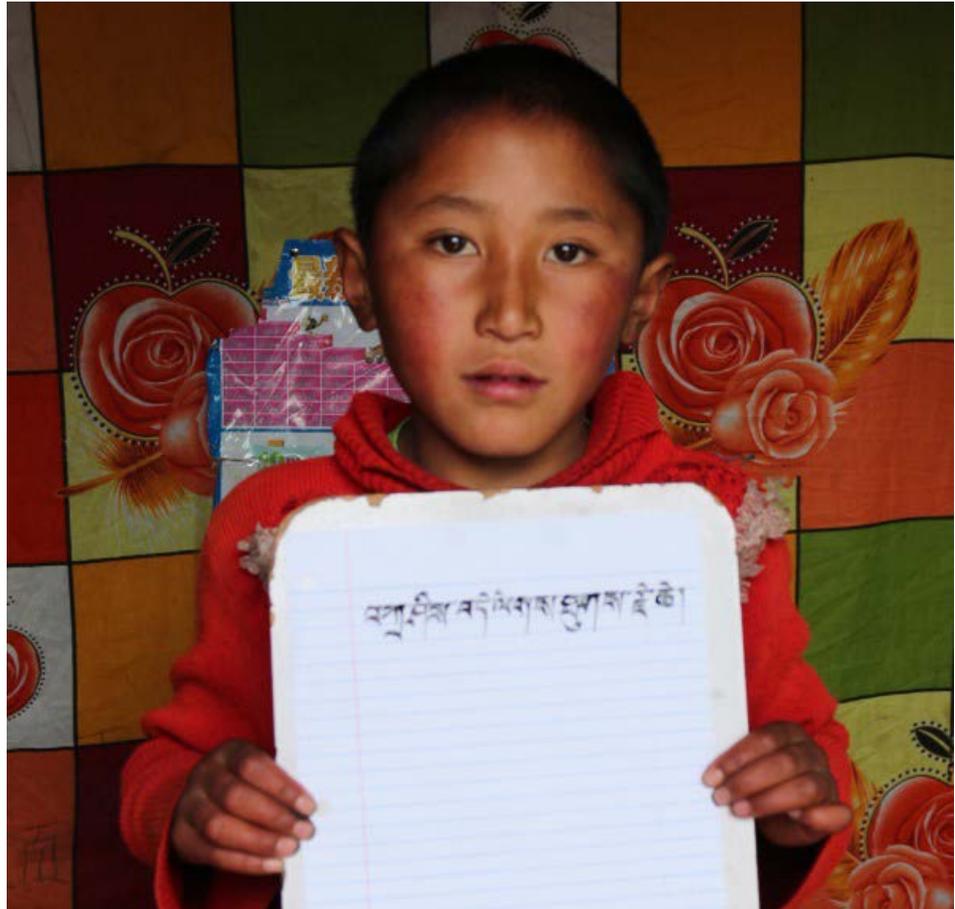
Pic 5 Dawa Tsering, Aug 2010



Pic 6 Dawa Tsering, Oct 2013

We share your belief  
that every child  
deserves an  
opportunity to be  
educated.

With your support,  
you've given the  
children who live in a  
remote nomad village  
the power of  
education and hope.



Thank you for your  
generosity!

# Program Services

## Food Supply and Basic Necessities

*E@E* provides for food supplies and basic necessities for 80 students and teachers. This year food was sent in two batches, once in Fall 2012 and once in Spring 2013.

### Food sent to the school:

6,600 lbs rice,  
9,200 lbs flour,  
5,200 lbs of cooking oil,  
2,050 lbs dried noodles,  
375 lbs pork,  
1,500 lbs vegetables



During the same period, basic necessities such as soap, toothpaste, and towels were also sent to the school.

In Fall 2012, *E@E* also sent **81 chuba (winter coats)** for the students and teachers. The chubas were sewn locally by a Tibetan tailor in Sichuan. Chubas are a traditional Tibetan garment and the students wear them all year long.

# The Power of Books

Approximately \$300 worth of story books (written in Tibetan and Mandarin) were given to the school in spring 2013.

These books were a pleasant addition to inspire the creative minds of the students.

We'd like to send out a special "Thank you" to Lama Che-Che who works at the school. He traveled to Chengdu to purchase the books and shared them with the class.



# Water Project Updates

For the last two winters, E@E has collected specific data concerning the weather, temperature, and ice thickness in order to plan for the construction of a sustainable water system. It is important to do a detailed study so that we can prevent the pipes from freezing during the winter.

Earlier in the project, we consulted with Seattle's **Living Earth Institute (LEI)**, who has completed many successful water systems at high altitude. After visiting the school and investigating the proposed water sources, they identified the minimum depth to bury the pipes to be of 5.5 ft.

Recently, we've met with a local water expert and he will act as the water project manager. He also provided a detailed study of the area and water sources and has provided E@E with additional information that we need in order to begin the water project.

We will continue to make observations this winter collecting data on two proposed water collection pits.

We hope to start the water project construction in the warmer months of 2014.



**Distance** for the buried pipes: about 2300 ft.

**Elevation** between the water source and the school: 200 ft.

**Pipe depth:** 6 ft.

**Water project elevation:** 14,200 ft. above sea level

# Local Activities

## *Spring Dance Party, April 13, 2013. Seattle, WA*



Spring Dance party in April 2013.

**Thank you so much Mindi and Daniel** for teaching salsa lessons at the party.

**Thank you HappyBoothDay.com** for offering live broadcast of photos online.



That fun night included a crazy snow, hail, and rain storms that created a power outage.

But that didn't stop us. We raised several hundred dollars that evening and used the funds to buy storybooks for the students to enjoy.



# Local Activities

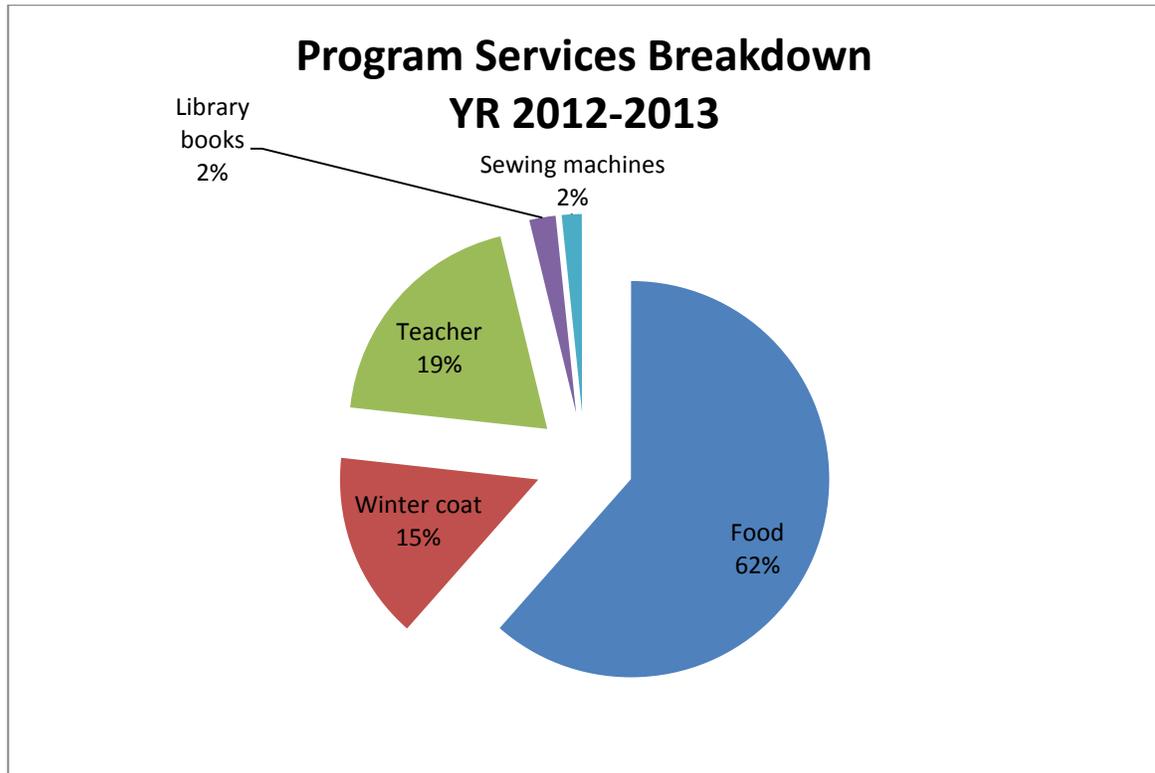


**Bellevue Festival of Arts,  
July 27, 2013, Bellevue,**

**Tibet Fest, August, 2013,  
Seattle Center, WA**

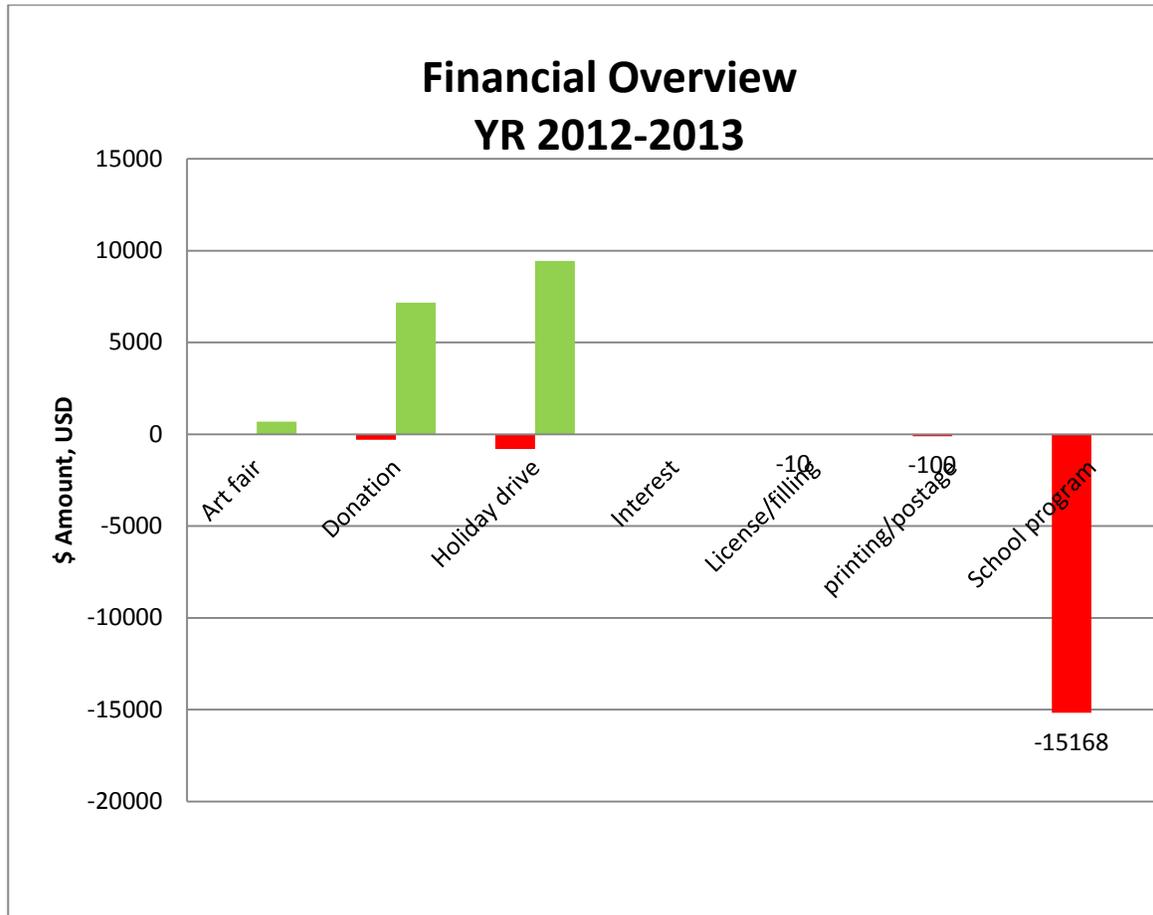


# Financial Information



***For every dollar donated, 93 cents goes  
direct to the school.***

# Financial Overview (July 31, 2012 – June 30, 2013)



Positive values (in green) indicated incomes. Negative values (in red) indicated expenses.

# Financial Statement (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013)

## Consolidated Statements of Activities

July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>
<b>Revenue and support</b>	\$	\$
Wine Auction	-	7,463
General donation	6,888	3,017
Fair (Bellevue Festival of Arts)	688	642
Holiday Drive	8,644	8,049
Internet sale	-	100
Bank interest	18	12
	<u>16,238</u>	<u>19,284</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program services	15,168	8,319
Printing/postage	100	294
Professional fees/License fees	10	30
Others	-	50
	<u>15,278</u>	<u>8,693</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Beginning	20,058	8,957
Ending *	21,018	20,058

\* Included \$10,000 reserve funds for water project

# List of Directors (July 2012- June 2013)

Sonam Rinpoche	Main Spiritual Advisor
Wendy H. Wong	President
Tim Bruce	Vice President
Michele Thomson	Secretary/Marketing
Yuko Caras	Treasurer
Aimee Ford	Board Member
Nancy Buyers	Board Member
Patrick Low	Board Member
Sean Caras	Board Member