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Dear Friends

For many years, we have been telling you about our wonderful kids at J House (for boys) and K House (for girls). These kids, from some of the most deprived backgrounds imaginable, are the centerpiece, the heart and soul of NYOF's work in Nepal. Their lives illustrate the startling transformation that a little love and security can make in the life of a child. The children at the houses have molded themselves into a close, supportive family in place of the families they lost, and they are bonded to one another as tightly as any nuclear family.

One donor who visited the houses wrote: "you will not be able to find anywhere in the world better conditions for the good of a child...One finds here the most adorable, bright children in a setting of real 'family' ambience that provides for their entire well being. But what will tear at your heart is to see these lovable, well-adjusted...children and then learn of the horrific circumstances from which they were brought to such a completely different level of living and life...These children are solid 'miracles of transformation' from outcasts at the bottom rung of the societal ladder to loving, responsible, and accomplished citizens. NYOF is the vehicle of their opportunity."

Our latest little "miracle of transformation" is Manavee, a little girl of five or six. She is a member of the Raute tribe, an aboriginal, almost extinct nomadic tribe, many of whose members still roam the forest and live by hunting. Many children of the tribe do not survive their childhood. We do not know much about Manavee except that she is an orphan and was found by a woman living near a Raute settlement in a most pitiful condition. She was covered with lice and sores, and was severely malnourished. A local women's group asked if they could undertake Manavee's care and education, but the tribal leaders refused at first because they do not believe in education for anyone. Finally, they relented, and Manavee came to live temporarily in a children's shelter in western Nepal.

She came to K house last spring, and in no time at all she has become a healthy and happy child. She is hungry for affection, and burrows into the lap of anyone who will provide a soft spot for her to nestle in. She has a bit of a silly streak and loves to prance around in the big sunglasses that Uncle (the K House supervisor) wears. She doesn't speak English yet, but she communicates just fine with her hugs and grins. She has a bright future before her – good schools, good food, and all the loving care a child needs to grow up healthy and whole.

A number of children at J and K House need sponsors who help to support them and often form a close relationship with the child. Manavee and many other boys and girls need sponsors. Sponsors receive letters from the child at least twice a year, pictures, and updates from our staff about the child's progress in school and at home. If you would like information about sponsoring a child at J House and K House, please contact us. Or we would appreciate a donation to help the upkeep of these two wonderful children's homes.



Manavee with Som, NYOF's Executive Director in Nepal

I'm headed back to Nepal soon and will write you again from Kathmandu. Thank you for your loyal support through the years. It is you we have to thank for all the good work NYOF has been able to accomplish over the past 15 years.

Warm regards,



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Little J House boys on an outing

The Nepalese Youth Opportunity Foundation (NYOF) is a U.S. based non-profit organization devoted to bringing hope to the most destitute children in the beautiful but impoverished kingdom of Nepal. With a personal touch, we provide them with what should be every child's birthright—education, housing, medical care and loving support. Empowered to reach their potential, these children blossom, enriching the world we all share.

We support more than 2000 children in school, from kindergarten to medical school. Many of these kids receive complete support. About 75 young children who do not have suitable homes attend boarding school, 145 go to college, 133 are blind or deaf and attend special schools, 60 are in J and K house, and 178 kids who have acceptable families go to day school. The remainder attend schools in rural areas.

An education is the only way a youngster from Nepal can break the cycle of extreme poverty. This is especially true of children who are from the untouchable caste, the disabled, or women. Most of the NYOF scholarships are granted to youngsters in these categories.

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“Nothing rekindles hope in the human condition like witnessing the transformation of children.”

Changing the world...one child at a time.