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Dear NYF Community,

I am writing to you from Nuwakot, Nepal, where I am visiting communities affected by the catastrophic floods back in August. It has been difficult seeing the aftermath of the devastation and meeting with families who have lost so much. This disaster has severely tested the resilience and strength of the Nepali people, but I am humbled by the courage I've seen here. **I want to begin by reassuring you that every child, student, and staff member across NYF's programs is safe.**

Within days, our team was on the ground providing emergency relief, counseling, and shelter. **We have now supported nearly 2,000 people.** Just as important, we have listened. Families have told us their greatest worries were a safe place to live and a way to keep their children in school, and our long-term recovery plan is built around those needs.

Immediately after the floods, the beloved NYF Community, both new and old, responded with a generosity that moved us deeply. To those of you who are new, welcome. Thank you for standing with Nepal when it needed you most. **The impact of your gifts reached families within days**, and they will continue to help them rebuild for months to come.



(Above) As part of our flood response, NYF recently distributed school supplies and uniforms to 800 students!



(Above) Children celebrate the 10th anniversary of Olgapuri with a musical performance in the theater room.

That generosity and love carried into September. **On September 25, NYF's residential children's home, Olgapuri Children's Village, celebrated its 10th anniversary** with a joyful evening of music and dancing organized by the children themselves. As one child told us, "Olgapuri is our family, our dream, and our future." Now, Olgapuri is preparing to welcome children who have lost their families in the floods.

The very next day, **more than 60 people around the world joined our first ever Trek-a-Thon for Olgapuri, raising more than $55,000**.

As Nepal enters the season of Dashain and Tihar, festivals of light, hope, and goodness, **I am reminded that this light is carried by many hands around the world.** Thank you for being those hands, carrying forward NYF's dream for a stronger, more resilient Nepal.

With gratitude and hope,

Som Paneru
NYF President

From Scholarship to Courtroom: Our Newest Graduates

This fall, we're celebrating **three new graduates** from our Educating Dalit Lawyers program: Samiksha, Rambabu, and Pradeep! Each graduate will continue to be supported and mentored as they prepare for the Nepali Bar Exam. We're so grateful for everyone in the NYF Community who made these milestones possible.



(Above) Congratulations to Samiksha, Rambabu, and Pradeep in our EDL program for graduating law school!

About Educating Dalit Lawyers

Educating Dalit Lawyers (EDL) is a partnership between NYF and Dignity Initiative, a Dalit-led organization in Kathmandu. Nepal's Dalit community has historically faced severe caste-based discrimination. Although Dalits make up 13.4% of the population, they represent less than 1% of its lawyers. EDL helps to close this gap by preparing human rights lawyers who can advocate for their communities and expand access to justice.

The program began with 31 students from across Nepal, many of whom are the first in their families to attend college. Each receives a full scholarship for a five-year law degree, living expenses, and personalized mentorship. With four graduates to date, 27 students remain enrolled.

Current students attend a conference!

Current EDL students recently gathered for a conference on the future of Nepal's Dalit rights movement. They explored strategies for addressing ongoing challenges, discussed landmark court decisions with former Supreme Court Justice Anand Mohan Bhattarai, and shared their perspectives in a public speaking competition.

The conference also honored Pradip Bishwakarma, EDL's first graduate to become a practicing lawyer. He has since joined NYF's Community Empowerment Program as a legal officer in Saptari District, drawn to the opportunity to serve Dalit communities with limited access to justice. His next chapter shows what EDL makes possible: young people using their legal education to serve their communities and advocate for their rights.



(Left) Pradip Bishwakarma poses for a photo with his law practitioner's certificate after passing the Nepali bar exam.

Estate Planning & Charitable Giving 101

An educational info session on Nov. 5 with Jaime Mannon, Esq.

Join us on Zoom on **Thursday, November 5 at 5:30pm PT** to learn more about estate planning from NYF supporter and experienced estate planning attorney, Jaime Mannon. At this info session, you'll hear about the different ways you can support the charitable organizations you care about—both during your lifetime and through your estate plans. There will also be time for questions at the end! **Scan the QR code or visit https://nyf.news/ep-101 to register online for this *free* info session.**

Register here!

Nepal Flood Relief: Response & Updates

On August 26, a catastrophic flash flood struck communities along the border between Nepal and Tibet. The disaster killed close to 1,500 people and left thousands missing—many of whom were the primary earners in their families, leaving mothers and young children with no income and no home. **Early estimates put the number of children affected at nearly 23,000.**

NYF is responding with **emergency shelter, psychological support for survivors, distribution of supplies** and **basic needs**, and **long-term care for displaced children**.

1,450+
people confirmed dead

5,200+
people missing/ unaccounted for

7,500+
homes destroyed

16
schools destroyed

4,500+
people displaced & staying in holding centers

600+
children lost one or both of their parents

Emergency Response Programs

- Distribution of **emergency supplies** & **essential items** like clothing, bedding, hygiene kits, gas, medicine, and more
- **Mental health and psychosocial support** provided by trained counselors for survivors and those experiencing trauma
- **Nutrition support** through distribution of lito—a highly nutritious flour—to affected children, families, survivors, & elderly people
- **Transitional Recovery Shelter** for injured survivors who are still recovering or waiting for government housing

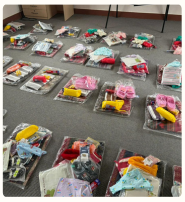
Long-Term Recovery Plan

- **Kinship Care** placements and stipends for children who have lost their parents but have relatives able to care for them
- Long-term care & shelter at **Olgapuri Children's Home** for kids who have lost entire families and have nowhere else to go
- **Vocational training** for young adults to rebuild both their own lives and their community's public infrastructure
- **Scholarships** for affected students—particularly those whose education have been disrupted

What You've Helped Make Possible—2,000 individuals supported so far!



400kg of Lito, a highly nutritious super flour, delivered to **local health posts** and **holding centers** in flood-affected regions.



200 kits containing essential supplies like clothing, towels, diapers, sanitary pads, and more **distributed to displaced families**.



Complete kitchen sets, including utensils, rice cookers, cooking stoves, & gas cylinders **donated to 150 families** residing in holding centers.



One-month food supply and hygiene essentials distributed to **40 families** who had to relocate to Kathmandu after losing everything.



200 individuals, mostly children, **receive ongoing counseling** to cope with trauma, loss, displacement, and uncertainty.



New **uniforms and school supplies distributed to 800 students** who have lost their homes and belongings in the floods.

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(Above) **Nepal Flood Update:** NYF President Som Paneru **distributes school supplies to students who are finally returning to school in Nuwakot**, one of the areas heavily affected by the August 26 floods.

Som recently joined NYF team members who are stationed in the region to observe our flood response efforts, meet local partners, and personally visit affected community members. For more updates on the flood, take a look inside.

OLGAPURI

TREK-A-THON

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF OLGAPURI CHILDREN'S VILLAGE


COLORADO SPRINGS


TEAM SOAR


CHICAGO


NYC

On Sept. 26, NYF supporters around the world participated in our first Olgapuri Trek-a-Thon to celebrate the 10th anniversary of our residential children's home, **Olgapuri Children's Village.**

Together, we raised over $55,000 to support the children who already call Olgapuri home—and also help the village prepare to welcome more.

Thank you to everyone who made this Trek-a-Thon possible. If you didn't get the chance to participate this year, and would like to join in the future, please reach out to us. We'd love to have you!


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TEAM NAMASTE


MARIN


DENVER