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Dear friends and sponsors of the HNGF!

We would like to inform you in this overview of 2016 of the activities in the past year. But first of all we would like to thank our 12 loyal donors for their periodic contributions, with which we have been able to finance these activities. Also, we have recieved some large donations by Hilly Bol,Ben Ferwerda, Ursula Heine, Elzbieta Merko Bialecka, Helmut Gramer, Urban Kostomaj, Cepelak Stelnicna and Alexander Gruenling.
Thank you all very much!

Overview of the projects of 2016:
We are waiting for a message from our contact person of the Karmapa Center of Education (KCE) on the progress of this school complex. If there is a new needs, they will once again be provided a donation. The young monks of H.E. Beru Khyentse Rinpoche are still divided over in different monasteries in different locations. The restoration of the monastery in Kathmandu is proceeding slowly, just like the entire reconstruction in Nepal after the large earthquake in 2015. Most boys stay still in Mainpat, India. The English teacher is not yet been deployed. In the course of 2016 our contact person in Bodhgaya moved and we were waiting for a new contact. This was established in December 2016 and now the active search for an English teacher has started. We'll keep you posted of the developments!

New projects in 2016:
We are in contact with the Buddhist nun, Claudia Butnik, living in Antwerp. She has a project called ' Himalayan Children '. The sponsored children are from poor families in Kathmandu. The sponsor money pays the school fees, school supplies, clothes and any medical care necessary. The HNGF sponsors 2 girls. The parents sign a contract in which they promise not to sell to the girls and that they spend the money on them. There is supervision by a local contact on the right spending of the money. In addition, Claudia is living 4-6 months a year in Kathmandu, where she visits the families frequently. Furthermore, the past year a nice flyer is made which you will find at the end of this letter. We hope to reach more people at courses and other meetings that we want to visit in 2017.
The plan of activities in 2017 is currently being created and will be posted on de website at the end of February, together with the annual financial report 2016 and the 2016 overview. They can be found on the website under News.

We want to thank you again for your support and trust in our endevours. We hope that we can make more of an impact for the children more in 2017. With warm regards,

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The foundation aims to contribute to improving the living conditions of children in the Himalayan region by focusing on education and training opportunities. Our attention is focused primarily on children in Nepal and Northern India.

The quality of education offered by local schools is often quite poor, which is why many children cannot read or write. Some of the children in the poorest areas enter a convent to become a monk or nun (sometimes temporarily). But because the monasteries are completely dependent on private donations, living conditions there are also frequently primitive. At times there is no money for clothes, medical care or school supplies.

Education and training are important to help children develop their potential. We intend to promote equal opportunities for both boys **and** girls.

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