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Dear COMMITTED Supporters,

Thank you for your continued support over the past year. As a result, significant number of children and their families in Nepal are receiving care in some form and they thank you for your generosity. With your support year 2006 was very successful. Our primary focus for the past year was rehabilitation of Kanya Mandir School, the first girls' school of Nepal. Once a prominent affluent school serving girls of all class and race, now mainly serves the underprivileged girls of Kathmandu. We started the first quarter with two concurrent activities for the school: 1) finalization of site and building survey and plan preparation; 2) analysis and report preparation of a needs assessment survey. The site and building survey was important to understand the conditions of the facilities. The needs assessment survey has helped us understand the needs of the school population.

During the second quarter of 2006 we built the most urgent need expressed during the needs assessment survey process: walkway shed over the northern walkway of the main school building. The built shed protects the building and the students from Kathmandu's brutal monsoon. During the third quarter of 2006, we replaced the deteriorated blackboards with dry erase boards for all the classrooms. The replaced dry erase boards provide a dust free classroom environment. All projects were implemented with diligent monitoring from our Nepal office staff. The children greatly appreciate your care for them. The most prioritized projects indicated by the needs assessment survey was a computer lab. We are in the process of implementing the Kanya Mandir Computer Literacy Project. Our goal is to provide 25 computers for the lab with an overhead projection system, four computers each for the library and the staff room. We have already acquired and provided some of the components of this project.

We are also pleased to announce that our services from 2007 on will not only be restricted to communities in Nepal. We will also serve people of Nepali origin residing in the U.S. in the areas of health and social needs. Many Nepali immigrant arrive at the ports to begin a new life but find themselves lost over the years as a result of financial constraints and lack of education, awareness, and communication skills. We are initiating the Himalayan Helpline project and conducting a Nepali language and culture awareness projects for U.S. residents. Necessary steps are being taken to implement these projects.

We are now embarking on our 4th year. Towards the end of 2007 you will see changes in Board positions. After founding COMMITTED in the U.S. and Nepal, and implementing significant projects, Ms. Pradhan (Current Treasurer) and I will be relocating to Nepal which has always been our first home. In Nepal we will be involved in implementing COMMITTED's projects. I am confident our roots will help us serve Nepali communities in a much enhanced manner. We will have energetic new members occupying the vacant board positions and I am confident they will take COMMITTED to newer heights. On behalf of COMMITTED's staff and Board Members, I thank you and hope for your continued support to help build better Nepali communities.

Sincerely,



Jayjeev Hada

Founder/Chairperson

**Board Members**

Positions	2006-2007
Chairperson	Jayjeev Hada
Co-chairperson	Pravin S. Rana
General Secretary	Jayjeev Hada
Treasurer	Ritima Pradhan
Coordinator	Sanjeev Rana

**CURRENT PROJECTS : Kanya Mandir Rehabilitation Project**



Kanya Mandir is an all girls' higher secondary school located in Nheokha Tole, Kathmandu. COMMITTED and the school's management committee are working together to revive Kanya Mandir's glorious history. The school's performance excelled immediate to its inception in 1948 and lasted the first four decades. Over the last two decades, the school's standard of education as well as its physical infrastructure has deteriorated and is now in need of rehabilitation.

Our goal is to formulate a development plan that will rehabilitate the school's dilapidated infrastructures, construct additional facilities, and provide a sustainable financial management strategy and means to meet current and future needs of the school. We have completed a needs assessment survey in which students from grade six and above and teachers and staff participated. The survey results reflect the immediate and long term needs of the school. Survey analysis and results is available on our web site. Much of the projects were implemented with financial help from U.S. residents. An upcoming toilet, water supply and infirmary project is being implemented in the fall of 2007 with financial help from the Rotary Club.

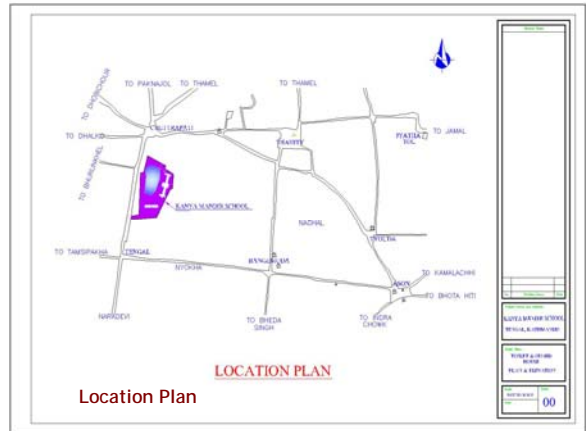
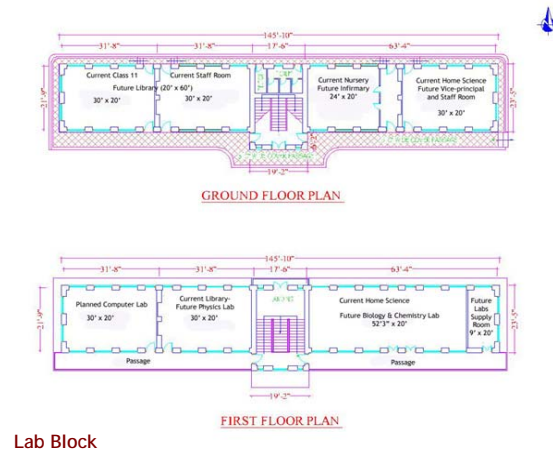
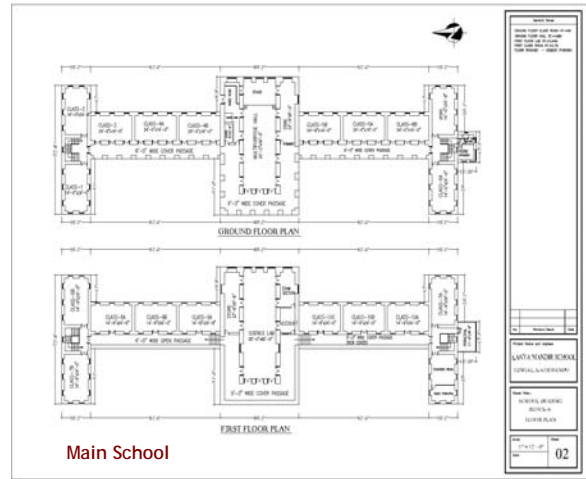
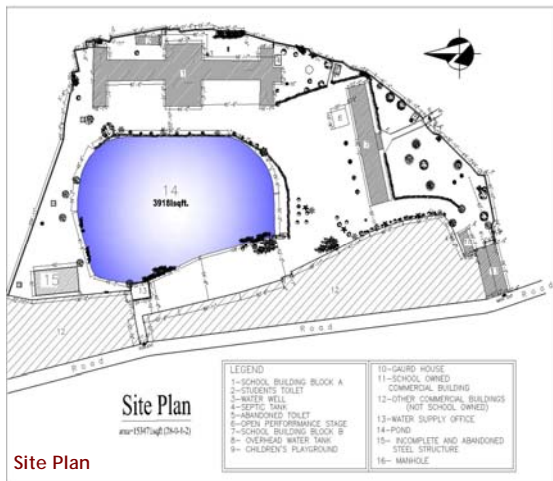
Steps relevant to the project are mentioned below, some of which have been completed.

- Conduct survey to identify immediate and future needs of school-Completed
- Analyze survey results to prioritize needs based on urgency and feasibility-Completed
- Prepare existing site plans and buildings in existing condition-Completed
- Conduct analysis to confirm structural stability of existing buildings and land-Partially Completed
- Prepare master plan—Future
- Raise funds to implement immediate needs
  - \* Build walkway shed over North-wing of Main school Building - Completed
  - \* Replace all school blackboards with dry erase boards - Completed
  - \* Build computer lab and initiate computer literacy project - Ongoing
  - \* Renovate students and staff toilet facilities—Ongoing
  - \* Build school clinic—Ongoing
  - \* Build drinking water system—Ongoing
- Prepare master plan and implement projects-Ongoing

**Dry Erase Board Project**



Existing Condition Drawings



Fund Raising

COMMITTED's future depends on successful fund raising campaigns and acquiring grants for specific projects. Our grant application for the toilet facilities, water supply system, and infirmary was submitted to the Rotary Club in late 2006 and was recently accepted. The project is up for implementation in the fall of 2007. In 2006, we continued to collect contributions via online banking and credit card methods to generate regular monthly subscriptions. Regular cash flow from this type of contribution has made it possible to recruit project coordinators and administrators in Nepal to initiate and implement projects. Much of the contributions received are credited to our efficient implementation record. Aggressive fund raising campaigns are necessary to implement more meaningful projects. As we move ahead in the days to come, we will rely primarily on acquiring grants to formulate and implement plans.

COMMITTED's Vision and Challenges

COMMITTED's primary goal is to provide health, safety, and welfare to Nepali communities. COMMITTED's success depends mainly on the ability to acquire grants and raise funds for worthy projects. Overall, creative fund raising and coordination efforts continue to be a challenge for both chapters. In addition, a majority of the Nepali population in the U.S. are aware of health and social issues facing our communities, but there lacks a consolidating agent that can bring all stakeholders together to resolve these issues. In the U.S., COMMITTED hopes to be the force that can bring all stakeholders together to resolve our issues. In Nepal, the political situation is still the primary hurdle. The duration of the ongoing peace process is key for us to reach out to the population in the rural areas.

**Growth**

One of the highlights of 2006 was the expansion of our services. We are not only providing services to communities in Nepal but also to the Nepalese immigrant communities in the U.S. It is true that communities in Nepal are in much need of our help and was the basis of our formation. However, Nepalese immigrant communities in the U.S. are also in need of assistance. A majority of our U.S. communities survive on nominal wages and cannot afford to be a part of the health care system. Lack of awareness, education, and communication are also issues that lead to frail health conditions. Domestic abuse cases are also on the rise. COMMITTED volunteers have been providing services in these areas on an informal basis. With expansion of our services, it has made it possible to mold these initiatives into viable projects. As a part of providing health referral services we are collaborating with the School of Public Health of George Washington University to understand the health needs of our community in the Washington DC Metropolitan area. As a part of our services in the U.S. the following are the services we are formulating:

1. Himalayan Helpline Project—Providing educational and referral services for health, legal, immigration, settlement, and financial.
2. Nepali language and cultural preservation initiatives for U.S. residents.

**Administrative Changes**

Changes to Board positions are taking place as a result of the current Chairperson and the Treasurer’s relocation to Nepal. New Board members have been identified and will be assuming the positions starting July 1st, 2007. The current chairperson will assume the duties of the co-chairperson and will be responsible for undertaking projects in Nepal. The new members have lived in the Washington DC Metropolitan Area for numerous years and have been key volunteers in COMMITTED’s projects. With the change in board positions, COMMITTED’s office will also relocate to 8803 Sandy Ridge, Court, Fairfax, VA 22031.



Before



In Process



After

Walkway Shed Project

**Incoming Board Members**

Positions	2007-2008
Chairperson	Neeva Pradhan
Co-chairperson	Jayjeev Hada
General Secretary	Anita Tuladhar
Treasurer	Pushpa Bhattarai
Member	Eric Moe

OUR 2006 SUPPORTERS

Recurring Monthly Commitments	Other Contributors	Other Contributors
Amrit Pradhan	Anna Okawara	Pabitra & Manish Jossee
Edina & Sadeep Shrestha	Amrit Pradhan	Pratibha & Siddharth Upreti
Himashree and Pravin Rana	Abhaya Shrestha	Rekha & Anil Katwal
Johanna Thapa	Braj Sharma	Roland Jones
Mela and Neeraj Shrestha	Gita & Arun Bhandari	Sheila & Prabodh Shrestha
Nischal Shrestha	Gerald Fornilda	Sarju Shrestha
Pragya & Perry Joshi	Indrani Sistla	Sailesh Bhandari
Reema & Lokesh Rajbhandari	John Schappi	Sukeshina Joshi
Ritima Pradhan & Jayjeev Hada	Leonard Wolfenstein	Sachi & Ranjan pant
Ritesh Shrestha	Metro Star Inc	Sushma Barakoti
Shama & Sameer Khakure	Magan & Nani Shrestha	Tejashwi & Anil Rauniyar
Sandeep Puri	Marlyn & Jim Zook	
Sujita and Sushil Bogati	Neeva & Rajesh Pradhan	

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Balance from 2005	1,142.04
<b>Income</b>		
	Board Contributions	615.00
	Interest Income	4.00
	Other Contributions	7,183.15
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7,802.15</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
	Project Contributions (Kanya Mandir School)	6,073.44
	<i>Existing Conditions Site Plan and Survey</i>	680.57
	<i>Needs Assessment Survey</i>	730.00
	<i>Northern Wing Walkway Shed Construction</i>	2,462.87
	<i>Black Board Replacement</i>	1,648.00
	<i>Computer Server for Lab Purchase</i>	552.00
	Office Supplies	255.54
	Webhosting	195.69
	Fund Raising	639.12
	<i>ANA Convention</i>	351.48
	<i>Postage</i>	214.32
	<i>Fund Raising Supplies</i>	73.32
	PayPal Service Charge	35.14
	Registration Renewal	55.00
	Advertisement	2.50
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>7,256.43</b>
	Balance as of December 31, 2006	1,687.76