



October 2014

## Annual Year-end Celebration & Benefit

**Mon, Dec 8, 2014  
6 - 10 PM**

**Lower Eastside  
Girls Club**  
Entrance: 401 E 8th St  
between Ave C & D  
New York, NY

Free admission.  
All proceeds benefit  
Ghar Sita Mutu -  
House with Heart.

Don't miss this big event. Great food and entertainment! There will be beautiful crafts for sale made by the graduates of the Women's Training Program. Hope to see you and your friends there!



Diwas Gurung (above) was one of the talented performers at last year's party. Beverly (below) modeled a hoodini made by the women in the training program



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## News from Beverly in Nepal

I arrived in Kathmandu just in time to celebrate the third, yes THIRD birthday of our little **Abhaya Kalyani**. Some of you may remember that we took her into Ghar Sita Mutu - House with Heart at just two days old after she was abandoned by her mother. Today, she is well-adjusted and adored by all -- and a tad mischievous as well. She speaks quite a bit of English already and has started nursery school.



Abhaya enjoying her cake at the birthday party for the younger girls.

In the past two years we have taken five other little girls into our home including sisters **Ashika** and **Ashmita**, **Bishnu**, **Dhalamu**, and two-year-old **Sujita**. We celebrated all of their birthdays along with Abhaya's on September 17, as we don't know exact birth dates for each child. We also took in Sujita's four-year-old brother **Dorje** for a six month period. He will then move to the Shangri-la Children's home and join his baby brother, as we no longer will be taking in boys because of government regulations requiring separate housing for boys and girls. He is such a sweet little fella and we will miss him a lot, but he will continue to attend the same school as our kids, so we will be able to see him often.

The month-long Dashain holiday has started and the schools are all closed. Everyone is excited about the new clothes that are part of the celebration of the holiday. **DevKala**, our sewing teacher, worked hard to finish them for us.



Family members in their new Dashain clothing made by DevKala.

## Kindergarten Renovation

We are preparing to begin renovation on the kindergarten that our children attend. This is a project that so many of you generously made donations to. We will paint and plaster and fix the leaks. We will also install electricity and buy some audio-visual equipment. We have found that our children learn English very quickly when we show them English DVD's and play nursery rhymes for them. The addition of a TV and DVD player will help the children of the school enormously.



The kindergarten classes are badly in need of paint and repair of the many leaks.

## More family news

**Krishna**, our oldest boy, has decided that he does not want to continue his college studies, having made the decision to enter the restaurant business. At age 20, he is now independent. He will travel to Solukhumbu, which is about 103 km east of Kathmandu, to work at a restaurant, where he will train with plans to become a manager. **Binita**, in her last year of college, has also decided that she is ready to be independent. To help her make that transition, she will move into a room in the house of our Co-manager Hem and his family.

## Moving ahead!

I am pleased to announce that we are in the process of obtaining our own 501(c)(3) status, which will allow us to operate independently as a non-profit organization. **Jane Halperin** is our pro bono attorney, who is guiding us through the complicated process. I am so thankful to **Philip Glass** and the **Candy Jernigan Foundation for the Arts (Aurora Music Foundation)** for providing fiscal sponsorship for over ten years, and to **Adam Thorburn** and **Bernard Dikman** for their support and kindness.

We are also registering with the charity commission in the UK and I am grateful to our new trustees **Georgina Palmer**, **Aarti Shah**, and **Sachin Vekaria** for all of their time and support.