



## SOS Children's Village

- OUR ROOTS** **THE MOTHER:** Each child has a caring parent  
**BROTHERS AND SISTERS:** Family ties grow naturally  
**THE HOUSE:** Each family creates its own house  
**THE VILLAGE:** The SOS family is a part of the community
- OUR VISION** Every child belongs to a family and grows with love, respect and security.
- OUR MISSION** We build families for children in need, we help them shape their own future and we share in the development of their communities.
- OUR VALUES** **COURAGE:** We take action  
**COMMITMENT:** We keep our promise  
**TRUST:** We believe in each other.  
**ACCOUNTABILITY:** We are reliable partners.

## Maiya of SOS Children's Village Jorpati in Asian Youth Para Games 2009



Miss. Maiya Bisunkhe of SOS Children's Village Jorpati represented Nepal as one of 500 youths with disability from Asia to compete in 100 m sprint and Javelin throw in the Asian Youth Para Games in Tokyo, Japan. Upon return, she was honored by Nepal Disabled Association on December 3, 2009, which is the International Disabled Day. Her SOS family and mother are ever proud of her achievement and always encourage her. She is determined to excel in athletics and in her studies as well.

## PRESIDENT HONORES Badminton Player Beena Himalaya



Rt. Honorable President of Nepal Dr. Ram Baran Yadav honored Miss Beena Himalaya of SOS Children's Village Sanothimi for her success in the 8th South Asian Games where she won medal and cash prize in Badminton category. A national category badminton player, Beena, affectionately called Sujana has successfully played in many national, regional and international level badminton tournaments including:

- Armed Police Force Open National Badminton Championship, 2066, 2064, 2063
- 5th National Badminton, 2065
- 11th South Asian Games, Dhaka 2010 (Bronze)
- Yonex Sunrise Badminton Asian Championship 2010, 2009, 2008
- Nepal international Series 2008 Badminton Championship, etc.

Sujana entered SOS Children's Village Sanothimi at the age of four. She started to play badminton from her seventh standard and the Junior SAF Championship in 2000 took a turn in her life. Now a national player, she joined Nepal Armed Police Force as badminton player.



# Profile Of SOS Children's Village Kavre, Nepal



Project	Beneficiaries			Staff						Important Years	
	Boys	Girls	Total	Mothers	Aunts	Edu. Soc. Medical	Admin	Gen./ Other	Total	Began/ Settled	Dedication
SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE	74	66	140	14	6	2	22	11	33	1996/97	1999
SOS Youth Facility	45	29	74	0	0	2	2	1	5	2008/09	2009
SOS Hermann Gmeiner School	316	254	570	0	0	35	1	8	44	1997/98	1999
Family Strengthening Program	116	110	226	0	0	0	1	0	1	1996/97	1999

## Australians visit SOS Children's Village Kavre

A team of eight students and two teachers from St. Ignituous College, Riverside, Australia visited SOS Hermann Gmeiner School Kavre for three days in January 2010, when the team were introduced to the school facilities, interacted with school students, faculty and School Prefect Council for an exchange of experiences, ideas, codes of conduct etc. Mr. Ishwori Prasad Sharma, the Principal of the school and students hosted the visiting teachers and students for an experience of typical Nepalese lifestyle. They were also taken to a tour of Panauti, a traditional Newari town near the school.

After a cultural program in honor of the visiting Australian team, National Director of SOS Nepal Mr. Shreeshankar Pradhananga highlighted the significance of such cross-cultural exchange and said how his visit to St.

Ignituous College had laid the foundation for this visit. Visiting teachers Mr. Peter McLean and Mr. Greg Whealing were highly delighted by the hospitality they received and appreciated the enthusiasm shown by the Principal and the school team to make their visit meaningful. Before leaving, as a token of their gratitude, they left behind some playthings and an amount of Rs. 111,000 for

the school. It is hoped that the friendship that has germinated between St. Ignituous College and SOS Hermann Gmeiner School Kavre will blossom and sustain in the days to come. At the end, Mr. Karma Lama, director of SOS Children's Village Kavre gave away 'Dhaka Topi' (traditional Nepali cap) and 'Khada' (scarves) to the visitors.



## Gokul Gyawali Interviewed

Gokul Gyawali is one of the first batch youths to move out of SOS Children's Village Kavre and to get on full time job in a bank in Banepa. Here is how he inspires others by his decision of taking up a job and studying simultaneously.



my life that led to my independent and dignified life now working in Himalayan Bank at Banepa. For this achievement I would like to thank my SOS Mother Ms. Parvati Gurung and Uncles of SOS Children's Village Kavre who guided me all through to this destiny.

### How did you get your current job?

After HSEB exam I was waiting for the result. That time, uncles of SOS Children's Village Kavre suggested me to use my free rime and arranged volunteer service in the Himalayan Bank Banepa. My sincerity, dedication and honesty at work paid me as such the Bank offered me an opportunity for paid service. I got confused whether it was too early to accept a job. At that time uncles and my SOS Mother helped me to decide to accept the offer and also pursue my study of BBS degree. Now I am working in the bank and studying BBS in a college in Kavre in morning shift.

### What is your future aim/plan of your life?

I want to become a successful person in life. I plan to excel in BBS exam and wish to develop myself for banking sector and reach at the top management level.

### How were you admitted in SOS Children's Village Kavre?

My relatives tell me my mother left me when I was three months old and never came back. Then my father brought me up till I was eight when unfortunately, he died of tuberculosis. Then my uncle Jhabindra brought me to SOS Kavre, where I got adjusted easily in the child friendly environment and I got loving mother, brothers & sisters, friends, Papa and Uncles. My mom Ms. Parvati Gurung, gave me love, cared me a lot, and taught me to go in the right path. I cannot forget my brothers and sisters, friends who helped me a lot in many difficult situations and with whom I played a lot, enjoying my school and college days.

### What is your most valuable achievement in life so far?

Honestly speaking, the opportunity of getting into SOS CV Kavre was the most valuable moment in

## Heroes of Our Country

As God Father Prof. Hermann Gmeiner  
Who loved and gives us courage to have desire,  
To become a brave person of Nepal  
Like Martyr Ganga Lal who sacrificed his life entire.



As Mother Teresa; famous social worker  
Who used to save life of the Poor and others,  
As a lady with the lamp Florence Nightingale  
Who used to save people without any fear.

As the first poet Bhanubhakta Acharya  
Who wrote poems and inspired us to become poet,  
As John Dewey who provided new education  
I see my teachers as heroes of the nation.

As Sir Girija Prasad Koirala, a great politician  
Who set up universities for more education,  
As the small boy Kamal Nepali  
Who saved a cute little girl from Seti River

As the Principal of our school  
An unsung hero giving us his precious moments,  
As Indu Rai known to be my SOS Mother  
Who loves & cares me for 12 years and more.

As Ravina & Kalpana; my fellow friends  
Who always encourage me and support me,  
Me "Kushum" the happiest girl  
Writes poems without hesitation;  
Who wishes to become a literary hero of the Nation.

Kusum Thapa, Class X  
SOS Herman Gminer School, Kavre

# SOS Children's Village Lumbini House Inaugurated

Mr. Funcke Bonnet, an Austrian major donor of the SOS Children's Village Lumbini visited the project site with National Director Mr. S. S. Pradhanang on 15th March 2010. The children, mothers and staffs warmly welcomed them with garlands and bouquet. Mismiserized by the excitement in the eyes of the children, Mr. Bonnet spent most of his time with the children of house no. 2 in the evening.



Mr. Bonnet cut the ribbon to formally open house no 5 the next day, when the house mother Meena Gautam welcomed Mr. Bonnet and a group of new children to her house with Tikas, lit Diyos distributed sweets to cherish the event. Replying to a query "Why did you choose to support the Nepali children, not others?" he smiled and replied, "I like the hospitality and innocence of the Nepali children very much. I admire the way the Nepalese children smile and greet 'Namaste' to their guests. It just so natural! They are very open

hearted as well." He promised to bear all the expenses of houses no. 2 and 5 for five years. Village Director Mr. Vijay Jung Rana assured him that his donation will be well spent for the welfare of

the needy children. On the request of Mr. Bonnet two photographs of his factory and his own home were framed in both the family houses, he inaugurated.

## Sagun Chaudhari bags Prestigious Prize

Sagun Chaudhari of Class 7 in SOS Hermann Gmeiner School Itahari bagged the second prize with certificate and cash prize of Rs. 25,000 in a national level art competition organized by Lifebouy Soup. Some 7,000 students from all over the country had participated in the competition, and top 10 arts were selected for final by the national level renowned judges. Congratulations Sagun.



## Best Child Club of Kavre

Creative Child Club of SOS Children's Village Kavre has been declared as the Best Child Club by District Child Welfare Board (DCWB) Kavre in an "Interaction program of Prof. Yanghee Lee, Chairperson, Dr. Jean Zermatten, Vice-Chairperson of the United Nation Committee on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), with the child clubs of Kavre district. The child club received a cash prize of Rs. 3,000/- and an Appreciation letter in a program organized by DCWB Kavre in the SOS Children's Village Kavre on 24th March 2010.



The chairperson and guests were welcomed by Village Director Mr. Karma Lama and the family of SOS Kavre. The Chairperson was very impressed by the programs organized by SOS Children's Village Kavre for the children at risk.

## All in A Year- 2066! Hats Off to SOS HGS Bharatpur

A year has only twelve calendar months, but it seemed more than twelve months in the case of SOS Hermann Gmeiner School Bharatpur.

The academic session 2009/10 (2066 B.S.) was most memorable for the many achievements the students attained. They bagged more than a dozen district level prizes in the District Level Folk Dance Competition, Singing Competition, Painting Competition, Quiz Contests, Gaun Khane Katha (Folk lore) Competition, Poster Competition etc. The year 2066 has been phenomenal, both in achieving academic excellence and winning prizes. Starting with an outstanding SLC results (23 Distinctions, 11 First Divisions), the school had a historic 100% success results of the first batch of Grade XI, where Prakash Sharma (85%) and Ashim Poudel (82.8%) of the school got the first and second position in Chitwan district level Final Examinations of Grade XI conducted by Higher Secondary Education Board, Nepal. Before the end of the academic session, SOS HGS Bharatpur got an outstanding result of District Level Grade VIII exam, where Miss Srijana Bhusal topped all the girls in the district with 94% marks. The year 2066 was unprecedented from every aspect for SOS HGS Bharatpur. Congratulations to all the students, teachers, coworkers and the administration for their sincere efforts.



## Bravo, Krishna Pokhrel

Krishna Pokhrel, a youth of SOS Youth Facility Biratnagar aged 22 years, was selected in National Hockey Team of Nepal for 11th South Asian Games (SAG) held in Bangladesh during January 29 to February 9, 2010. He also participated in the 5th National Games from Eastern Regional Hockey Team in April 2009 at Kathmandu. He plays Football, Hockey and Table Tennis in some National level games and has won many medals and certificates in table tennis.



Krishna is currently preparing for his 12<sup>th</sup> grade (Commerce) final examination in June 2010. We wish him all the best for his excellence in games and in education for a bright future.



## Help Sponsor A Child

- Contribute Rs.300 per month to sponsor a child,
- Become a Village sponsor by contributing Rs.300 per month,
- Be a friend of SOS Children's Village by contributing Rs.1,200 per annum.

## Help for a good cause

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