

# Tewa E-newsletter



## Grant making Programme Highlights

### Tewa GRANTEE CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING WORKSHOP

The workshop was organized at Tewa premises. Grantee organizations from 6 districts from the Central Development Region participated. It was the third in the series of such workshops. The objective was to expand Tewa's support to its grantees beyond grants and to explore the possibility of establishing other areas of mutual support among grantees as well as with Tewa since each workshop was planned across all development regions. 20 women from 10 organizations in 6 districts from central development region participated in the training. The first and second work-



Workshop participants introducing each other!

shops were held in Bhadrapur, Jhapa in October 2010 and Dhangadhi, Kailali in February 2011, respectively.

### GRANTS DISBURSED

Five organizations received Tewa regular grants and one received a Discretionary grant for the 2011-12 1st Cycle. The total amount of the grants was Rs. 299,925.00

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN GRANT MAKING

- Grant making committee workshop
- Grantee interaction and training/ workshop for Central development region
- Grant disbursement under 2nd cycle

From the visitor's page..

**"With honor & pride I support and adore Tewa!"**

**- Susanne E. Jalbert  
Tewa Ambassador  
Extraordinary**

## Fund raising Programme Highlights

Between July and December Tewa organized the following FOUR major fund raising events:

Deep Prajwolan (Lighting a lamp for peace)

Tree Plantation

Theme Dinner

Raffle

Tewa is thankful to Dr. Bharat Rawal, Norvic Hospital for donating 200 of his books which were sold to raise fund for Tewa



Students getting ready to plant saplings

## New Executive Board and Members

### NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD

The annual general assembly in September 2011 unanimously elected the new Tewa Executive Board

- Sadhana Shrestha— President
- Chhaya Jha, Vice President
- Amita Adhikary, General Secretary
- Rama Laxmi Shrestha, Treasurer

- Draupadi Rokaya, Immediate Past President
- Kamal Pradhan, Member
- Nirmala K.C., Member
- Meera Jyoti, Member
- Meera Arjyal, Member
- Usha Shrestha, Member
- Riva Thapa, Member
- Chandni Singh Karki
- Era Shrestha
- Irina Shrestha
- Janaki Shah
- Meeta S Pradhan, Ph.D.
- Merita Kansakar
- Prajuna K.C.



The new Executive Board, Sadhana Shrestha (4th from left)

### NEW MEMBERS

Eight new members were invited to Tewa

### From the visitor's page

**"Very inspiring. It is a beautiful place & great vision!"**

**Neeva & Keepa Mathema,  
Daya Foundation**

**(Tewa donors)**

## Staff Transitions

- Janaki Shah, Co-coordinator resigned from her post but joined Tewa as a Member
- Rama Hamal, Finance Officer left Tewa after serving for 12 years
- Smita Pandey, Fund raising Officer &
- Razeena Shrestha, Grant making officer resigned from their respective posts for further education.
- Tewa expresses its thanks to Janaki, Rama, Smita and Razeena for all the hard work and wishes them all the very best!

### NEW STAFF

- Amita Tamrakar joined Tewa as Finance Officer
- Rosy Adhikari, joined as Assistant Grant Making Officer, and
- Sunda Shakya joined as Assistant Fund Raising Officer. Rosy and Sunda were Tewa volunteers

## Children's Programme Highlights

Tewa children program provides a platform for personal growth by combining education, awareness on local social issues and skill development opportunities in a fun learning environment for children of 5-14 years of age. The Children program covers issues and topics that are not

usually taught in the formal academic program such as different cultural celebrations like: Children day, different religious festivals like Dashain, Maha Puja, Christmas and their significance in our lives. Furthermore talk programmes in

different relevant and important topics like Philanthropy, Peace & development are organized. Short exposure trips and walks to understand nature/culture are also organized regularly.

## Children's Programme Highlights

### Visit to Grantee Organization

The children were taken out for a visit to Tewa grantee organization with the objective that they get to learn what Tewa does and how Tewa supports different women organization for their work that empowers women.

The children were taken to Women Empowerment & Multipurpose Society (WEMPS) whose office is located in Koteshowr, Kathmandu.

During the visit children interacted with the members of the organization and the beneficiary women group and asked questions about their work. The children given a demonstration on the techniques of how crystal bags are made.



Children trying their hands -what they observed!

## Fund raising Volunteers Programme Highlights



Running shield awarded annually during Volunteers day on 5th Dec

- **Volunteers' Voice endowment fund-**

To publish the "Volunteers' Voice" newsletter in a sustainable manner volunteers have begun to fund raise for a core fund. So far Rs.2,26,500.00 has been raised out of the total target of Rs 5, 00,000.00. The balance will be raised within the next two years.

- **Talk programme are organized:** to enhance the knowledge of volunteers, staff and members. One such talk programme was organized

and the topic was "Women's Movement in Nepal" and the resource person for this was Dr. Chandra Bhadra, Ph.D.

- **Graduation ceremony** Ten volunteers from 2<sup>nd</sup> batch 2011 completed their 4 months of mentoring period and graduated. They raised Rs. 33,492.00 during their mentoring period

- **Exposure Visit** - As a way to familiarize volunteers to Tewa's work exposure visits to grantees are arranged during the mentoring period. This time volunteers visited Shri Valeswor Nari Chetana Rin Tatha Sahakari Sanstha, grantee from Panauti, in Kavre district. Tewa had provided Rs 42,200.00 for income generation project (piggery). Volunteers enjoyed the visit and being able to interact with grantee women this also gave them the opportunity to relate their fund raising effort with the work grantee women do.

From the visitor's page..

**"It has been such a pleasure working with Tewa over the last 3 years. We fully support your important and remarkable efforts.."**

**Louise Forrest,  
PRBB Foundation**

## Sampanna Campaign

### The TLBDP – Sampanna (Fulfilling) Campaign (TSC):

Tewa aims to raise **US \$900,000** through the **Sampanna Campaign (April 2011 – December 2013)**. The Tewa Founder/Co-chair Tewa Land & Building Development Project (TLBDP) Rita Thapa with the TLBDP Co-chair Meera Jyoti will lead this campaign with Louise Forrest (President, PRBB).

Owing to an increasing recognition and feedback in Tewa that owing to its incomplete infrastructure, the completed facilities have not been able to generate income to their full potential, the completion of the TLBDP is inevitable for Tewa's sustainability. Thus the **Sampanna Campaign** will help:

- Complete Tewa's TLBDP
- Generate adequate resources to cover Tewa's operational costs
- Model women's work for self-reliant development nationally and internationally, and thus
- Be able to support women's advancement in Nepal in a substantive and an ongoing way.

During this campaign Tewa will aim to accomplish the completion of a dormitory building and a single room facility, as well as the completion of the remaining one third landscaping under the TLBDP.

The **Sampanna Campaign** identified at the start the **Nava Durgas** who are 9 philanthropically inclined women committed to women's empowerment and support of the SC. It is reaching out to all Tewa grantees to contribute Rs. 1000 to the SC as a way of balancing power and participation beyond words, it is seeking 100 Nepalis to gift Rs. 100,000 each, and it is reaching out to feminist philanthropists and funds among others by sending a regular monthly update.

On 6 – 9 March, 2012 on the occasion of the International Women's Day, Tewa will inaugurate its dormitory building as a part of the ongoing SC. The Tewa family invites all to participate in the SC campaign! Please contact Tewa or Rita Thapa or Meera Jyoti.

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### Forth coming Events

- > **March celebration**
- > **Momo Carnival**
- > **Strategic Planning workshop**

## Tewa Facilities

During September to December TEN events were organized at the Tewa premises using Tewa facilities. Some of the major events were:

Tewa grantee interaction and capacity building Program

Launching Sankalpa celebration

Acupunctrists without Borders' "World Healing Exchange Program"

Asian Network of Women's Funds' strategic planning meeting

GiZ workshop

Nagarik Aawaz's workshop

Dhapakhel Village Development Office's workshop

Total revenue generated from these events are Rs. 427,522.00



**Tewa Dormitory building under construction**