

How Nepal Sponsorships Began

CAS President, Rosemary Martin's story of her journey to Nepal.

The Children Welfare Home in Kathmandu, founded in 1995, is "home" to some 85 or more beautiful children, ranging in age from newborn to 18 years. Directors and founders, Jaya Tamata and his wife Maya, started the home as a response to the extensive number of poor children in Nepal who could not be educated. Today, it stands to provide orphans, homeless and underprivileged children education, healthcare, nourishment, residence, as well as a sense of family and belonging.



During my recent visit, about 20 of the children were newborns who were found abandoned on the streets and brought to the CWH for care.

Rosemary is greeted by Maya Tamata, director of CWH, and the children, who presented her with a welcoming flower.

These babies will be loved and nourished until they either are returned to family or are placed with an adoptive family. Some children I saw were toddlers, but most children were school aged, and had called CWH home for many years. Although many children at CWH are abandoned with no family, some must live there because their parents cannot afford their basic needs. Local village elders deemed the families of these boys and girls from the remote rural areas of Nepal unable to provide proper care. The reasons were usually severe poverty, illness, desertion of a parent, no parent, etc.

The children were warm and welcoming to us. They were all smiles and their shining bright eyes spoke to us of children who are happy. The atmosphere was like a large group home where the older children watched out for the younger ones. A spirit of cooperation and respect was apparent. The children appeared fond and attached to Maya and her husband, who, until a few years ago, had lived at the home with the children. Some of the older children could say a few words of English as they are learning the language in school. They rehearsed dance and song recitals, and we were impressed with their rhythm as they performed traditional Nepali dances. Jaya Tamata and his wife, along with all the children were delighted to know they were being supported by their American friends.

For years CWH has operated exclusively on donations from families and groups in Western European Countries. Through the years, private donations and donations received from adopting families have kept the CWH operating. There are no government funds to subsidize care and

expenses of maintaining the facility. The worldwide economic downturn coupled with the closure of adoptions in recent years has tremendously reduced their income and make it very difficult for Jaya and his wife to continue to provide care and an education for the children. As we write, we are concerned whether the home will continue to have adequate finances to continue doing their excellent work.

As a result, Carolina Adoption Services recently began The Nepal Orphan Sponsorship Program. This program offers the children of CWH hope against the harsh backdrop of poverty and abandonment. Each child that receives a sponsor will also receive the priceless opportunities of education, healthcare, nutritious diet, an encouraging community, and above all, a sense of family.

These children need your support and encouragement for a chance to escape the vicious cycle of poverty in Nepal where more than half of the population are illiterate and live below the international poverty line of \$1.25 per day. Sponsorship eases the burden of poverty, allowing workers and students to become less worried about survival and can begin to plan and hope for a future.

With a minimum one-year commitment, an average eighty dollars per month will cover the cost of all a child's basic needs. Payments may be made in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual installments, and are fully tax deductible. As a sponsor, you will have the unique opportunity to connect with a Nepalese child while watching them overcome obstacles and realize dreams.

To become a sponsor or receive more information, please contact [Elizabeth Timbs](#).