



# ANNUAL REPORT 2025

## TCEF 30TH ANNIVERSARY - A SPECIAL GATHERING IN MONTANA

Easily, my fondest memories of 2025 are centered around that inspirational weekend at the Feathered Pipe Ranch - the weekend we gathered to celebrate TCEF's 30th Anniversary.

Now, when I reflect on that gathering, I'm in awe - and realize with humility that this was again one of life's miracles that came my way. Somehow, 'things' fell in place - the universe cooperated, and what now seems improbable did take place with some degree of smoothness and even ease.

I'm grateful that we had nearly fifty of the most dedicated sponsors and supporters with us over that weekend. Yes, the unbridled generosity of Crystal Water and the Feathered Pipe in offering us the whole magnificent weekend no doubt helped. But, still, if I'm honest with myself, I don't have any real social or family connections with most who came. Our bond or connection is through students and elders who live on the other side of the globe. When we started planning, we had no real idea of how many people would come to Montana - yet, everything worked out perfectly - almost as if by way of the mantra!

Again, in hindsight, I realize with newfound gratitude that this was a once-in-a-lifetime event for me and for TCEF. I have no sense of regret that there may not be a repeat - just a warm, glowing sense of gratitude that it did.

So what exactly did we do? Well, for starters, we soaked in the beauty and grace of the incomparable Feathered Pipe Ranch. Pasang Tsering, the enthusiastic Tibetan singer we brought up from Salt Lake City, described it as a miniature paradise!

We took a trip down memory lane with an organic slideshow where anyone could jump in when they recognized a face or an event. That was fun!

-It was a privilege to hang a ton of prayer flags and share the culture. Pasang sang enthusiastically for us. My family - especially the girls- led the entire group in a Gorshey or Tibetan circle dance that started in the main lodge and spilled onto the lawn!

Mostly, the event was about expressing gratitude to this amazing circle. Again, it was a privilege to present gratitude scrolls and a copy of the book **Kadrin** - a TCEF story to everyone in this circle.

Last but not least, we again fundraised - raised over \$30,000 for the Rainbow School Project.



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AND  
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**Karma Tensum - Executive Director**



## PROGRAM SERVICE ACHIEVEMENTS 2025



- ◆ Educate over a hundred Tibetan and Himalayan children in India and Nepal.
- ◆ Provide sponsorship funds for about 120 Tibetan elders in exile in India.
- ◆ Support the college education of 15 deserving Tibetan/Himalayan students.
- ◆ Helped Kyitsel-ling complete their water system repairs, start putting up tin sheds over their cement roofs, and provide funds to purchase a multi-purpose van
- ◆ Provide first-year funds to start building a multi-purpose auditorium at Rainbow School, Ladakh.
- ◆ Helped the preservation of Tibetan culture with contributions to both the Utah Tibet Foundation and the Utah Tibetan Association's efforts.
- ◆ Overall, spent over \$200,00 on our sponsorship and programs - the most in our history.

## TCEF PROGRAM PARTNERS 2025

KYITSEL-LING TIBETAN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION CENTER, INDIA

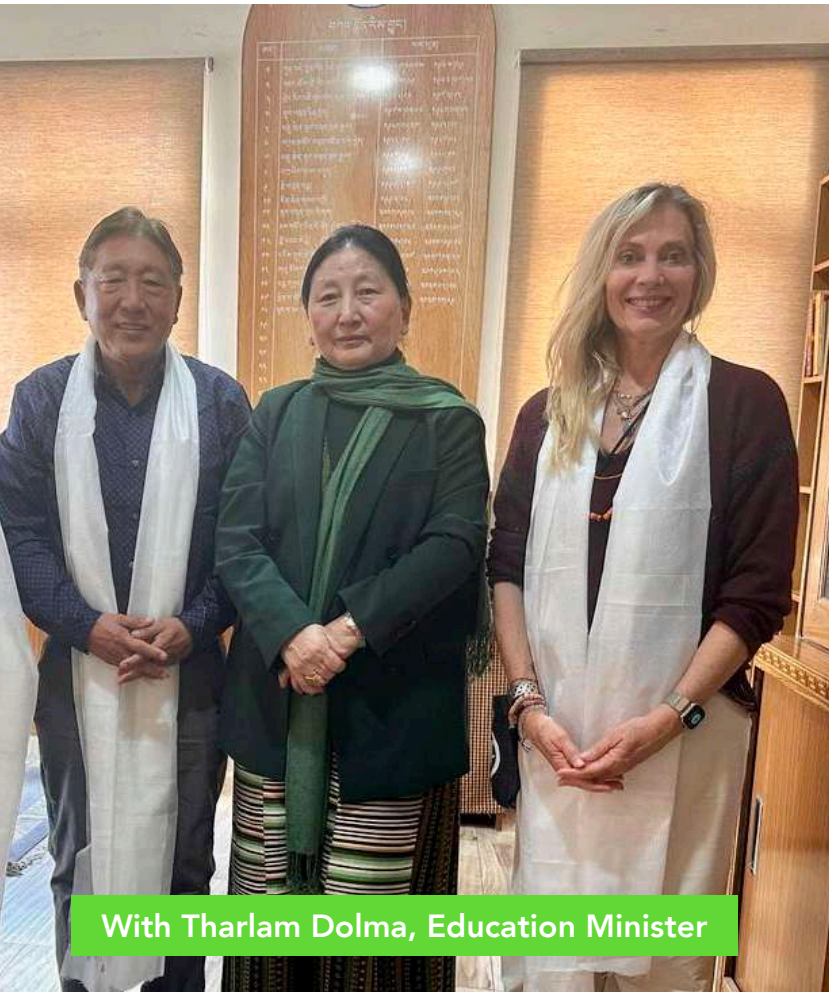
SAMBHOTA TIBETAN SCHOOLS SOCIETY, DHARAMSALA, INDIA

RAINBOW SCHOOL, LADAKH, INDIA

CHANDESWORI ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL, NEPAL



## VISITS TO CLEMENT TOWN & DHARAMSALA



With Tharlam Dolma, Education Minister

This year, Jennifer, Karma, and a small group of mostly TCEF sponsors visited Clement Town. This is where Kyitsel-ling is located. Here we not only met the sweet Kyitsel-ling students, but we visited temples, stupas, and Buddha Gardens - topping it off with Cham, a sacred ritual dance connected to the birth and miracles of Guru Padmasambhava. The group also visited a Tibetan Elder Home and met scores of Tibetan elders who are in our sponsorship program. Several children and a few elders were adopted on this special visit.

A few days later - another memorable journey - this time to Dharamsala to meet and seek inspiration from none other than HH The Dalai Lama. We also met with the leadership and key partners in Tibetan education in exile, including the Education Minister, Geshe Lhakdor, the renowned Director of the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives, and the Director of the Sambhota Tibetan Schools Society, a TCEF



Tea with the Sambhota Leadership



In the presence of  
HH The Dalai Lama



## VISIT TO DHARAMSALA, 2025

With Geshe Lhakdor - Director, Library  
of Tibetan Works and Archives

With Tharlam Dolma,  
Education Minister



With Dawa  
Phunkyi -  
Member of  
Parliament who  
kindly helped  
us with all our  
meetings.

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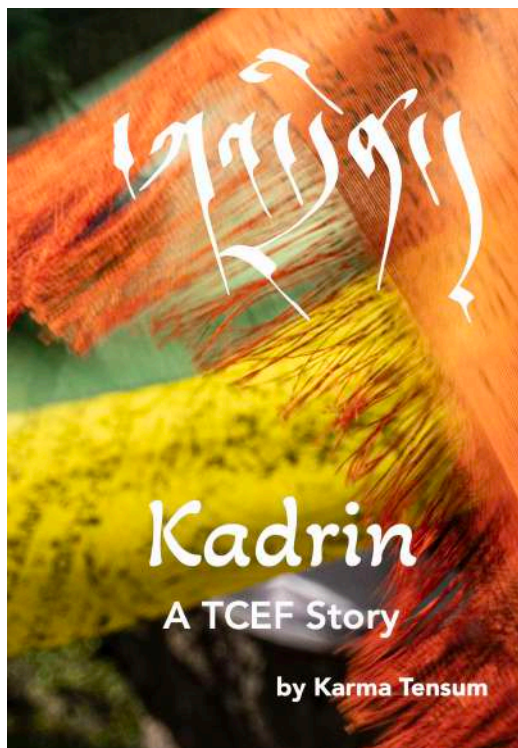


Inside a  
Sambhota  
Tibetan School,  
Dharamsala



Tea with the Sambhota  
Director and team





## KADRIN - A TCEF STORY

Thanks to the whole-hearted support and encouragement from Crystal Water, TCEF Executive Director Karma Tensum was finally able to bring out a book on TCEF! This book, titled Kadrin - the Tibetan word for gratitude, is an expression of gratitude to our founders, sponsors, and donors. Karma's best hope is that it informs interested folks about everything to do with TCEF - from our humble origins to all the work that we've been able to do for the Tibetans over this span of thirty years. A section of the book is also dedicated to sharing aspects of Tibetan culture that could benefit any reader.

## RAINBOW SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

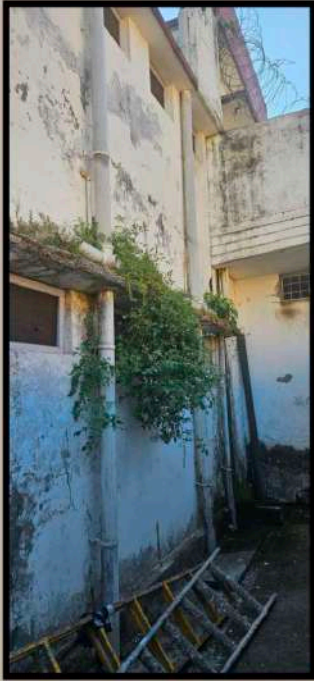
This two-year program will build a multipurpose auditorium hall for Rainbow School, Ladakh. We're doing this \$200,000 project in collaboration with Rainbow School's primary sponsors - APECIH, Switzerland. This year, we sent our share of \$50,000, and Rainbow School has done a great job with it. They've completed about 80% of the project and sent us three 'building progress reports'. We hope this project will be completed in 2026.





## KYITSEL-LING WATER SYSTEM REPAIRS

### Pipeline Repair in Boys' Dormitory Washrooms



**Before**



**After**

The water distribution and storage system needed major repairs and changes. We had begun fund raising for this project last year. This year we were able to raise the rest of needed funds for this project. Kyitsel-ling has completed all necessary repairs to old pipes, purchased and relocated all water storage tanks to a designated central station and even added solar panels for heating purposes.

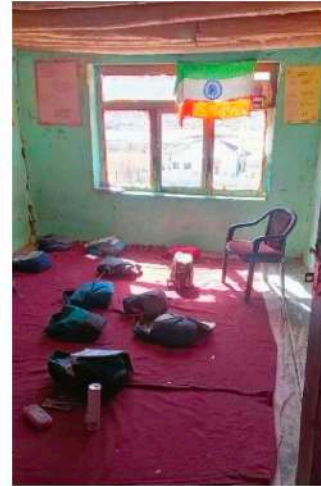
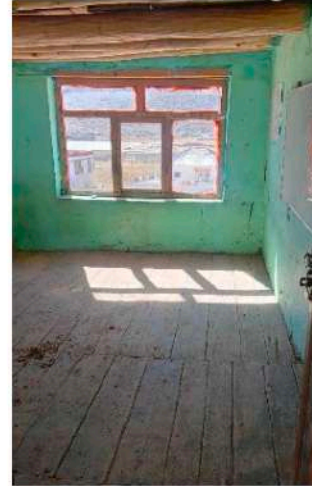


## KYITSEL-LING ROOFING PROJECT

Another urgent 'major' Kyitsel-ling Project was to complete the installation of tin sheds over the existing cement roofs. The unrelenting monsoons often wear away cement roofs causing leaks and molds. A tin shed protects the cement roofs - presents the discomfort of leaks and health hazards like molds and fungus. Funding required for this project was procured, and, at the time of writing this, the project is nearly completed.







### Classroom Repairs at Jamyang Ling Model School, Ladakh

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### TCEF Ladakh Travel Tour 2026

To review and celebrate the completion of our projects there, TCEF is planning a Ladakh travel tour for sponsors/donors and interested persons. Aside from soaking in the spiritual sights and sounds of that magical Himalayan place, we will take part in the Anniversary and Inauguration of the new Auditorium Hall at Rainbow School. Similarly, we hope to visit the Jamyang Ling School and again

### Tablets for Kyitsel-ling Students

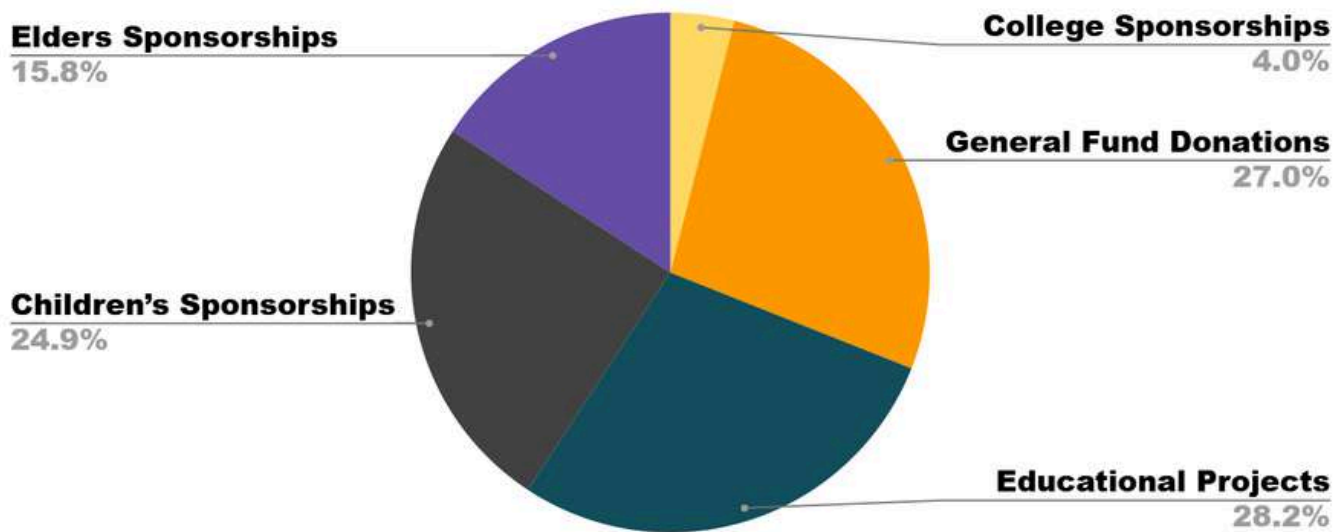
In 2026, we're going to fund the purchase of 40 tablets for the Kyitsel-ling students. Our best hope is that the children - especially the younger ones can have fun learning English through targeted videos, cartoons and animations. This will be a part of the Accelerated English Learning Program in Tibetan schools that we've been supporting over several years.





## FINANCIALS 2025

### Income 2025

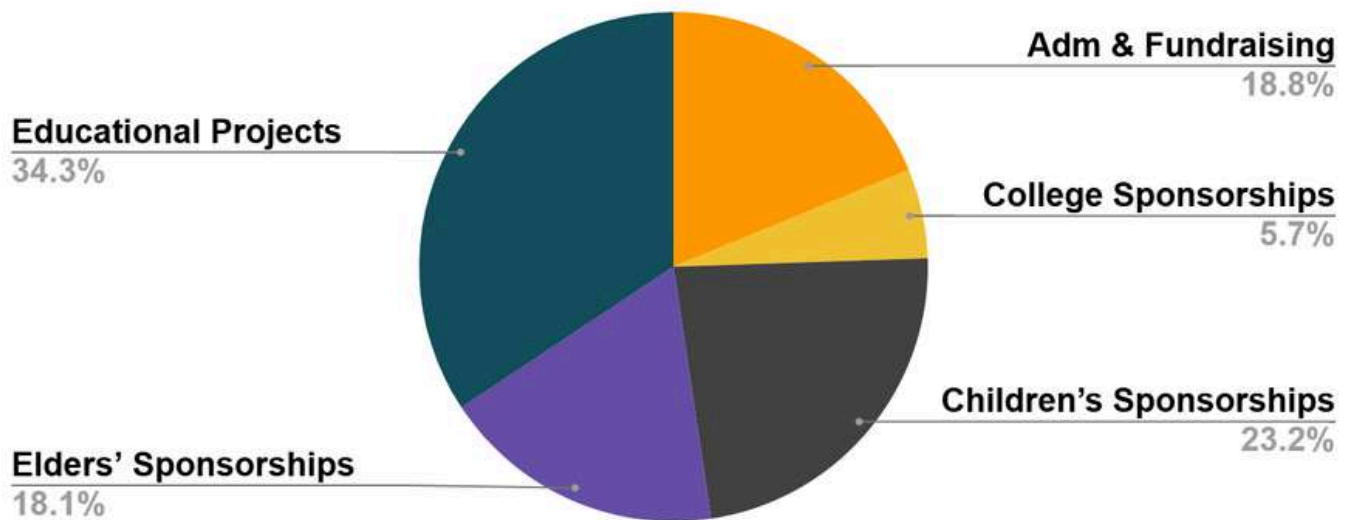


- General Fund donations continued growth
- Received funding for several important projects
- Sponsorship Incomes continued to be steady
- Total income is a historical high



## FINANCIALS 2025

### EXPENSES 2025



- We're doing several important projects this year.
- Spent over \$100,000 on educational projects - the most ever
- Spending on sponsorships continued to grow
- Total expense is a historical high





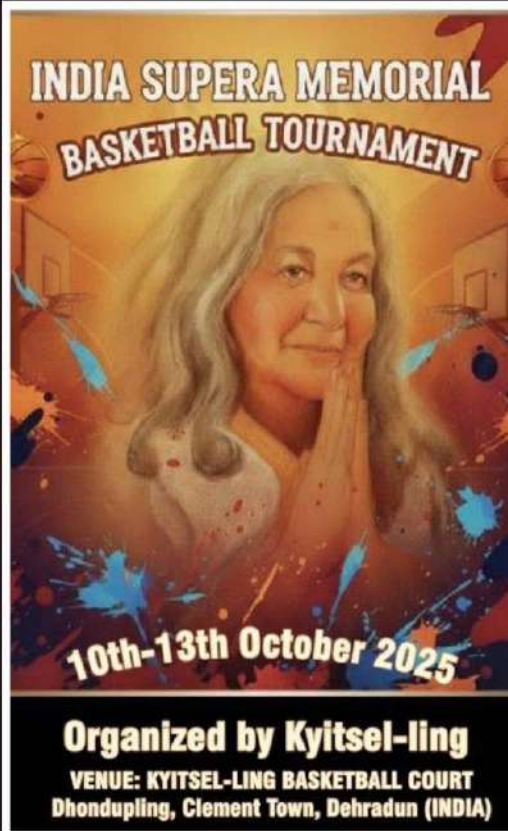
Kyitsel-ling Founders Day 2025.







# INDIA SUPERA MEMORIAL BASKET BALL TOURNAMENT 2026



Thank you Kyitsel-ling for continuing to honor the memory of TCEF founder India Supera.



# In Appreciation

*Our work is possible only with your support. For TCEF, this is not a cliché, just a simple truth. Huge gratitude to everyone who supported our work in 2025*

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## TCEF 30th Anniversary

Event Hosts:  
Crystal Water & Feathered Pipe  
Ranch, Helena, MT

## Tibetan Cultural Artists

Pasang Tsering la

## Kadrin - A TCEF Story

Layout and Publication - Crystal  
Water

## Tax Prep & Filings

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