

## The Ama Ghar Story

**Our Mission:** The Ama Foundation is dedicated to providing the most underprivileged children of Nepal with a loving home, education and the opportunity to live healthy and secure lives within their community.

Ama Ghar was the vision of Founder Shrawan Nepali, who spent part of his childhood at Paropokar orphanage in Kathmandu. With the support of his godmother, Ama Tika Basnet, and Peace Corps volunteers who befriended him, Shrawan went to the US to complete college and establish a successful career.



But he never forgot those less fortunate he had left behind in Nepal, so he founded Ama Ghar, with the help of Ama Tika and Shekhar Silwal, in 2001 – the first 14 children arrived at Ama Ghar during that year.



Bonnie Ellison joined Ama Ghar as Managing Director and Country Director for Ama Foundation in 2002. Known as "Bonnie Auntie" to

the children, she has a deep commitment to the culture because she grew up in Nepal - arriving in Nepal in 1956 with her USAID family.

**We invite you to join our family today. Please become an Ama Ghar donor or volunteer – we welcome your help in the U.S. or Nepal.**



## The New Ama Ghar



We own our new home in Godavari debt-free. Opened in 2011, the new house can hold up to 75 children and utilizes solar energy, bio-fuels and an effective waste management system so that we run cost-effectively and sustainably.

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**You can change the world... One child at a time.**

**Please join us!**

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## The Ama Ghar Family

At Ama Ghar, the children are raised as an extended Nepali family, considering each other to be brothers and sisters; in addition, they are part of the village community. They study Nepali language and traditions, including Nepali dance, music and art. Even after the children graduate and are able to support themselves, they are always welcome to come back to their Ama Ghar home to celebrate holidays or visit their brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles.



## What your donations can do

- \$25 Treats for everyone to celebrate a child's birthday
- \$50 Monthly supply of study paper
- \$100 A traditional outing for everyone
- \$250 Milk for all children for a month

We welcome donations of any size, and if it's easier for you to donate a few dollars a month, rather than a larger lump sum, we welcome you to sign up for a recurring monthly donation of your choice. You can donate with a credit card through the **Donate Now** button on our website, or by sending your check to Ama Foundation at the address on the reverse. Ask your employer if they have a matching gift program so your gift can grow!

## Support A Child

Some of our friends choose to support a particular child for an entire year through our Support a Child program. This is a very personal way to donate, as you will receive updates on the child that you support twice a year, and will be able to follow the progress that they're making thanks to your donations. And of course you're always welcome to come to Ama Ghar and visit in person!

Your Support a Child donation of \$2,000 annually (or \$166 per month – only \$5.40 per day) supports a child through Grade 10, and includes: provides your child with a full year's worth of

- Healthy food
- Clothes and shoes
- School tuition and fees
- School uniforms
- Schoolbooks and supplies
- Medical, dental and eye care



Your dollar goes a long way in Nepal, so please donate today. You can set up a recurring donation through Network for Good (just click the **Donate Now** button on our website), or send your check for \$167 each month to the Ama Foundation. Be sure to specify Support A Child and we will send you an update on your child with photos... thank you for your generosity.



## Higher Education Fund

At Ama Ghar, we have a group of over 20 teenagers who are eligible for higher education which puts a severe strain on our budget. In Nepal, "higher education" starts after Grade 10. If the children pass a national examination after Grade 10, they are qualified to continue their education.

Our goal is for each of the children to be educated as far as their individual talents can take them. For some children, this means vocational education so that they can learn a trade; for others, it means college or university. Currently, we have children studying computer science, animation, architecture, hotel management, business and health care and some of our older children have already graduated medical school and nursing school.

In order for them to support themselves and realize their dreams, we must continue to build a higher education fund. You can donate to the Higher Education Fund in any amount by sending a check marked "Higher Education Fund" or click **Donate Now** on our website and specify the same.

