

# **INNOCENTS RELIEF**

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Dear Ms Vincent,

On behalf of all at Innocents Relief I would sincerely like to thank the Ubuntu Foundation for its very generous donation. Innocents Relief is a Brisbane based charity formed in 1962 and this year is celebrating its diamond jubilee. The mission of Innocents Relief is to break the cycle of poverty by supporting the education of children in developing countries. Innocents Relief is entirely volunteer run with over 97% of all donations directly supporting the education of impoverished children. Through its very generous supporters, specific schools/centres are sponsored so as to cover the cost of school fees, uniforms, books, meals and other essential items for impoverished and disadvantaged students. In addition, Innocents Relief aims to enhance the learning environment for impoverished and disadvantaged children by undertaking specific infrastructure projects. These special projects include, but are not limited to; the provision of computers, printers and EduTabs for the students and teachers, the repair and maintenance of classrooms and other facilities, the provision of sustainable water and hygiene facilities, and the construction and equipping of new classrooms.

The Batase Boarding and Day School (NEP 01) is two days' walk from Kathmandu. It provides education for local and disadvantaged students to Year 10. Housing in Batase is basic with no running water or electricity. Before the school was built, children left Batase to work on Kathmandu streets. Girls as young as 12 years could be forced into arranged marriages or tricked into prostitution or slavery in India. The Batase school has given parents hope for a better future for their children, particularly their daughters. A trekking company has also been established in the village through which boys and girls from the village are trained and employed as guides.

Innocents Relief's first project, the provision of a water supply to school has been completed, and with the generous donation from the Ubuntu Foundation, the school can now complete the building of classrooms for Year 11 and 12 students who previously had to board in Kathmandu to attend school. This will make a significant difference to their families who struggled to pay for board and tuition plus being so far away from their children. In addition, the Ubuntu's generous gift will allow landscaping of the grounds and the development a waste management system for the school. This is very much appreciated.

On behalf of all at Innocents Relief and the children I would once again like to extend our sincere thanks to the Ubuntu Foundation for its generous support.

Yours sincerely,  
Seymour AM, President Innocents Relief

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