

## Sambhota Tibetan Schools Society

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## **CASE HISTORY**

Name of child: Karma Sonam Gender: Male Mother's Name: Kunchok Pema Mother's Profession: cook Place: Dharamshala Siblings: 2 Admission no: 615 D.O.B:02/07/2012 Father's Name: Late Lobsang Tsultrim Father Profession: Late Class: VI'24 School: Gangkyi Peteon School



## Life History of the child and the reason for sponsorship:

Since the occupation of Tibet, thousands of Tibetan fled Tibet and embarked on an arduous and perilous journey into exile. Subsequently, they took refuge in India, Nepal, and Bhutan. Inherently, the life of refugees is that of struggle, plagued by impoverishment and an uncertain future. Nevertheless, under the guidance and aegis of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, it was decided that "Education" holds the key to preserve and sustain the Tibetan struggle for a longer time. Therefore, separate schools for Tibetan children were established under the administration of the Department of Education, CTA. The DoE is the apex body that has the mandate to give guidance and oversee the education of the entire Tibetan community in exile. On 16<sup>th</sup> May 1999, DoE started a new organization (Sambhota Tibetan Schools Society) that would manage the schools which were erstwhile managed directly by the DoE. Sambhota primarily provides education in far-flung areas, providing wholesome education to those less privileged.

Karma Sonam studies at our sister school Gangkyi Peteon, Dharamsala, Himachal Pradesh. It is the first Tibetan school to implement our exile government Basic Education Policy (BEP), where the primary subject is Tibetan and English is a secondary subject. A single mother taking care of 3 children's on her own is not everyone's cup of tea. She works so hard, sadly, the income she generates barely covers their daily necessities let alone paying the school fee of her children's. She wants her son to study well and become self-reliant and independent unlike themselves.

Karma is an intelligent, kind and studious boy who is fond of playing football and games. Further, he is fond of spending time with his friends and siblings. Physically, he is a well-developed child and helps his mother in their daily household chores and is fond of his mother. His mother wants him to study well and become a contributing member of not only our exile Tibetan society but the world at large. Additionally, his favourite food is Pizza and Momo (meat dumplings) while white and blue is his favourite colour. His favourite subject is Tibetan and Maths. His mother has a huge expectation from him and wishes to see him succeed unlike herself. If he studies well, he can change the poor lifestyle of his family.

We assure you that, we will keep you posted and updated about the child twice a year, covering his progress in academic and co-curricular activities. We the entire staff members and the children would like to thank you for your unwavering support till now, we have made good progress till now, but we are also aware that there are still more grounds to cover, so to achieve that we continually require your both physical and moral support.

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