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Sambhota Tibetan Schools Society

(Run by the Department of Education, CTA, Dharamsala)

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CASE HISTORY

Name of child: Sonam Darkpa
Gender: Male
Mother's Name: Dharkey Youtso
Mother's Profession: Housewife
Place: Bhandara Norgyeling
Siblings: 1

Admission no: 1306
D.O.B: 16/10/2015
Father's Name: Thupten Tsering
Father Profession: Sweater seller
Class: III'24
School: STS Gothangaon



Life History of the child and the reason for sponsorship:

The 1959 occupation of Tibet was followed by the exodus of about 80,000 Tibetans along with their spiritual leader His Holiness The Dalai Lama to neighboring countries like India and Nepal etc., which is where a large part of the current Tibetan Diaspora exists. For a refugee community on a foreign land, education is of key essence, which is why under the guidance of His Holiness and against all odds, Tibetan schools were established to provide proper education to the children in order to make them self reliant, to serve the Tibetan cause and to preserve the Tibetan culture and identity. The Department of Education (DoE), CTA is the apex body, responsible for administration of Tibetan schools in exile. STS Gothangaon is an exile Tibetan school, which was established in the year 1972 soon after the establishment of Tibetan Norgyeling Settlement. On 16th May 1999, DoE formed an organization, namely; Sambhota Tibetan Schools Society (STSS), responsible for managing the schools which were erstwhile managed by DoE directly. STSS persist on providing a holistic education to the underprivileged children, residing at the remotest area, who are bereft of their basic rights.

Sonam Darkpa hails from a family whose entire income is generated from selling sweaters in winter. The winter sweater selling business is both small and highly unstable. It is rarely profitable and the income is never enough to suffice the whole family's necessities. Sonam's father works day in and day out for him to go to school. Sonam is currently studying at STS Gothangaon. However, after the completion of fifth grade, he will have to get enrolled in another school for higher studies. This causes problem as the schools are far from his home and Sonam and his parents will have to adjust, adapt and bend over backwards; be it financially and socially. It is evident that Sonam has a rough path waiting ahead for him which might hinder his higher education. His family lives in constant fear that their financial condition will obstruct his dreams.

Sonam is a very well mannered boy who actively involves himself in sporting activities. His favorite food is pasta and his favorite color is white. He thoroughly enjoys mathematics as a subject. He loves playing football when he gets leisure time and aspires to become a skilled footballer in the near future.

On agreeing to the noble cause of sponsoring a child, Sambhota Tibetan Schools Society will keep the kind sponsor duly updated on the life and the progress of the child, twice a year. Your kind help will encourage and enable these underprivileged refugee kids in playing an instrumental role in the development of their community. We, Sambhota Tibetan Schools Society, are and will always remain indebted to our altruistic sponsors for their generosity in providing education and a decent living to the Tibetan refugee children.

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