

Why Dhanu Maya's Home?

Dhanu Maya Gurung is a consciously unmarried Nepalese woman who has been taking care of children in her hometown Surkhet since the late 90s. She does this because she sees it as her vocation to give needy children from the surrounding districts in Western Nepal a safe home. The children live with her in a family replacement home, go to school and are part of the local community. Of the 21 children she has cared for over the past 20 years, 18 have been formally adopted by her; the eldest live and study in other places and are encouraged to stand on their own two feet. So far Dhanu Maya has done this on the basis of her own income, with the help of neighbors and occasional gifts from abroad. The visit of some board members of the now established foundation was accompanied by a sponsorship action and that action led to a desire to offer a more sustainable form of support.

The foundation Dhanu Maya's Home aims to offer Dhanu Maya a structural contribution of €3000 on an annual basis in a transparent way. To this end, it recruits a group of donors in its own circle who want to commit themselves to an amount for at least 3 years. The focus will therefore be on the recruitment of a group of donors, clear communication about the use of resources and regularity in communication with donors. The expectation is that recruitment should be limited, so far people have reported themselves.

Communication with Dhanu Maya is via telephone, whatsapp or skype; all board members know Dhanu Maya personally and two of them speak fluent Nepali.

2018 - 2020

The focus in the coming years will be on fundraising and communication. In 2018 we will complete the website, recruit donors and describe how money can be used. For example: what does a year's tuition and books, food and medical care for children in certain age categories cost? In 2019 and 2020, the focus will be on continuity in donations and communication to donors.

Why, what and how?

With this foundation, we want to support Dhanu Maya Gurung in her special vocation to provide a family replacement home for needy children and to guide them to independence. We do this by publicizing her work in the Netherlands and by offering a structural financial contribution to her work through donors.

Where do we stand?

There is a well-developed contact with Dhanu Maya because we know each other, through visits in recent years and use of social media and Skype. Through the fundraising in 2017 around the visit of board members Marcel and Joyce and their children, there is a core group of donors who want to help. There is a website, see <https://www.dhanumayashome.com/>, a Triodos bank account and a logo.

What are we going to do?

In 2018, the focus will be on actively recruiting donors so that from October 2018, we will be able to transfer €750 per quarter -- to Dhanu Maya. To this end, we will write newsletters and approach those who have previously contributed or asked to participate. We will approach a total of 200 people in 2018 and aim for 70 donors.

Organization details

Chamer of Commerce number: 70746664

Bank: NL27 TRIO 0379 2255 14 a.ttn. Dhanu Maya's Home

Fiscal number (RSIN): 858443703

ANBI status: assigned

Contact: by email info@dhanumayashome.com or by phone via the board members.

Board

The board consists of 4 unremunerated members with the following roles:

Sanne Dijkema, chairperson (++31 (0)6-81143623)

Joyce Lakwijk, secretary (++31 (0)6-12219897)

Marcel Favier, treasurer (++31 (0)6-13611499)

Henk-Peter Dijkema, general board member (++31 (0)6-53321228)

Management and use of assets

The aim of the foundation is not to build up capital, but to have a buffer of at least four times the quarterly amount, i.e. € 3000,- at its disposal in order to guarantee continuity.