

## BACKGROUND

The Chinese occupation of Tibet in 1959 led to the mass genocide of Tibetan people in which over 1.2 million Tibetans died.

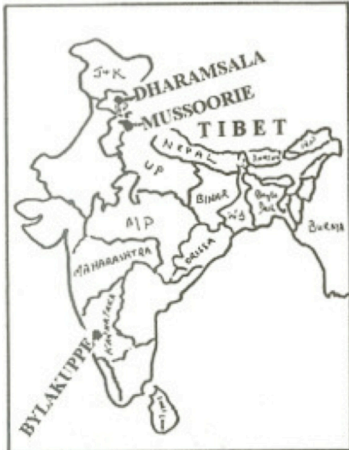
In the aftermath, around 100,000 refugees followed His Holiness the Dalai Lama into exile. Among them were thousands of orphans and destitute children ravaged by war, hunger and the psychological devastation of losing their families, homes and country.

The Dalai Lama recognised that the future of Tibet and its people depended on the younger generation.

With this in mind, and out of concern for the suffering of so many children, His Holiness proposed setting up special centres, leading to the establishment of the *Tibetan Homes Foundation* at Mussoorie and the *Tibetan Children's Village* at Dharmasala.

Based in Northern India, both centres provide homes and schooling for Tibetan children in need. Both are members of SOS Kinderdorf International.

Between them the two schools cater for over 3,000 children and young persons.



## THE TIBETAN CHILDREN RELIEF SOCIETY

- Formed in 1964 to build a home for Tibetan refugee children at the Tibetan Children's Village in Upper Dharmasala, North India, where His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama resides. It is also the seat of the Tibetan Government-in-exile and the centre of a thriving Tibetan community.
- Promotes health, welfare and education of refugee Tibetan children who face an uncertain future in their homeland, where the very survival of their unique culture is threatened, as they become a minority in their own country. The number of those seeking refuge has now risen to over 1,000 per year.
- Co-ordinates a programme of sponsorship of individual Tibetan children living Tibetan Homes and villages in India.
- Facilitates the remittance of funds from NZ benefactors for maintaining and equipping Tibetan Homes and Schools in India.
- Has helped to raise the standard of living of the children for over 45 years

Thanks to the support of Friends of Tibet (NZ), the Society has been able to extend its assistance to children in the TCV Outreach programme (for day scholars) at Bylakuppe in South India, and to the Tibetan Homes Foundation at Mussoorie, North India.

For more information visit our website - [www.tcrs.org.nz](http://www.tcrs.org.nz)



*Others Before Self*

## The Tibetan Children Relief Society

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

You can sponsor a child for NZ\$120 p.a. (sponsorship can be shared)

Complete the form below and send with your cheque made out to "TCRS" to:

**The Tibetan Children Relief Society**  
**P O Box 66 002**  
**Beachhaven**  
**Auckland 0749**

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Name(s) .....

Address .....

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.....Phone: .....

I would like to sponsor a boy / girl

Preferred age range of child .....

I enclose a cheque for NZ\$.....

# THANK YOU



**THO CHE CHEY**  
("Thank You")

And remember .....

- All sponsorship monies are used (without deduction) for the benefit of the children
- You will receive a case history and photograph of your child
- You can correspond with your child. Photographs and news of your own family are especially welcomed by the children
- Some sponsors have been able to meet their children
- Friendships formed may continue long after the children have left TCV

### FAQ's

- *Is TCRS a political organisation or have political motives?* No. The main objective of TCRS is to promote, in NZ and abroad, support for refugee Tibetan Children.
- *Is TCRS recognized as a charity in NZ?* Yes – TCRS is a registered charity Reg'n # CC38145
- *Are donations to TCRS tax deductible?*
  1. General Donations: DEDUCTIBLE
  2. Individual sponsorships of Tibetan refugee children at residential villages in India – NOT DEDUCTIBLE
  3. Gifts made to sponsored Tibetan children – NOT DEDUCTIBLE
  4. Donations made to projects at Tibetan residential villages in India – NOT DEDUCTIBLE
- *Why are the some of the donations above not tax deductible?* To be tax deductible, donations to a NZ charitable entity must be spent on charitable purposes in NZ. TCRS does not itself raise money for Tibetan Children or residential villages in India – it just promotes these activities and facilitates the transfer of funds to India for these purposes on behalf of members to minimize banking and other processing costs.

## TIBETAN CHILDREN RELIEF SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

Patron: H. H. The Dalai Lama



*"We are visitors on this planet. We are here for ninety or one hundred years at the very most. During that period we must try to do something good, something useful with our lives. Try to be at peace with yourself, and help others share that peace. If you contribute to other people's happiness, you will find the true goal, the true meaning of life."*

**Help us to help the Tibetan Refugee children in India**