

## News From The Dalai Lama Foundation —

### August 2008

#### Foundation Update

As we progress through the year we thought it would be nice to give an update of some of the activities the Foundation has been involved in so far this year.

In March, Marsha Clark made a visit to Tibetan Children's Village, in Dharamsala, India, meeting with students, teachers, counselors, and Principal of the upper school, involved in *Project Happiness*.

In April, Tenzin Tethong accompanied a Stanford University team for a meeting with His Holiness the Dalai Lama in Seattle for their Medical School's *Project Compassion*.

May was quite a busy month for all, in early May [The Missing Peace](#) Music Team visited Dharamsala for meeting and filming with His Holiness. The visit included many celebrities of music, television, film and professional sports from around the world. During the same visit Tenzin and Darlene visited Tibetan Children's Village to attend a presentation by senior students studying *Ethics for the New Millennium* as part of the Project Happiness collaboration.

Butner Federal Prison Complex presented *The Missing Peace Posters Exhibition* at the end of May which is available to 5,000 inmates who responded to TMP with a hand-drawn mural and with journal writings. Talks were given by Darlene and Tony, who presented the Compassion in Action award to Warden Art Beeler for his lifetime dedication to prisoners.

The Foundation also welcomed a new board member to The Dalai Lama Foundation, Dr. James Doty

of Stanford University, neurosurgeon, and director of Project Compassion, Stanford.

The Missing Peace Music team - Darlene, Tenzin, Telo Tulku Rinpoche, and Rebekah Alperin met with His Holiness in June in Philadelphia together with guest musicians Joss Stone, K.T. Tunstall, Moby, and Serj Tankian to film in preparation for 2009 concert.

In August, Rosemary Rawcliff's two films, *The Great Mother* and *Women of Tibet : A Quiet Revolution* were shown extensively in major cities in the U.S. as a double header.

Most recently The Foundation became fiscal sponsors of two new projects:

*"And We'll All Go Together"*, Peter Gold

*"Semshae – Songs from the Heart"*, Tashi Thondup Sharzur

Throughout the year Tenzin Tethong has made numerous media and speaking appearances in San Francisco Bay Area, Japan and India in relation to the Olympics torch controversy and demonstrations and unrest in Tibet.

These are a few of the many exciting initiatives that the Foundation has been involved in this year. There are many more coming up later this year including:

October 17, *The Missing Peace* art exhibition opens at Hillside Terrace in Tokyo, Japan, ends on November 9, 2009.

October 9, Darlene Markovich will present *The Missing Peace* to participants of the international Conference of Museums for Peace in Kyoto, Japan.

The *Happiness and Its Causes* conference will be held in San Francisco, November 24-25.



## Ethics for a New Millennium in Dharamsala

During her recent visit to Dharamsala, Darlene Markovich and Tenzin Namgyal Tethong arranged to visit the Tibetan Children's Village through Marsha Clark and Yeshe Dolkar, the senior class teacher. Yeshe invited Tenzin and Darlene to attend the senior students' presentation of the fifth chapter of *Ethics for the New Millennium*, part of their involvement with Project Happiness.

After the 23 students study and discuss a chapter, a smaller group prepares a PowerPoint presentation, which they share with all the students in grades 9 to 12, their teachers, the principal, and the headmaster. For chapter 5, "The Supreme Emotion," the auditorium was packed to watch the analysis of ethical behavior, leading to empathy, which transforms into compassion—the supreme emotion. The presentation was written in English but spoken in Tibetan, giving a wonderful bilingual opportunity for everyone. After the formal presentation, the audience was asked for their own examples of ethical behavior, in an impressive display of engaged learning and interaction.

Tenzin was then invited to speak about the Dalai Lama Foundation and Darlene talked about The Missing Peace. The upper-level students have now been exposed to several of the foundation's projects, and a follow-up activity with Yeshe Dolkar is in the works. Using educational curricula and posters created for *The Missing Peace*, she will bring The Missing Peace into the classrooms at Tibetan Children's Village.

It was exhilarating to be with the students in the midst of their DLF activities, and to witness the work in practice.

## A Quest for Happiness



International Conference on Global Ethics, Values and Mindfulness: A Quest for Happiness:

*Investigating the role of Ethics, Values and Mindfulness to realize a better future*

October 21-23, 2008 in Jos, West Africa

The first-ever international conference on Global Ethics, Values and Mindfulness: A Quest for Happiness will bring together a community of diverse global and local leaders and guests to examine key issues on Ethics, Values and Mindfulness to help catalyze a shift in strengthening positive individual and societal development in Nigeria.

Conference participants will gather for three days of in-depth discussions and presentations to investigate the pressing challenges that exist in making a commitment for personal and societal change. The conference will provide participants with a global perspective and the knowledge, skills and tools they need to deal effectively with personal, interpersonal, and community needs. Participants will have the opportunity to meet individuals that share a common vision for social change and make personal commitments to realize a better future. Presentations will be made in English, with translations provided upon request. Interested in joining the International Conference? Click to download [Registration and Instructions](#).

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