

**RUKMINI**  
FOUNDATION

# 2017 Year in Review





# Mission:

*Empower girls through quality education so that we can eradicate child marriage, end gender inequality, and enable a more equitable and prosperous **Nepal**.*

# What do we actually do?

## Educate



Scholarship  
Uniforms & School Supplies  
Tutoring

Program details:  
<http://bit.ly/2zkAhIR>

## Motivate



Regular check-ins with scholars  
Home visits  
Special programs with women leaders

Program details:  
<http://bit.ly/2gSgOUf>

## Protect



Yearly Check-Ups  
Health Education Programs  
Counseling

Program details:  
<http://bit.ly/2yyDzZP>





# And a bit more...

## Music



## Dance



## Sports





# Still a bit more...

## LitClubs



LitClub Nepal

Program details:  
<http://bit.ly/2yunzKt>

## Space for Moms



## Robots?

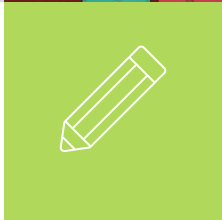




**\$.82 a day per scholar**

# 6 Goals for Year 6

- Reach out to more remote areas
- Conduct child marriage intervention program
- Provide opportunities beyond high school
- Grow our LitClub family
- Focus on “Quality” education
- Bring arts to the schools







**Reaching  
further  
out**

# Results



2 new partner schools

Gaining access to a community that needs support

Opening 2 new LitClubs in these schools

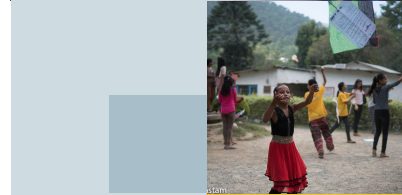


Area has high child marriage rate

1 of our scholars eloped before start of school year

Malnutrition of students is a very worrying sign

## 2017 Grade







**Conduct child marriage  
intervention program  
(Niwano Peace Foundation project)**



# Results



Students gaining skills to be able to discuss these issues with parents

Students learning about potential options besides early marriage

Educating the community about the lifelong negative effects of child marriage



Much more effort is required because child marriage in the area is still high

1 of our scholars eloped before start of school year

## 2017 Grade





**Provide  
opportunities  
beyond high  
school**

# Results



3 Scholars starting a  
Vet Tech Vocational  
program

Team RukuBot  
member, Rubi  
studying Science in  
10+2



Some graduates are not  
eligible for programs that  
we would like to support  
them for (archaic higher  
education system)

Increases our funding  
needs



## 2017 Grade





# Grow our LitClub Family



# Results



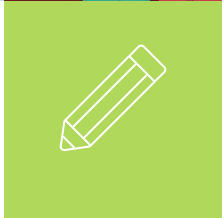
3 new LitClubs started in 2017

LitCamp program another huge success

A club dedicated to moms and elder women provides new opportunities



No frowny face worthy items



## 2017 Grade





# Focus on "Quality" education





# Results



We have identified some local resources for training

Conducting multiple teacher training sessions

Teachers have shown interest



Lack of resources for schools



## 2017 Grade





**Bring Arts to the  
schools**

# Results



One of our scholars, Deepika took part in Nepali Idol singing competition

Students seem to love this program



Schools haven't agreed that this is a critical component of education

Have not identified ideal instructor for this program

Kids keep asking for more to be done

## 2017 Grade





LitClub Nepal  
makes an  
impression in  
NYC...again

4 Members of LitClub  
Nepal shared stories and  
connected with girls  
across the world for a  
week long program  
called HerStory Summit






शिक्षा मन्त्रालय  
नेपाल सरकार  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
GOVERNMENT OF NEPAL

Nepal Team finished  
38th out of 163  
International teams in  
the 1st Annual FIRST  
Global Challenge  
Robotics Olympics

Villagers  
tackle  
Robotics and  
take on the  
World



A photograph showing a nurse in a white coat sitting at the foot of a hospital bed, holding the hands of a young child lying in the bed. A woman in a red top and patterned cardigan stands by the side of the bed, looking on. The room has blue curtains and a window with a view of the outdoors. A small table next to the bed holds a pink plastic bag. The headboard of the bed has a circular sticker on it. A blue circle with the number '1' is visible on the wall in the background.

Former Scholar,  
Dikshya is now  
nursing people  
in her  
community





Fathers and daughters better understanding each other through programs like this

Highlight importance of girls education on Father's Day






Bring women from the community together to celebrate IWD

विश्वका माध्यमबाट महिलाहरूको समर्थन  
be bold for change...  
अन्तराष्ट्रिय नारी दिवस २०२३

Mothers and aunts are sharing their voice and speaking up for themselves in the community



A young woman with dark hair, wearing a light blue and white striped school shirt and a dark tie, is smiling broadly. She is standing outdoors in a rural setting. In the background, there is a small red and white shrine on a hill, a traditional wooden windmill, and a lush green landscape with a field of yellow flowers in the foreground. The scene is bright and sunny.

Ogyen battled mental health issues and a difficult home life to finish high school even though she had to drop out at one point. Now she wants to become a teacher to motivate more girls.

Ogyen shows  
the meaning of  
resilience



# What's ahead for '18





The FIRST Global Challenge showed us that girls and boys want to learn STEM...by doing. We want to create a club where they can do that. We want to incorporate the Arts into this as well.

# Full STEAM Ahead





Issues like malnutrition and child marriage is rampant in certain communities. If we cannot address these basic & critical needs, education & empowerment will not be possible.

**Address  
critical issues  
in more remote  
villages**






Looking to work with organizations that support people, especially girls and women with physical disabilities, such as blindness to provide opportunities to learn to those who have historically been shut out.

**Support for differently-abled children, especially girls / women**





Former scholars and now mentors, Sushmita (left) and Puja (right) are true examples of empowerment. We want to develop more leaders like them.

Develop more **Didis**  
(mentors)





We are planning to take a teacher from the US to Nepal who has expertise in languages and music to help develop these talents in the girls we support



# Teach Music & Languages



# 12 graduates

In 2017 calendar year alone.

36 girls have completed high school since the start of our program

# 96% retention

Almost all of our scholars stay with the program...and eventually graduate

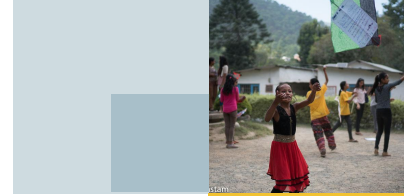
# 36,533 \$

Total spend in 2016. Our 2017 Budget was roughly the same. Imagine what we can do with more support.

# Our work in action



<http://bit.ly/2ilnxOH>





# ACT today to Support us

## Advocate



Connect with us on Social Media and help share our stories

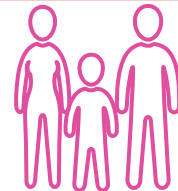
## Contribute



With as little as \$25 a month, we are making amazing things happen, but we need your support

- Donate online
- Setup recurring donations
- Contribute through UnitedWay

## Take Action



We are always looking for passionate and capable people to help us:

- Board Member roles
- Volunteers
- Interns



Allyce has raised over \$11,400 just through her birthday parties in the last 4 years.

**Allyce advocates, contributes and takes action at her birthday party**



Ben raised enough money to support a girl in of our partner Government schools for an entire year...by selling lemonade.

NOTE: Ben is just shy of 6 in this picture.



**Ben takes action for girls education...will you?**

# Let's connect

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