

Humanitarian/Conservation Organizations

AAC Supported Orgs

The Mountain Institute <http://www.mountain.org/index.cfm>

The Mountain Institute is an international non-profit organization dedicated to conservation, community development, and cultural preservation in the Andes, Appalachian, Himalayan, and other mountain ranges of the world. TMI is a major partner of the AAC.

The Access Fund <http://www.accessfund.org/>

Since 1991, the Access Fund has been the *only* national advocacy organization that keeps climbing areas open and conserves the climbing environment. The Access Fund supports and represents over 1.6 million climbers nationwide in ALL forms of climbing: Rock Climbing, Ice Climbing, Mountaineering, and Bouldering. Five core programs support the mission on national and local levels: public policy, stewardship & conservation (including grants), grassroots activism, climber education, and land acquisition.

The dZi Foundation www.dzifoundation.org

The dZi Foundation - a group of individuals working together to improve the basic quality of life of the women, men and children in the Himalayan region. Education, shelter, culture and medical needs are our highest priority. The Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization, and dedicated to individual and community needs, working within the existing social framework, with particular sensitivity to indigenous culture and tradition. The dZi Foundations work is focused but not limited to the Himalayan region of Nepal, Ladakh, and Sikkim. In particular we focus on girls at risk in Kathmandu, Nepal (The Friendship House) and Gangtok Sikkim. Our support of The Nutritional Rehabilitation Home in Kathmandu deals with severely malnourished children. One of the dZi Foundations strengths has been our partnership with other small non-profits has allowed us to accomplish amazing projects that alone would not be possible.

The Mountain Fund www.mountainfund.org

The Mountain Fund is a global coalition of non-profit and non-governmental organizations devoted to eliminating the causes and symptoms of poverty in mountain cultures around the world. The Mountain Fund works to increase the capacity of these small, grassroot organizations by providing marketing, publicity, leadership consulting and valuable networking tools. The Mountain Fund also provides financial, administrative and technical assistance to its Partner Organizations.

Karing for Kids (KFK Nepal) runs a Mother and Child Health Clinic (MCH-Clinic) in the rural mountain communities of Rasuwa, Nepal. KFK Nepal is a non-government charity organization working to save the lives of children in Nepal. The clinic has been operating since 1997. Scott MacLennan is currently the director and primary mission manager. Last year (2003) KFK treated about 1000 people in the clinic and did outreach work in schools and the non-supported government health outposts. Since 2000, KFK has provided the medical services to thousands of

people of remote Gatlang, Goljung, and Chilime villages of Rasuwa.

See the Mountain Fund website and www.everestnews.com for info . More specifically, <http://www.everestnews.com/stories004sec4002/nepalclinic2004.htm>

Alpine Fund in Bishek is a non-profit that provides education and mountain adventures to at-risk children in Kyrgyzstan and Nepal like teaching orphans and street children English and social skills. The website is www.alpinefund.org

International Mountain Explorers Connection <http://www.mountainexplorers.org/> The International Mountain Explorers Connection was founded in 1996 in Boulder, Colorado to promote responsible and sustainable connections between travelers and the people of developing mountain regions of the world. IMEC provides and coordinates education, assistance, and cross-cultural experiences for members, volunteers, trekkers, and local communities. IMEC has offices around the world in Kathmandu, Islamabad and Moshi, Tanzania. IMEC works closely with several other organizations doing similar work, including the Everest Foundation, the International Porter Protection Group, Inka Porter Project, and Porters' Progress

Trail Porter Projects dedicated to improving working conditions and practices of all porters and muleteers, and helping to protect the environment in Nepal, Africa, Peru and the Andes. There are several websites including www.hec.org/club/clothingbank2.htm and the sites noted in the IMEC section.

Porters Progress was formed to save the lives of Nepali mountain porters and their families. We run programs that focus upon keeping porters alive while on the trail and nourished at home www.portersprogress.org

Anatoli Boukreev Memorial Fund To promote mutual understanding and friendship across cultures through a shared love of mountains and mountaineering. To support the styles of high-altitude training, ascent, and environmental sensitivity that Anatoli exemplified. The website is <http://www.boukreev.org>

Global Humanitarian Expeditions (GHE) www.humanitariantours.com is a non profit organization that sends both non-medical and Dental volunteers abroad to provide humanitarian assistance in Nepal, India, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, The Dominican Republic, Cuba, Peru and Ecuador.

Mount Everest Trust <http://www.cybernet1.com/himalaya/charity2001.htm>

The Mount Everest Trust is active building hospitals and schools to help poor families and promoting environmental awareness among remote communities across Nepal and Tibet. The site links several humanitarian organizations.

Himalayan Cataract Project www.cureblindness.org

The Himalayan Cataract Project strives to eradicate preventable and curable blindness in the Himalayas through high-quality ophthalmic care, education, and establishment of a sustainable eye care infrastructure. Dr Sanduk Ruit started the project in 1995 with Dr. Geoffrey Tabin. To date they have cured the blindness of thousands of people in Nepal and Tibet. Its unique programs in skills-transfer education, cost-recovery, research, and creation of a world-class network of eye-care facilities are empowering local physicians to alleviate the suffering caused by blindness in this most remote region of the world. The project could and should be expanded to other parts of the world.

Central Asia Institute <http://www.ikat.org>

The Central Asia Institute is dedicated to promote literacy, woman's vocational skills and awareness of public health and environmental issues through community initiated education programs in the mountain regions of Central Asia in Pakistan, Mongolia, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan etc. Greg Mortenson, co-founder and Executive Director of Central Asia Institute, began his work in northern Pakistan in 1993. His efforts were first inspired by the local Balti people he met after a climb of K2 (world's second highest mountain).

Alex Lowe Foundation <http://www.alexlowe.org/>

The Alex Lowe Foundation is focused on providing direction and financial support to sustainable, community-based humanitarian programs, which are, designed to help the people who live in remote regions of the world. To date the fund is primarily focused on the Sherpa community.

The Galen Rowell Fund for Tibet www.savetibet.org.

To encourage and support the work of Tibetans communicating issues of importance to their community to a broader Tibetan or international audiences. The fund will honor Galen and Barbara Rowell's legacy for Tibetans by providing small grants to Tibetans in the language and visual arts who can make significant contributions to society.

Daywalka Foundation <http://www.daywalka.org/>

The Daywalka Foundation is a human rights organization that addresses human trafficking, safe migration, and gender-based violence through culturally grounded, rights-based solutions. The Daywalka Foundation builds capacity among all stakeholders to ensure safe and sustainable livelihoods for all people, especially women and children who are unwillingly or illegally coerced or tricked into any form forced labor or slavery.

Girls Educational International <http://www.girlsed.org/>

The purpose of Girls Education International is to raise money to construct, support, and maintain schools for girls throughout the world and to support the education of girls through scholarships and other funding. We will work within the existing social framework and not attempt to impose Western values on the girls, their families or school administrators.

Other Organizations Of Interest

Cancer Climber <http://www.cancerclimber.org/>

The CancerClimber Association (CCA) is a unique, not-for-profit organization dedicated to motivating those afflicted with cancer by encouraging patients to inspire each other. Created through Sean Swarner's vision of summiting Everest and inspiring people across all boundaries, the CCA challenges and facilitates cancer survivors to climb their own Everest, thus overcoming their own limitations and mental boundaries

Climbing for a Cause (CFAC) <http://www.climbingforacause.com/>

Climbing For A Cause is an organization dedicated to the development of at-risk teens and youth charities through the use of adventure based events, programs, and films. CFAC educates at-risk teens and youth through inspirational speeches and adventure programs that are used to help develop the skills of positive leadership, personal resourcefulness, and teamwork. The organization focuses on using unique and extreme experiences to gain media attention, produce films, and create events that are used to help generate funding and awareness for youth charities.

HERA Woman Cancer Foundation <http://www.herafoundation.org/>

A nationally recognized ovarian cancer nonprofit organization funding cutting edge research grants to leading young scientists at respected medical institutions. Through their programs of awareness of symptoms, education, and rural medical access as well as our Climb for LifeSM and auxilliary special events, we empower healthy women and those undergoing treatment.

Other Specific Activities to Investigate For Fundraising

Grant Station <http://grantstation.com/>

GrantStation is an interactive website that allows grantseekers to identify potential funding sources for their programs or projects, and mentors you through the grantseeking process. GrantStation provides access to a searchable database of grantmakers who are actively accepting proposals from a variety of organizations, federal grant deadlines updated twice a week, and links to the funding agencies in your state. What else do you get for joining GrantStation? Check out our numerous

My Cause www.mycause.com

My Cause supports humanitarian causes through internet purchases. Currently under the American Alpine Club is funding via purchases for the Zack Martin Breaking Barriers Grant. One can purchase all kinds of things like books, videos, CDs, toys, games, electronics, and home improvement tools from Amazon, gift certificates at loads of offline and online merchants from GiftCertificates.com, software from Outpost.com, airline tickets from Travelocity, and flowers and plants from FTD. The best part is that your purchases support any tax-deductible cause you choose--from the largest national charities to your local library. Help your cause and pay nothing extra.

Goodsearch <http://www.goodsearch.com/>

Goodsearch is an internet search engine that pays a fee for each search. Register and get your Friends and supporters to use the search engine and add to your funds.

GuideStar <http://www.guidestar.org/>

In 1994, GuideStar began as a new venture with a bold vision: to revolutionize philanthropy and nonprofit practice with information. This organization connects non-profits and helps share best

know methods with the nonprofit sector. Nonprofits embrace this practice of transparency and accountability when they share information about their mission, programs, and finances with the public.

Global Challenge <http://www.globalchallenge.uk.com>

Fundraising using challenge events. GC can provide 'off-the-shelf' events that are market ready, tried and tested or we can design something specifically for your organization to meet the fundraising objectives that you have.

Everest News/Website <http://www.everestnews.com/>