



# Veloo Foundation Directors' Report 2017





## Education

As always education remains at the forefront of our mission. In 2017 we had the great success of knowing that ALL the children that graduated in 2016 went on to first grade and with the engagement and support of their parents also finished 1st grade. In addition to that we had the following educational successes:

- 56 Children graduate
- Fall enrollment increases by 18 to full capacity of 150 children
- 8 children on full academic scholarship at a variety of primary schools (increase of 3)
- 228 children at our Soaring Crane Summer Camp, including 30 from the Ninja Mining community of Nalaikh
- Visits by children from the American School of Ulaanbaatar as part of their community service program
- Field trips for the children to Hunnu Mall Play Place, Children's Museum, Porsche School of Driving safety
- Public performances by the children at the Canada Day Celebration and Gobi Gallop Gala
- International interaction with a team of students from The Netherlands through Global Exploration



## Infrastructure Achievements

- Building of Soaring Crane Summer Camp ger platforms and gazebo
- Enlargement of Children of the Peak Sanctuary Kindergarten grounds by including the road
- Creation of new road to service the families uphill from the project
- Land acquired & topographical survey for our 2nd kindergarten completed
- Full upgrade to our Children of the Peak Kitchen which serves 250 people daily – 190 children & staff from the Peak and 60 children and staff from Redstone Charity Academy remedial school next door.

## Community Outreach

In order to support the full scope of our mission, we collaborate whenever possible with local and international aid groups to provide our community members with the tools they need to move forward with a life off of the dump.

### At Brad Winters Community Library:

- Preventing Household accidents
- Household Budgeting and saving
- Good Person / Good intentions
- Proper Dental Care
- Seminar to prevent Child Labour
- Child safety / No Child Abuse

### Donation to the Tsaatan People:

- Donation of feminine care products, school supplies and skin care products taken up to the Tsaatan people in conjunction with a fundraising trip offered by Horse Trek Mongolia

### Medical Outreach:

- Volunteer Public health checkups
- Misheels Kids provided dental treatment for 25 kids
- Baskhuu Dental Implant clinic provided treatment for 45 kids
- Interplast Australia visits, examines, diagnoses, and consults on treatment of 15 people

### Tsagaan Sar Outreach:

- 140 families get food hampers and fuel

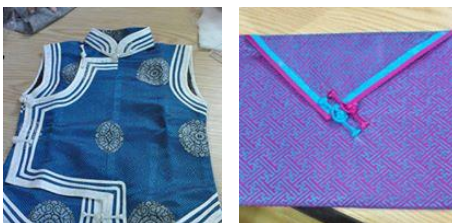


# Employment and Business Development initiatives

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

-Anne Frank

- Fran London Fabric Arts Centre successfully completed its first year of operation and is well on its way to be self funding.
- Product line expanded to include cloth bags, table linens, corporate Holiday gifts, traditional Mongolian Deels and silk purses
- 6 full time employees at the center and 2 making sofas
- Successful graduation of two teachers with their professional teaching certification
- Began collaboration with La Mission De Joie to work toward building a center for Employment Readiness / Vocational Training for older teens and adults from the scavenging community.
- Hired a 2nd caregiver for the Maniwaki Foster Care Ger
- Total Employees - 38



# Events & Fundraisers

In order to provide the services, we do, we need to raise \$128,700 CAD per year. In order to do this we rely upon our monthly sponsorship programme, private and corporate donors, government grants and other governmental funding as well as fundraisers. In 2017 our fundraisers resulted in a gross income of \$111,600 CAD to help the children and families we serve.

## Our Fundraisers for 2017:

- Ballet Fundraisers
- Summit to the Peak – two valiant residents of UB headed off to climb the highest peak in North America, Denali in Alaska and used that event to raise awareness of and funds for our children
- Gobi Gallop – the longest annual charity horseback ride on the planet, the Gobi Gallop riders each donated and raised money from friends, family and coworkers to help us help the children
- Gobi Gallop Gala –wonderful support from in country companies meant that the gross proceeds of the ticket sales and charity auction from 2017 Gala totaled a whopping \$60,500 CAD
- Bojangles Quiz Nights – thanks to the organization and enthusiasm of a few local expats, these quiz nights have really helped
- Ms. Uyanga Art night

## Events:

- Soaring Crane Naadam – as a way to spread the word about the work we do and to provide a wonderful fun day for local Mongolians we hosted a Naadam event out at the Soaring Crane Summer Camp
- Sponsor Appreciation Night – Highlighting the skills of our cooking staff from the kindergarten to kick off this wonderful evening of fun, friendship and celebration this year's event was wonderful as always. It is truly special to be in the room with all of the fantastic folk who have been our support team throughout the year and a great honour to be able to recognize them for their hard work and dedication to helping us make a difference.



## Our Volunteers

We are very proud of our weekly volunteer program and our ongoing development of farther reaching and more in-depth volunteer opportunities. We welcomed many groups and individuals who came to enrich our children's education with song, dance, art and science education.

We were particularly grateful for the ongoing contributions made by all the volunteers who come up every Friday, especially:

**Sharlene Jones**, an Australian Kindergarten Specialist, who has spent endless hours improving our teaching methods and materials and working on ensuring that our educational environment is world standard

**Ryan Kertanis**, for his English lessons, both for our teachers as well as for the older students from our neighbouring Red Stone Remedial Academy.

**Arlene Aitchenson**, in addition to working on many special community outreach programs has been instrumental in the planning and development of our upcoming playground upgrade

**Alison Gordon**, who spent much time providing public health check ups and record keeping for our children.

## Media, Honours & Distinguished Visitors

- Interviewed on the CBC Daybreak Radio Programme

<http://www.cbc.ca/listen/live/radio1/prince-george>

- Feature in a “Hope in Bloom” article in the UB Post

<http://theubpost.mn/2017/05/12/hope-in-bloom-at-the-peak/>

- Recipient of the Prestigious Huuhduudin Tuluu medal from the City of Ulaanbaatar
- Distinguished Visitor – Davaajargal, First Lady of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

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### Hope in bloom at the Peak

The Veloo Foundation, a Canadian-registered non-profit organization, has dedicated itself to

## A Few Final Thoughts

***2017 saw a great solidification of our programs, along with growth opportunities for our employees and increased development of both the programme, staff and the interaction with local people out at the Soaring Crane Summer Camp. We have begun to forge new alliances with international NGO's and local Governments and as 2018 begins we have not only plans firmly in place for a second kindergarten but will be collaborating on a new employment readiness center for their older siblings and parents.***

***With continued expansion of services and increased numbers of children in our Young Scholars programme we are seeing the true impact of the work we do in action. All of us here at Veloo Foundation are honored that so many individuals, companies, community organizations and government departments have trusted us with their donations of funds, time, materials and skills.***

***I don't know if it's possible for me to share with you all what a profound impact you are all making. The trust in the community is growing and with it our ability to help the people. People can only be helped if they let you help them and in order for that to happen they have to trust you and your capability to follow through on your commitments. Thanks to you all we have been able to do that now for the past 5 years. People have come to accept our role in the community.***

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