

# Coast helps build Indian hospital

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'Maggie's Dreamcatcher' was inspired by our five-year-old daughter who refused to sponsor one child through World Vision. She wanted to know why we could not help more than one child!

It was a question that over the next few weeks I would ask myself. Our house consists of a doctor, a half qualified accountant/financial planner and a very stubborn five-year-old. After a collection of very strange coincidences, I was put in touch with two retired German doctors by the name of Hedda and Claus Blumenroth who had visited the area of Dharamsala and saw a huge need for a western hospital. They decided to donate the entire inventory from their private hospital in Germany. I made contact with them in June 2006 and so commenced our relationship.

Since June 2006 I have battled the red tape of the ATO and Office of Fair Trading to set up our own official charity called 'Maggie's Dreamcatcher Dharamsala Hospital Project Inc.' and finally we opened a bank account in January 2007. It has been a long road of but now the exciting part begins....fundraising!

The hospital will be situated in the northern part of India in Himachal Pradesh at Dharamsala. The project has been given the approval by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the local community is very excited about having a well needed hospital in the area. Presently the nearest western hospital is 6-10 hours by car.

The hospital will require doctors to work there and I am hoping to find some volunteers from Australia who may like to add a week or two of overseas medical/education/experience.

Secondly I am hoping for donations to go toward the construction, supplies and running costs of the hospital. I am only too happy to provide further information and detailed plans of the hospital through a power-point presentation if anyone is interested.

Lastly I decided to write a children's book in relation to the project and have been working on painting all the illustrations up until just a few weeks ago. It will now go to the publishers and it will hopefully be out and about by the end of March early April. I am hoping that a copy of this book will find its way into all of the medical practices and local businesses on the Sunshine Coast as I will be donating 50% of the profits back into Maggie's Dreamcatcher.

If you are interested in helping our cause please contact us by completing the attached form and returning it to us.

With much thanks, Dr Michael, Cheryl and Miss Maggie Ryan

Maggie's Dreamcatcher  
Dharamsala Hospital Project Inc.

ABN: 13899 826 120

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I would be interested in assisting the project by giving a donation of:

\$250      \$500      \$1000      Other \$.....

Please make donations payable to 'Maggie's Dreamcatcher' or funds can be deposited into the bank account as follows: Bank of Queensland - Buderim Branch. BSB: 124 001 AC No: 20422442

Please tick one or more of the following:

I would be interested in receiving a regular update. ....

I would be interested in purchasing a book "Who is George?" .....

I would be interested in a Power Point presentation .....

I would be interested in having books for sale .....

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