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We are coming to the time of year when the Trustees send the charity care grants to the four hospitals. The amount they receive is calculated from the interest raised by the capital fund and based on the designated monies held in their hospital account. Each hospital therefore continues to receive designated money from donors who make a specific hospital the target of their giving. On top of these grants the hospitals also benefit from the 'not specifically designated' gifts generously donated by you, and each year the hospital directors are able to request specific support from this fund. This two pronged approach has meant that where ever possible the Trust can respond to a direct need as well as support the charity care costs.

Last year the Trust supported charity care by £19,361 and the undesigned grants made totalled £7,400. Reflecting the careful investment made at times of reducing interest it is anticipated that the grants to be made this year will total £30,000. This has to be most encouraging considering that the number of donations now being received by the Trust are diminishing. While this level of support may appear paltry by western standards this money in Nepal brings untold relief to those impoverished and 'hope-less' in terms of health care. Their average annual income is about £125. The Trustees want to encourage you, even through these days of financial uncertainty, to maintain your loving care for these people. While it may not be possible now to continue yearly support would you consider a legacy?

News from the hospitals is that they continue to achieve good charitable care levels which is most commendable as they all react to uncertain circumstances.

- **Tansen** has had a very busy year with the highest record of free care ever achieved.

- **Amp Pipal** has identified a very real need for a doctor to take over from Dr. Starkey when he retires - and way forward may be for doctors to consider a six month commitment to help the hospital while the search continues for a full time replacement.
- **Patan** enjoys its redesigned and expanded programme of teaching and health care and on a recent visit one Trustee had the opportunity to meet with staff members.
- **Okhaldhunga** goes from strength to strength and looks forward to celebrating its 50th anniversary next year. A time for much rejoicing.

Nepal remains a country with political problems which affect so many lives. Young men leave the country in droves to seek work abroad and it is not hard to see the way this will impact on the future of the nation. Nepal, and the charity care achieved by the four hospitals, remains so much on the hearts of the Trustees and we do encourage each one of you to stay the course with us.

Thank you so very much for all your generosity, your love and concern.

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