

## FRIENDS OF PATAN HOSPITAL



# Update

Friends of Patan Hospital  
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*Founded in 1982 as a Christian mission hospital in Kathmandu, Nepal, Patan has evolved into an independent secular hospital with its own Board of Directors. It maintains the values of its founders, providing quality compassionate care to all who come, regardless of religious affiliation or ability to pay. The hospital treats almost 320,000 outpatients and 20,000 inpatients per year. This is accomplished with a balanced budget of \$2.75 million through efficient operations and the contributions of many individuals and church groups in the U.S., Europe and Australia.*

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*This update is published to keep you informed of current events at and affecting the hospital. Friends of Patan Hospital is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.*

## Thanks to Generous Donors

Generous donations by people and organizations around the world are helping to make the last few months the best Patan Hospital has ever had.

General Electric Company has donated \$50,000 of equipment for the new maternity wing. The equipment is new and current technology. GE provided shipping of the equipment as well as training of personnel to use it. This gift came as a result of the outstanding effort of Director Mary Carroll.

In addition, 16 ICU monitors and 13 infusion pumps have been donated by Children's Hospital in Boston. The equipment is fairly new and in excellent condition. Children's Hospital covered the cost of packing and shipping this equipment to Project C.U.R.E. in Denver to go with the next container that FOPH will be sending to Patan Hospital. Dr. George Taylor, a renowned radiologist at Harvard Medical School, has arranged this gift, for which the hospital will be grateful for years to come. The monitors are

particularly valuable as plans are being made to establish the first pediatric intensive care unit in Nepal at Patan Hospital in 2008. A team of doctors and nurses, under the leadership of Dr. Sangita Basnet of Springfield, Illinois, will be setting up the six-bed unit and training hospital staff.

Finally, it appears likely that Patan Hospital will receive a significant amount of equipment for the new maternity wing from The Children's Hospital in Denver when it moves to a new campus in the fall of 2007. Mike Farrell of Children's is working with FOPH to make the arrangements.



A canteen on the ground floor of the new wing is now in operation and provides a welcoming atmosphere for staff and visitors alike.

## Honor Roll of U.S. Contributors to Patan Hospital

Patan Hospital is particularly grateful for the support of these individuals and organizations across the United States.

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## Construction Update

The construction of the new maternity wing has fallen behind schedule and the target date for completion has been shifted from October of this year to April, 2008. Also, there have been

significant unexpected cost increases, which Jim and Marilyn Simon have generously offered to pay. Given the unstable political climate and inefficient bureaucracy of Nepal, overruns and

delays are not unexpected. With approved upgrades such as an extra floor for an education wing and an energy-efficient heating system, the projected project cost now is a little over \$3 million.



## Patan Staff Profile: Ram Shova Risal



FOPH is sponsoring a trip to the U.S. by Ram Shova Risal, the Director of Nursing at Patan Hospital, to participate in the annual meeting of AONE (American Organization of Nurse Executives) and to visit some hospitals to learn about U.S. methods of hospital administration. AONE has given Ram Shova a full scholarship (saving FOPH over \$700) for the meeting and a pre-conference workshop. FOPH has been very pleased with the willingness of hospitals and nursing schools to host her. In Washington, she visited Sibley Memorial Hospital. In Philadelphia, where she is as we go to press, she is being hosted by the nursing schools at the University of Pennsylvania, Villanova, Temple and Thomas Jefferson, and the hospitals associated with them. Ram Shova will then go to Palo Alto, California where she will visit hospitals associated with Stanford and then on to Fresno, where arrangements have been made with two other hospitals. All of Ram Shova's activities in California are being coordinated by Michele Avila-Emerson, who will lead the nursing part of Dr. Basnet's team. Michele, a graduate of Penn's nursing program, also made the initial arrangements at Penn, and Amy Hecht was the key to the cooperation by Temple and Villanova. In Philadelphia, the logistics of the visit, including housing, transportation and sightseeing on the weekend, are being handled by a team from the Covenant United Methodist Church headed by Kirk Schneider. In Washington, FOPH Board member Joe Feely handled all the logistics.