



Annual Report 2010

Presented to the Board of Directors at the AGM
April 26, 2010



A Message to our Supporters

Tempus International was founded in 2003 by a group of young Canadians who had an interest in creating literacy opportunities for underprivileged youth.

Our mission is simple: to Empower Youth Through Literacy.

Our largest project is The Mighty Pen, a bi-annual youth writing competition in Nepal that has hosted over 29,000 youth participants since 2005, and has distributed 5,000 copies of Nepalese children's literature into the rural regions.

The year 2009 was a year of great change for our charity, and has brought with it an exciting momentum of energy. In January, founder Chris de Eyre moved into the role of Chair of the Board of Directors, and I joined Tempus in the role of Executive Director. Also in 2009, two of our board members, Raghu Balasa and Marlon Hylton, retired from their positions and we thank them for their generous years of service and support.

With three vacant board positions to fill and the creation of two additional roles, Tempus is pleased to welcome five new faces to its Board of Directors in 2010. Vince Dong, Jeff Zajac, Jon Kamin, Bill Demertis and Kate Bruce-Lockhart have all demonstrated an exciting commitment to the vision and mission of Tempus and will be a source of great guidance and support as we enter this exciting new time. We're also pleased to announce the launch of our Youth Advisory Board, with seven incredibly dedicated and active youth serving on this committee that have taken on multiple tasks including fundraising, awareness and events.

This year we hosted the third edition of The Mighty Pen youth writing competition in Nepal and we are pleased to report its success. Over 15,000 Nepali youth from 30 rural regions participated by writing their unique short stories.

We're very proud of the growth and interest in The Mighty Pen both in Nepal and internationally for future projects. After undergoing a strategic review process for Tempus in March 2010, our Board of Directors have agreed to focus our efforts specifically on The Mighty Pen both in Nepal and internationally. Nepal's Tibetan community is looking to host its first competition in 2010 and we are collaborating with local partners to bring The Mighty Pen home to Canada to support our indigenous languages such as Inuktituk. We are excited for the future of The Mighty Pen, and continue to be inspired by the native language writing skills of youth.

The support of our donors and volunteers is critical to our success and we are committed to ensuring your investment of time and money achieves its objective by facilitating exciting literacy opportunities. I'm confident that we have an excellent team to guide our charity forward through this exciting time, and we are grateful for your continued support.

Thank you for choosing to empower youth through literacy!



Bonnie Shepherd
Executive Director, Tempus International



About Tempus International and The Mighty Pen

Tempus International, a Canadian NGO founded in 2003, facilitates The Mighty Pen; a bi-annual writing competition for youth from 30 rural regions across Nepal.

Since the first edition of The Mighty Pen in 2005, over 29,000 Nepalese youth have participated in this literary opportunity. The objective of The Mighty Pen is to address the low levels of literacy, and the lack of native-language children's literature in Nepal, therefore contest participants write short stories to be published into a Nepalese children's book.

From the thousands of submitted written entries, a panel of community leaders select eighteen regional and national winners (nine girls and nine boys from three different age categories). The winners are then invited to attend The Mighty Pen's award ceremony in Kathmandu with all of their travel expenses covered by Tempus International, who also award the students a tuition scholarship to support their continued pursuit of education. In a final testament to their achievement, the student's combined works are published into a children's book, which helps to grow the children's literature sections in the libraries and schools across Nepal.

Each edition of The Mighty Pen publishes over 2,000 copies of the book and are then distributed back into the rural regions and communities. Since 2005, over 5,000 copies of children's books have been distributed.

The Mighty Pen, Nepal – 2009

The 2009 (third bi-annual) edition of “The Mighty Pen” writing competition for youth in Nepal was our largest and most successful ever, with 15,000 youth participating from across 30 rural regions during the months of July-October 2009. From these submissions, 18 national winners were selected and will receive tuition scholarships to further their education (nine boys and nine girls across three age groups).

The national awards ceremony will take place on May 7, 2010 in Nepal’s capital city, Kathmandu. In addition, 2000 copies of the stories are being published into a soft cover book, which will be distributed to the rural libraries and schools to increase the availability of children’s books in native Nepalese. Spearheading The Mighty Pen contest in Nepal once again was Tempus International’s country director, Kushum Maharjan. Congratulations to all participants, and to Kushum for organizing the success of the third edition of The Mighty Pen in Nepal.



Photos from The Mighty Pen 2007 and 2005

TORONTO FUNDRAISING EVENTS – 2009

Social Night at Opera Bob's: May 4, 2009

Raised: \$775



Blue Jays Game 50/50 Fundraiser: August 19, 2010

Raised: \$1492.36



The Word on the Street Festival: September 27, 2010

Raised: \$237.96



Thou Shall Kick It: November 21, 2009

Raised (-\$3356.14)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

April 1, 2009- March 31, 2010

TEMPUS INTERNATIONAL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 2009 TO MARCH 31, 2010

Balance Brought Forward		\$14,570.78	
Incoming Resources			
Donations - cash	\$1,330.00		
Canada Helps - online donations	\$1,697.50		
Grants & non-receiptable contributions	\$3,743.84		
Social night Opera Bobs	\$445.00		
CYKI Event '08	\$2,400.00		
TSKI Event	-\$3,356.14		
Blue Jays Event	\$1,492.36		
WOTS	\$237.96		
Total Incoming Resources		\$7,990.52	
Resources Expended			
Administrative expenses	\$1,413.73		
Banking	\$740.26		
Nepali Charitable Programs	\$13,778.65		
PEPY	\$3,438.30		
Other	\$1,137.72		
Total Resources Expended		<u>\$20,508.66</u>	
Net Incoming Resources for the Period			<u>-\$12,518.14</u>
Balances Carried Forward			<u><u>\$2,052.64</u></u>
