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Message from Office of Tibet, Washington D.C.



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April 16, 2026.

Dear TANC community members,

I am delighted to learn that the Tibetan Association of Northern California (TANC) is organizing a Gratitude Dinner on May 2. This is a very commendable act of acknowledging and expressing our deepest appreciation and gratitude to all the individuals and organizations for standing by the Tibetan people in the times of our greatest collective trauma and hardship.

As His Holiness the Dalai Lama constantly reminds us that the people who support Tibet and the Tibetan cause are neither anti-China nor pro-Tibet, but they are just pro-truth and pro-justice. This year is also *Ghoton*, the celebration of His Holiness' 90th Year and the *Year of Compassion* and therefore a great opportunity to share His messages of oneness of humanity, kindness, and non-violence.

Tibet sadly continues to be one large open-air prison in the face of relentless assault on the Tibetan civilization by the repressive Communist Chinese regime, yet the spirit and determination of the Tibetans remains indomitable. His Holiness' visionary leadership continues to empower us all to be self-assured and determined.

I am proud to say that all the Tibetan Americans have not only retained our cultural roots but have also become contributing members of the country that you have chosen to live in-the United States of America.

Through your efforts, I am sure more Americans will have a better understanding of Tibet and the Tibetan people and in our own small way contribute to the colorful fabric of America's multiculturalism and diversity.

I would also like to convey hearty congratulations to the principal, teachers, students, and parents of *Namchod Kyetsel* School for their inspiring and exemplary performance at the recent Art and Literary Competition in NYC.

Finally, I would like to express heartfelt gratitude to the current and former board members of TANC for their utmost dedication and service and making TANC one of the most successful and vibrant Tibetan communities in North America.

Bhod Gyalol!

Sincerely,

Namgyal Choedup
Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and
Central Tibetan Administration to North America



Message from The President, TANC



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TIBETAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Motto: Unity of Purpose; Strength in Diversity

Dear TANC Community,

As our term comes to an end, I look back on the past two years with pride. Together, we strengthened the Tibetan Association of Northern California (TANC) and laid a stronger foundation for its future.

When we took office, TANC had approximately \$883,214 in the bank. Today, after paying off the remaining \$244,641 mortgage, saving approximately \$85,000 in future interest, and making significant improvements to our community center, we are handing over approximately \$856,833 to the new Board. TANC is now debt-free, financially stable, and well-positioned for the future.

We upgraded our community center with new bleachers, canopy, stage, sound system, roof, security cameras, paint, and classroom projectors. Our school serves 260 children with 20 teachers under Principal Tenzin Dhonyo's leadership, with strong support from our parents, the Hewlett Foundation, and the Betsy Gordon Foundation.

We celebrated His Holiness the Dalai Lama's 90th birthday and the "Year of Compassion" through activities including rescuing 130 livestock from slaughter in Changtang, Ladakh and prayers for his long life and good health. May his message of peace and compassion inspire the world, and may his aspiration to return to Tibet be fulfilled.

We strengthened TANC's advocacy through a live ABC News interview with Sikyong Penpa Tsering, stronger relationships with elected officials, and closer collaboration with TEAM TIBET—SFRTYC, SFT, and BAFOT. We also launched a new website to improve communication, membership, accessibility, and transparency, including a record honoring Board members who have served TANC since 1990.

My heartfelt thanks go to our committees, volunteers, supporters, partner organizations, and community members, especially Supervisor John Gioia, Sonam and Kalsang Yangzom of Lama Telecom Services, Ven. Thupten Dhonyo of the Gyuto Foundation, the Nechung Center, Sera Je Foundation, and our school community. Above all, I thank my incredible team and your families for your countless hours, sacrifices, and unwavering dedication. These accomplishments belong to all of you.

I leave humbled by the privilege of serving TANC. With Sonam Tso stepping in as President, I ask everyone to give her and the new Board your full support. Having worked closely with Sonam for many years, I am confident TANC is in excellent hands. I am especially proud that she is TANC's first Tibetan American-born and youngest President, a milestone that reflects the strength and promise of our younger generation.

The work continues. May we remain united in purpose, generous in service, and unwavering in our commitment to our community, our culture, and the future of Tibet.

With deepest appreciation and confidence in the future,

Kunjo Tashi,
President



ཚོགས་གཙོ་འགན་ཁུར་འཕྲིན།

བློ་བྱེད་ཀྱི་ལོ་ལོ་ཤིང་རིགས་སྤྱི་མཐུན་ཚོགས་པ་གཙོ་འགན་ཁུར་འཕྲིན་པ་ནས་བཟུང་། གཞི་རྩའི་འཛུགས་སྐྱོད་ལ་དམིགས་བསལ་གཙོ་བོ་བཞག་ཡོད། ཚོགས་པ་དང་ཚོགས་པའི་མི་འབོར་འཕེལ་རྒྱས་ལ་འཚམས་པའི་སྒྲིབ་ཁྲིམས་ར་བཅོས་དང་། མདུན་ཐང་དུ་གནས་ཡོད་པ་ནས་རྒྱལ་བཅོས་པ་དེའི་མང་ཚོགས་ནས་སྤྱི་ཁྲིམས་ཀྱི་འཛིན་སྲུང་ཐབས་ཚོགས་པའི་དཔལ་འབྱོར་གྱི་ཡོང་འབབ་ཞིག་ཀྱང་ཆགས་ཡོད། དེ་ཙམ་དུ་མ་ཟད། ཚོས་ཁང་ཡར་རྒྱས་དང་། མ་འོངས་པར་ཚོགས་ཁང་ཡལ་ལང་ལེགས་བཅོས་སྒྲུབ་འཆར་ཡོད།

ལོ་འདིའི་ནང་གི་དོན་ཆེན་ཞིག་ནི་ད་ཚོས་སྤྱི་ཁྲིམས་གི་བྱུན་གཤམ་ཆ་ཆོད་གཙོ་བོ་ཕུལ་ཐུབ་པ་བྱུང་ཡོད། ད་ལྟ་ཚོགས་པའི་སྤྱི་ཁྲིམས་གི་བདག་དབང་ཆ་ཆོད་ཚོགས་པ་རང་ལ་ཡོད། དེ་ནི་སྒྲོལ་གྱི་ཚོགས་པའི་རྒྱལ་མས་རྣམས་དང་། མི་མང་རྣམས་ཀྱིས་སེམས་ཀྱིས་དང་གཏོང་ཡོད། མཉམ་ཚུབ་ཀྱིས་དཀའ་ལས་རྒྱུ་པའི་འབྲས་བུ་ཡིན།

དེ་དང་མཉམ་ཅུང་ཚོའི་ལས་འཆར་རྣམས་ཀྱང་འཕེལ་རྒྱས་བྱུང་ཡོད། བློ་བྱེད་ཀྱི་ལོ་ལོ་ཤིང་རིགས་སྤྱི་མཐུན་ཚོགས་པའི་གནའ་འཛུགས་སློབ་གྲྭ་རྣམས་དཔྱད་སྒྲུབ་ཆེན་པོ་དེ་བཞིན་ཚོགས་པའི་ལས་གཞི་གཤམ་ཆེ་ཤོས་དང་གཙོ་ཆེ་ཤོས་ཞིག་ཡིན། སློབ་གྲྭ་དེ་ནི་བོད་ཀྱི་ན་གཞོན་རྣམས་ལ་བོད་ཀྱི་སྤྱད་ཡིག་དང་རིག་གཞུང་སློབ་འཁྱིད་བྱ་ལུ་ཕྱི་བརྟེན་གནས་ཤིག་ཡིན། ད་ལྟ་རྣམས་དཔྱད་སྒྲུབ་ཆེན་པོ་སློབ་གྲྭ་སློབ་ཐུག་གཏམ་ ༢༠༡༡ དང་། དགོ་ཆུན་ ༢༡ སློབ་སྤྱི་གཅིག་བཅས་ཡོད།

ལོ་འདིར་ཚོགས་པས་དེས་ནས་སློབ་ཐུག་ཆེན་པོ་དུ་རྒྱུན་གཏན་གྱི་སློབ་གྲྭ་གོ་ལ་རྒྱུ་ནང་སློབ་ལ་སོགས་པའི་སློབ་གྲྭ་དང་འབྲེལ་རིགས་པ་དགོས་དེས་རིགས་ལ་ཟུར་སློབ་གི་ལས་འཆར་ཞིག་སྤེལ་ཐུབ་པ་བྱུང་ཡོད། ལོ་ན་ཆུན་པོ་ཆེན་པོ་དུ་ཕྱུས་སློབ་དང་། སླན་བཅོས་དང་འབྲེལ་བའི་ལས་འཆར་ཡང་བཙུགས་ཡོད། ད་དུང་། དབྱར་ཁ་སློབ་གྲྭ་གྲུང་སེང་འི་ལྷ་གཅིག་འི་དབྱར་དུས་སློབ་གྲྭ་ཡང་གོ་སྒྲིག་ཞུས་ཡོད། དེ་ལ་པ་མ་དང་སློབ་ཐུག་ཆོད་མས་དགའ་བསུ་བྱས་ཡོད།

ཕྱི་ལོ་ ༢༠༢༠ ལྷ་ ༡༢ རང་བཙན་བྱེད་པོ་མིའི་སྤྱི་ཁྲིམས་ཀྱི་སྤྱི་སྒྲིབ་སྒྲོལ་པ་ཆེ་འི་མཆོག་བྱང་ཀྱི་ལས་གནས་སུ་ཕེབས་པར་དགའ་བསུ་སྒྲུབ་ལེན་གནང་རྒྱས་ཞུས་ཡོད་པ་དང་། ཁོང་གིས་ཚོགས་པའི་མང་ཚོགས་དང་དམིགས་བསལ་སློབ་ཐུག་དང་ན་གཞོན་རྣམས་ཐུག་འཕྲད་ཀྱིས་བོད་དོན་དང་འབྲེལ་བའི་གོ་བསྐྱར་བཀའ་མོལ་བྱུང་བར་དགའ་སྒྲིབ་དང་། ཁོང་གིས་ཚོགས་པས་མཛད་འཆར་དང་གོ་སྒྲིག་གནང་བྱེད་ཐབས་ཐད་བརྟེན་པ་ཡང་གནང་ཡོད།



༄༅། བྱང་ཀེལ་བོད་རིགས་སྤྱི་མཐུན་ཚོགས་པ།
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ལོ་འདི་ནི་སྤྱི་ནོར་ལ་གོང་ས་ལ་སྐྱབས་མགོན་ཆེན་པོ་མཆོག་དགྲུང་གྲངས་ ༩༠ ཕེབས་པའི་གོ་སྟོན་དང་འབྲེལ་
 ལོ་འཁོར་གཅིག་རིང་ “བྱམས་བརྩེ་ལོ་” ཞེས་འཛམ་གླིང་ཡུལ་གྱི་གང་སར་སྤང་བརྩི་ལུ་བཞུགས་ཡོད་པས།
 ཕྱི་ལོ་ ༢༠༢༥ ཟླ་ ༧ ཚེས་ ༦ ལ་སྤྱི་འཐུངས་སྐར་ཉིན་མོ་དང་སྐབས་བསྟན་ལས་འཆར་འགོ་བརྩུགས་ལྷན་ཏེ་
 ལོ་འཁོར་གཅིག་གི་རིང་ལས་འཆར་འདེམ་སྤྲོད་སྤེལ་བྱས་ཡིན།

ཇོ་དྲག་དགོས་མཁོ། ད་ལྟ་ཚོགས་པས་ཇོ་དྲག་གཤམ་ཆེན་དགོས་མཁོ་ཞིག་ནི་ཚོགས་པའི་སྤྱི་ཁང་གི་ཁང་པའི་
 ཐོག་རྒྱིང་སོང་ལ་བརྟེན་ནས་ཆར་པ་འབབ་སྐབས་ཚུ་ཐིགས་པ་འཛུགས་པའི་དཀའ་ངལ་དེ་ཡིན། ད་ཚེས་
 དཀའ་ངལ་འདི་སེལ་བར་མཁོ་བའི་རོགས་དངུལ་ཐབས་འཛུགས་ལྷན་པུས་ཀྱིས། ད་ཚེས་ཚོགས་པའི་ཡོངས་དང་
 ཚོགས་པར་རྒྱབ་སྐྱོར་བ་ཡོངས་ནས་མཉམ་རུབ་ཀྱིས་དཀའ་ངལ་དེ་མཁྱོགས་སྤྱར་སེལ་ཐབས་ཡོང་བར་ནུབ་
 སྤྱོད་ལུ་བཞུགས་ཡོད།

ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེ། ད་ཚེས་བྱང་ཀེལ་བོད་རིགས་ཚོགས་པའི་ཚབ་ལྷན་ཏེ་ Betsy Gordon ལགས་སྤྱད་
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History

The Tibetan Association of Northern California (TANC) was founded on July 6, 1990 and formally registered as a nonprofit organization in 1994. Established by a group of dedicated community members, TANC was created to serve the needs and aspirations of Tibetans in Northern California through a unified, community-based organization.

Guided by the motto “*Unity of Purpose, Strength in Diversity*,” and symbolized by the “*Four Harmonious Friends*,” TANC has grown alongside the community it serves. From a small founding membership, the San Francisco Bay Area is now home to approximately 4,000 Tibetans.

Mission

TANC’s mission is to preserve and promote Tibetan language, culture, and identity while supporting the broader aspiration of self-rule in Tibet. The organization works to raise awareness of the Tibetan cause and strengthen social, cultural, and artistic traditions within the Northern California Tibetan community and beyond.

Goals

- Support the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) under the leadership of the Sikyong (President) of CTA;
- Collaborate with CTA and Tibet support organizations to advance the Tibetan cause;
- Promote unity and strengthen community engagement;
- Preserve and transmit Tibetan language, religion, and cultural heritage to younger generations;
- Organize programs that raise awareness about the situation inside Tibet;
- Represent and respond to the needs of Tibetans in Northern California; and
- Encourage mutual care and support among community members, especially in times of need.

Highlights (2024 - 2026)

The 2024–2026 years have been both busy and productive for the Tibetan Association of Northern California, with a range of activities to promote and preserve our cultural and linguistic heritage.

Key accomplishments in this period include successful loan payment for the community center, the completion of major repairs to the building, Namchod Kyetsel students winning the first national Tibetan cultural competition, series of Ghoton events for “Year of Compassion” and an older adults wellbeing program. To strengthen financial sustainability, TANC launched the Losar Fair in 2025, combining fundraising, cultural celebration, and opportunities for local vendors while deepening community engagement. TANC continued ongoing political and cultural programs such as annual March 10th commemorations, academic support services, and summer cultural programs for youth to mention a few.

We are grateful to the teachers, students, and parents who continue to sustain the Tibetan Sunday School (Namchod Kyetsel) at the TANC community center (Deshi Phuntsogling) despite limited capacity. We have also made steady progress toward funding infrastructure development and remain hopeful that, with continued support, we will soon achieve a fully functional community center.

Our accomplishments owe deep gratitude to all the community volunteers, members, individuals and foundation donors as well as the city offices for their generosity and steadfast support. Thank you!



Program Update

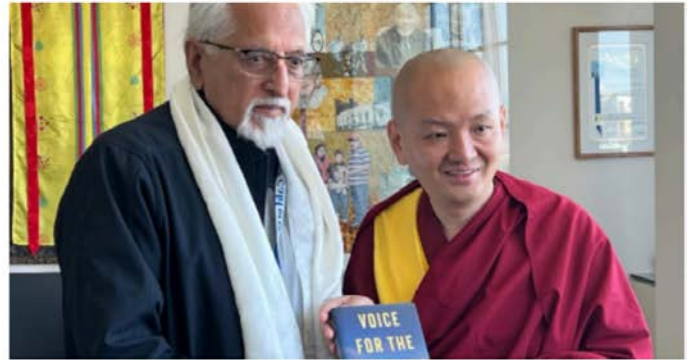
2024 - 2025

A. Religious Activities

TANC remained committed to supporting the spiritual life of the community through regular and special observances:

- **Monthly Full Moon Prayers (September 2024–August 2025):** TANC hosted monthly full moon prayer gatherings for community members. Full moon dates were: September 18, 2024; October 17, 2024; November 15, 2024; December 15, 2024; January 13, 2025; February 12, 2025; March 14, 2025; April 12, 2025; May 12, 2025; June 11, 2025; July 10, 2025; August 9, 2025.
- **Saga Dawa Observance (May–June 2025):** During the sacred month of Saga Dawa, community members engaged in the recitation of Bhum, Nyitri, and Gyatongpa texts over a total of 16 days for collective merit accumulation.
- **Teachings by Khenpo Kärten Rinpoche (September 2024):** Tibetan community members received Amitabha Dechen Shingdrub Tsok blessings and empowerment from Khenpo Karten Rinpoche.
- **Blessings by Venerable Nechung Kuten, Oracle of Tibet and CTA (December 2024):** The official Oracle of Tibet and CTA, Venerable Nechung Kuten, gave teachings and Dorjee Phurpai Kag-gog empowerment blessings and guidance to the community members.
- **Earthquake Prayers for Tibet (January–February 2025):** In response to the earthquake in Tibet in late January 2025, TANC community members held prayers for the victims, continuing weekly observances through the 49th day. Following a request from the Kashag Secretariat of the Central Tibetan Administration, the Board unanimously decided to cancel the Losar Concert Celebration and requested that Gorshey (Tibetan circle dance) be suspended as a gesture of solidarity with those affected.
- **Prayer Services for Late Mr. Gyalo Thondup, Elder Brother of His Holiness the Dalai Lama (February–March 2025):** In solidarity and mourning following the passing of Kungo Gyalo Thondup on February 8, 2025, at the age of 97, TANC community members held weekly prayer services for seven weeks, concluding on the 49th day. As a mark of respect and collective grief, Gorshey was suspended during this period.
- **Amitayus Long Life Initiation (April 2025):** As part of the Basic Tenets of Buddhism, the TANC community participated in the Amitayus Long Life Initiation led by Kyabje Gosok Rinpoche. Centered on Amitayus, the Buddha of infinite life, the ceremony was conducted to promote longevity, health, and well-being. Community members received blessings and empowerment through traditional rituals, prayers, and guided visualizations.
- **Long-Life Prayers for His Holiness the Dalai Lama (May–August 2025):** Community prayers were held at TANC for the well-being and long life of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, with members gathering in a spirit of compassion and devotion. Tea and refreshments were served, and many members also conducted prayers in their homes, submitting collective counts. In May, the reported totals were: Mani Yigdrug (7,972,028); Gyalwai Tse-Ngag (891,130); Dolma Toh-Chag Nyer-Chikpa (51,352); Dolma Zung-Ngag (943,628); Ugyen Jung-shi Sol-dreb (121,033). In August, the reported totals were: Mani Yigdrug (2,412,050); Gyalwai Tse-Ngag (281,900); Chok-Chu Munsel (936); Dam-Tsik Dorjee Deypa (20,165); Sung-Jin Denpai Nga-Dra (1,184).

- **Teachings by Kyabje Kundeling Rinpoche (July–August 2025):** From July 29th to August 5th, Kundeling Rinpoche visited the Bay Area for a series of teachings and community engagements organized by TANC. He was received by the TANC leadership upon arrival and participated in a Bay Area tour, including meetings with the Mayors of Richmond and El Cerrito. Rinpoche then delivered a series of teachings and initiations, including Introduction to Dharma, Kag-gok, Jab-Tru, the Three Principal Aspects of the Path, Avalokiteshvara teachings and initiation, and the Guru Yoga of Avalokiteshvara. He also conferred the Long Life Tara initiation and visited the Land of Medicine Buddha in Santa Cruz, offering further teachings.



B. Community Activities and Events

TANC hosted and participated in a wide range of cultural and commemorative programs, including:

- **Congressional Gold Medal Anniversary (October 2024):** This occasion marked the 17th anniversary of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama receiving the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal, in recognition of his lifelong commitment to peace, non-violence, compassion, human rights, and interfaith understanding. TANC commemorated the day with a special long-life prayer for His Holiness, accompanied by traditional Tibetan music and dance performances, followed by Gorshey.



- **Nobel Peace Prize Anniversary (December 2024):** The Nobel Peace Prize awarded to His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, in recognition of his non-violent approach and lifelong advocacy for peaceful solutions rooted in tolerance and mutual respect, remains a deeply significant milestone, treasured and celebrated by the Tibetan community worldwide. Geshe Lobsang Dawa was hosted at Namchod Kyetsel, where he engaged with students and shared teachings on Tibetan Buddhist philosophy.
- **Summer Cultural Camp (June–July 2025):** TANC hosted a Tibetan cultural immersion summer camp from June 16 to July 11, providing children with an engaging and enriching experience centered on Tibetan language and cultural learning. The program included excursions, cooking, and creative arts, along with recreational activities such as kite flying, scavenger hunts, and environmental clean-up projects. Each Wednesday morning, campers visited nearby monasteries to offer prayers and observe Lhakar, making the summer both educational and meaningful.



- **Trungkar – 90th Birthday of His Holiness the Dalai Lama (July 6, 2025):** On July 6, 2025, TANC hosted the Bay Area Trungkar Celebration honoring His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama’s 90th birthday. The day-long event featured prayers, music, dance, and community gathering, along with recognition of board members, sweet offerings from Sera Jay CA, and shared meals. The celebration also launched the “Year of Compassion” and drew mayors from Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito, and Richmond, along with distinguished guests, including representatives from the Oakland Mayor’s Office. TANC received proclamations from the cities of Berkeley, Richmond, El Cerrito, and the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors in honor of the “Year of Compassion” including a Congressional Commendation from CA Congressman John Garamendi (8th District) in honor of His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s 90th birthday. Cultural performances by Tibetan and Mongolian artists were followed by a peace march and Gorshey. The free event was made possible by the dedication of TANC board members and many volunteers.





- **TANC Fundraising Celebration (July 12, 2025):** A festive fundraising evening at the Unitarian Universalist Church was held to continue the celebration of His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s 90th birthday, featuring food, music, and dance.
- **Albany Public Library outreach program (August 6, 2025):** TANC, in collaboration with Albany Public Library, hosted an event on August 6, 2025, at the Albany Public Library to raise awareness about His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama and his global contributions. This gathering was part of the year-long Ghoton - a “Year of Compassion” celebration to spread His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s message of compassion.

These events strengthened unity, cultural continuity, and collective appreciation of His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s life and legacy.

C. Civic and Political Engagement

TANC remained actively engaged in civic participation and advocacy:

- **Tibetan Democracy Day (September 2024):** TANC hosted the 2024 Tibetan Democracy Day Celebration on September 2 at Deshi Phuntsokling Hall. The event commemorated the milestone established by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama in 1960 at Bodh Gaya, marking the introduction of democratic practices for Tibetans in exile. The program included a formal ceremony honoring this legacy, followed by a community lunch and traditional Gorshey. Observed annually since 1975, Tibetan Democracy Day reflects the ongoing commitment to democratic governance within the Central Tibetan Administration, supported by regular elections and the Parliament-in-Exile as a key pillar alongside the Judiciary and the Kashag.
- **General Body Meeting (November 2024):** The meeting focused on key community initiatives, including preparations for the upcoming NATA meeting, feedback and suggestions related to TANC and Namchod Kyetsel, the vision for a new community center, and fundraising strategies for future projects.

- **Visits by Sikyong Penpa Tsering (December 2024):** Sikyong Penpa Tsering visited the Bay Area for a two-day program featuring a public talk on December 21, followed by a Q&A session with community members. On December 22, he delivered a youth-focused talk with a subsequent Q&A session. The visit concluded with a luncheon attended by TANC Board members, Team Tibet, Students for a Free Tibet (SFT), SFRTYC, and other committee members, providing an opportunity to express appreciation for ongoing community work and to engage with key contributors in a more personal setting.



- **North America Tibetan Association Meeting (December 2025):** TANC president, Kunjo Tashi, Vice president, Kalsang Dorjee, and Assistant General Secretary Kalsang Lhamo attended the 2024 North America Tibetan Association Meeting in Washington D.C. It was organized by the Office of Tibet and the Washington D.C. Tibetan Association.



- **66th Tibetan National Uprising Day Commemorations (March 2025):** TANC, together with the San Francisco Regional Tibetan Youth Congress (RTYC), Students for a Free Tibet (SFT), and Bay Area Friends of Tibet (BAFoT), commemorated the 66th anniversary of Tibetan National Uprising Day through a series of three events across the Bay Area (Richmond City Hall, Berkeley City Hall, and San Francisco City Hall). The observances began on March 9 at Richmond City Hall with a flag display, proclamation ceremony, and public gathering honoring the March 10, 1959 uprising and remembering those who sacrificed their lives for the Tibetan cause. On March 10, community members continued the

commemoration with a flag-raising ceremony at Berkeley City Hall, followed by a final gathering at San Francisco City Hall, where participants reaffirmed their commitment to the Tibetan democratic cause and ongoing advocacy efforts. Tibetans across the globe come together and honor the lives lost in the struggle and pray for the martyrs that have self-immolated for the cause of the Tibetan freedom struggle.



- **Townhall Q&A with Tibetan Parliamentarian (March 2025):** TANC hosted North-America Tibetan Parliamentarian (Chithue), Mr. Tenzin Jigme, who spoke to the community and engaged in a lively Q&A session.
- **Immigrants' Rights Rally (March 2025):** In solidarity with Richmond City Hall's Immigrant Rights Rally, TANC and Namchod Kyetsel students hosted a booth and performed during the event. Organized by the City of Richmond, the rally followed the raising of the Tibetan flag at City Hall a week earlier in honor of Tibetan National Uprising Day, where it remained displayed for several weeks as a gesture of continued support. TANC's participation reflected its commitment to immigrant rights and the visibility of the Tibetan community within the broader civic space.



- **Talk by Mr. Lobsang Jinpa (April 2025):** Mr. Lobsang Jinpa, Secretary to His Holiness the Dalai Lama, delivered a special talk to the community, offering rare insights into His Holiness's biography and his four core commitments. The session provided attendees with a valuable opportunity to deepen their understanding of His Holiness's life, values, and global mission.

- **Tibetan-Chinese Youth and Community Dialogues:** TANC hosted a dialogue event co-organized with Chinese Youth Stand for Tibet and the Stanford Tibetan Student Union at the TANC center. The gathering brought together Chinese, Tibetan, and other youth to share perspectives and engage in open discussion on the present and future of Tibet. The event fostered mutual understanding and aimed to build bridges across communities through respectful and constructive dialogue.



- **Tibet Lobby Day in Washington, D.C. (June 2025):** TANC board members, together with students from the Free Tibet organization, participated in Tibet Lobby Day in support of initiatives organized by the International Campaign for Tibet (ICT). Their participation reflected a shared commitment to advancing the advocacy agenda and objectives outlined during the event.
- **Meeting with U.S. Congressman Jim McGovern (August 2025):** The TANC President and board members met with Congressman Jim McGovern of Massachusetts during a town hall in Lafayette, hosted by Congressman Mark DeSaulnier of California. Congressman McGovern warmly greeted the delegation with “Tashi Delek” and displayed a rosary gifted to him by His Holiness the Dalai Lama. He expressed deep appreciation for the Tibetan community’s prayers following the passing of his daughter in April. On behalf of Tibetans in Tibet and the global diaspora, the board conveyed sincere gratitude for Congressman McGovern’s longstanding and steadfast support. Congressman McGovern reaffirmed his commitment to the Tibetan cause, including continued advocacy for the appointment of a Special Coordinator for Tibet.

Meeting
with
Congressman Jim McGovern

August 21, 2025



These engagements strengthened partnerships, amplified community voices, and reaffirmed TANC's commitment to the Tibetan cause.

D. Fundraising Activities

TANC implemented myriad fundraising initiatives to sustain programs and operations:

- **Community Cafés (October 2024–August 2025):** Since October 2024, TANC has hosted 12 Sunday Community Cafés from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM, providing a space for food, conversation, and community connection. The first café of each calendar year is traditionally hosted by TANC Board members. These cafés serve as a key source of income to support the monthly operating expenses of the community center. TANC extends its sincere appreciation to the following groups for generously hosting and supporting these community services:
 - October 6, 2024 – TANC Board Members
 - November 3, 2024 – Bay Area Former Gyuto Monks
 - November 17, 2024 – Ladakh Sonamling Group
 - December 15, 2024 – Bylakuppe Old Camp 2
 - November 19, 2023 – Meyer Sound Tibetan Employees
 - March 9, 2025 – Ex-Namgyal School and Tibetan Families from Nepal
 - March 17, 2025 – Sikkim Family
 - March 23, 2025 – Mundgod Group
 - April 27, 2025 – Bay Area Tibetan Golfers
 - May 11, 2025 – Saney Thundok
 - August 17, 2025 – Ex-Mussoorie Group
 - August 24, 2025 – Darjeeling
- **Losar Fair (January 2025):** TANC hosted its first Losar Fair, a vibrant two-day celebration that brought together local vendors, families, and community members days before the Tibetan New Year. Vendors showcased and sold goods and traditional foods through paid space reservations, while TANC board members and community partners operated a café during the event. The fair raised a total of \$11,200 in support of future initiatives and served as a successful platform for cultural celebration, community engagement, and shared pride.





- **Ladakh Jhangthang Nomad Livestock Relief Fund:** TANC organized multiple fundraising efforts to support nomadic families in Ladakh that suffered massive livestock losses due to snowstorms. Through community cafés and individual donations, TANC raised \$36,809 for the families in Ladakh.
- **Asian Cultural Festival:** TANC participated in the Asian Cultural Festival in Downtown Berkeley, where Namchod Kyetsel students presented a cultural performance and TANC hosted a community café offering food and beverages. The event highlighted Tibetan culture and community spirit, and resulted in a net financial loss of \$628.



- **Annual Fundraising Concert (May 2025):** TANC's annual fundraiser featured Bay Area artist Tashi Topden, along with performances by parents and Namchod Kyetsel students, showcasing Tibetan cultural performances as well as Bollywood, Nepali, Ladakhi, and Bhutanese music and dance. The event also featured a variety of traditional foods.
- **Himalayan Fair participation (May 2025):** TANC participated in the 42nd Annual Himalayan Fair, showcasing Tibetan culture through Namchod Kyetsel student performances and community engagement. The event also served as a fundraising opportunity through the sale of momos, laphing, tea, and beverages prepared by volunteers who gathered at the TANC kitchen on May 11th. Community members came together to celebrate the cultures of Tibet and the broader Himalayan region, and the TANC Board extends its sincere gratitude to all volunteers and participants for their contributions.



These efforts successfully combined cultural celebration with financial sustainability and broad community participation.

E. Infrastructure Development

TANC continued improving its community center with the support of volunteers, professionals, and board leadership.

- The shrine room (Choe-khang) underwent restoration, including repainting, cleaning, and renewal of sacred objects under the guidance of Mr. Lobsang Jampa.
- New bleachers were installed to enhance accessibility and comfort during community events. The Bleacher Project was a key undertaking this year, adding comfortable seating and improved accessibility for community gatherings, events, and cultural activities, especially for elders and children. This effort was made possible by skilled volunteers in our community who generously contributed their in-kind labor, along with the dedication and steady commitment of the board members.

The Board extends its deepest gratitude to all contributors. These accomplishments reflect the collective dedication of our community, and we remain committed to building a strong and lasting home for future generations.



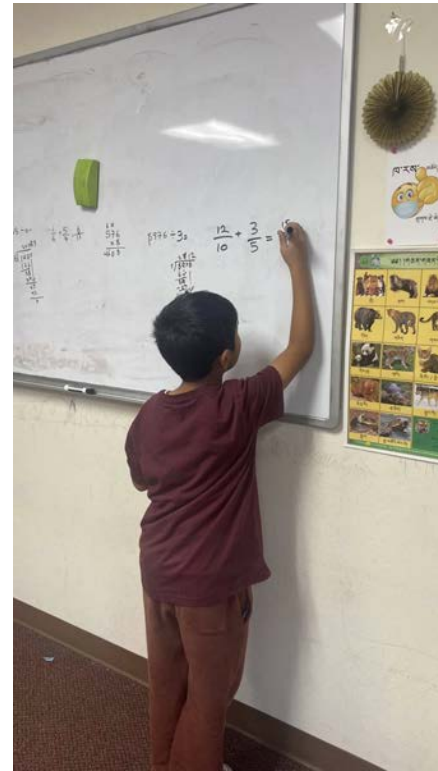
F. Other Programs and Activities

TANC expanded its community services through:

- **Gracious Dinner (September 2024):** With the 2024–2026 Board in place, TANC hosted a community dinner to introduce new board members and share upcoming initiatives. The free event was held at the Berkeley Adult School and offered an opportunity for community members to meet the new board members.
- **Jinpa Film Screening (December 2024):** TANC hosted a free screening of *Jinpa*, a critically acclaimed film by Tibetan filmmaker Pema Tseden, offering the community an opportunity to engage with Tibetan cinema and storytelling.
- **Senior Program (2025):** Starting January 1, 2025, TANC launched its Senior Program, held every Wednesday at our community center. The program offers enriching activities for elders, including yoga, workshops on Tibetan medicine, religion, and dance, weekly nutritious lunches, and outings such as camping, sightseeing, and hiking—fostering wellness, cultural connection, and community. We thank the volunteer instructors and event coordinators for their care and kindness toward our seniors.



- Homework Help Program (January through May 7, 2025):** TANC launched its first Homework Help Program, offering free academic support to community children every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Three volunteers—a former CTA public servant, a law student, and a former Kumon tutor—provided two hours of homework assistance at each session.



- Kidney Disease Screening and Awareness Program (April 27, 2025):** TANC, in collaboration with a UC Berkeley student-run organization, hosted a kidney screening event to raise awareness about kidney health. The initiative brought together over 20 UC Berkeley students and two volunteer physicians to provide health screenings and promote community wellness and education.



These programs strengthened intergenerational care, learning, and community well-being.

Namchod Kyetsel Tibetan Language and Cultural Education Program

Namchod Kyetsel (*Garden of Intellectuals*) remains a cornerstone of TANC's cultural preservation efforts. From modest beginnings, the program has grown to serve over 275 students from Kindergarten (Ngondro) through Grade X.

Through Tibetan language instruction, cultural education, and performing arts, the program continues to nurture identity and inspire younger generations. Although classes are held on Sundays, instructors remain engaged throughout the week through supplemental instruction and academic support.

Structure and Administration

The program operates under TANC and is overseen by the Namchod Kyetsel Committee, composed of a TANC board member, the Principal, and the PA President. The program employs 20 instructors in Tibetan language, music, and dance. Families contribute a nominal enrollment fee.

Program Overview

Namchod Kyetsel emphasizes both language preservation and cultural expression. While families play an essential role in language transmission, structured instruction ensures continuity across generations. The program follows the standardized curriculum of the Department of Education of the Central Tibetan Administration while maintaining flexibility to support diverse learning needs. Students regularly participate in cultural performances and community events.

Program Updates

- **New Principal (September 2024):** Leadership transitioned on September 2, 2024, when Mr. Tenzin Dhonyo assumed the role of Principal following Mr. Kelsang Dorjee Lungkhawa's election to the TANC Board.
- **Temporary Relocation (September 2024):** Due to space constraints, the Namchod Kyetsel temporarily moved to Longfellow Middle School in September 2024. After the lease ended in February 2025, it returned to the TANC community center, with additional classroom space provided in the shrine room and board meeting room.

TANC sincerely thanks the community for its patience and adaptability during this transition.

A. Academic and Instructional Initiatives

- **Grade X Launch (October 2024):** Namchod Kyetsel introduced a new Grade X class to support advanced study and teaching assistant opportunities. Designed for senior students, the program deepens learning in Tibetan language, culture, and history while also allowing students to serve as teaching assistants. The first cohort began in October 2024 under the guidance of lead instructor Mr. Tenzin Ghegay.
- **The “*I Can Read Tibetan*” Initiative:** At Namchod Kyetsel, the morning assembly is considered a very important element of the curriculum. During the assembly, all students Grade III and above are given the opportunity to read in Tibetan in front of all the students. This is encouraged to develop interest and confidence in reading Tibetan. All the students receive a pin that celebrates, “*I Can Read Tibetan*”.



B. Student Engagement

- “Tibet, Our Country” project (November 2024):** A student-led heartwarming and precious project initiated several years ago, this project allows our students to bring them closer to Tibet. Students with guidance from their respective class teachers mount exhibitions and make presentations related to different topics (such as culture, environment, geography, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, CTA, etc.). Students also put on cultural performances during the event. Grade V students led by Genla Monlam performed a moving short play based on the forced colonial boarding schools inside Tibet. Grades IV and VI students had a Tibetan Spelling competition led by Genla Sonam Tsering.





- **Dialogue Session with Honorable Sikyong Penpa Tsering (December 2024):** During his visit to Namchod Kyetsel and the Bay Area Tibetan community, the Sikyong (President of CTA) delivered a special presentation and engaged in dialogue with youth.



- **Guest Speaker Series (September 2024-April 2025):** Namchod Kyetsel hosted former Health Secretary within CTA and His Holiness the Dalai Lama's sister-in-law, Mrs. Namgyal Lhamo Taklha (September 15, 2024), President of the Tibetan Youth Congress, Mr. Gonpo Dhondup (April 13, 2025), and well-known teacher of Buddhism, Venerable Geshe Lobsang Dawa (April 20, 2025). Venerable Geshe Lobsang Dawa's clear explanations of basic Buddhist philosophy provided young community members with a valuable opportunity to engage with the teachings and deepen their understanding of Tibetan Buddhist thought.



C. Competitions and Academic Enrichment

- **Handwriting Competition (April 30, 2025):** In commemoration of International Tibetan Handwriting Day, Namchod Kyetsel held a handwriting contest for all classes. The top three entries from each class were displayed during the Annual Day celebration.
- **Tibetan Spelling Bee (May 25, 2025):** Under the stewardship of Mr. Sonam Tsering, students from Grade III and above participated in a Tibetan spelling contest aimed at strengthening their language skills.
- **Feedback to CTA Department of Education on Revised Textbooks (2025):** Namchod Kyetsel's Principal coordinated with teachers from Tibetan weekend schools across the North American West Coast to review and provide feedback on the newly revised textbooks. A series of teacher meetings were held to ensure the process was thorough, meaningful, and constructive.

D. Cultural Engagement

- Namchod Kyetsel students gave cultural performances at TANC events and regional festivals, including the Monlam Festival in Richmond and the Himalayan Fair and Asian Cultural Festival in Berkeley.



- **The PA fundraising concert (May 3, 2025) and Annual Day celebration (June 1, 2025):** These events highlighted student achievements and strengthened community participation. The concert featured performances by students, parents, and teachers, with all proceeds supporting the Namchod Kyetsel program. The year-end Annual Day recognized student participation and achievement with certificates, followed by games and activities for students and families.

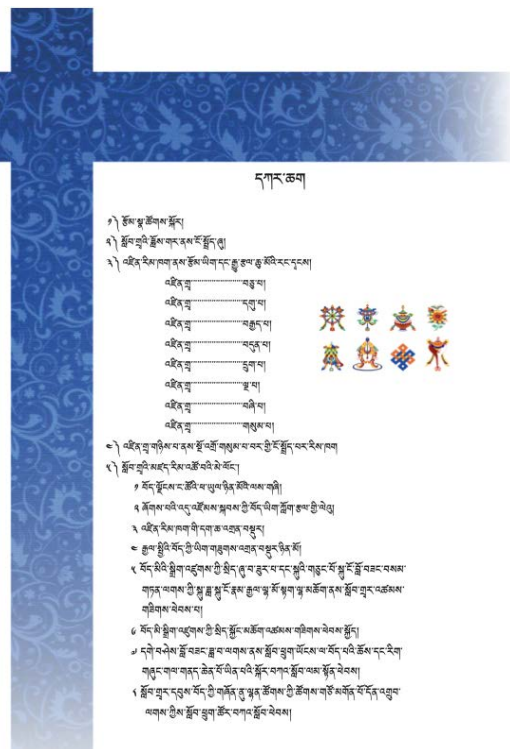
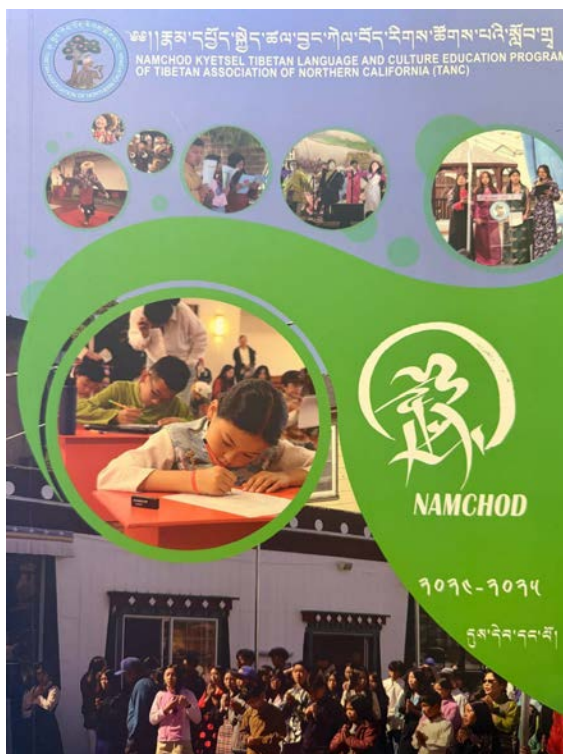


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10AM ONWARDS @ TANC COMMUNITY CENTER
AWARDS, GAMES, MUSIC, FOOD, AND MORE....

E. Publications

- **Launch of *Namchod Kyetsel Magazine* (July 2026):** TANC's Namchod Kyetsel launched its first-ever *Namchod Kyetsel Magazine* on July 6, 2025 in honor of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's 90th birthday. The magazine featured creative writings in Tibetan and art from Namchod Kyetsel students.



TANC's Financial Summary

The 2024–2025 fiscal year reflects a stable and community-driven financial model supported by donations, fundraising events, program contributions, and volunteer-led initiatives.

Financial Report	
September 1, 2024 - July 31, 2025	
Distribution Account	Total
Income	
110 General Donation	60,849.55
120 Foundations Grant	93,000.00
150 Program Revenue	238,699.34
160 Membership Dues	7,135.00
Total for Income	\$399,683.89
Cost of Goods Sold	
Gross Profit	\$399,683.89
Expenses	
210 Program-School Exp	74,274.63
220 Consulting & Professional Fees	2,520.00
230 Program Event	109,487.99
240 Scholarships	49,000.00
250 Building Repair & Maintenance	27,680.41
270 Insurance	19,877.25
280 Office Supply & Business Tax	3,903.14
300 Loan- Interest Expense	3,183.37
30 Telephone/Internet/Website	4,432.28
310 Tax- Property	5,182.54
320 Utilities	34,759.76
330 Auto Expenses	1,051.73
380 Travel & Meal	3,492.79
390 Bank & CC Fees	353.82
Total for Expenses	\$339,199.71
Net Operating Income	\$60,484.18
Other Income	
3015 Temporary Restricted Net Assets	-50,000.00
5808 Other Income	20,704.45
Total for Other Income	-\$29,295.55
Other Expenses	0
Net Other Income	-\$29,295.55
Net Income	\$31,188.63

Program Update

2025 - 2026

Message from Office of Tibet, Washington D.C.



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August 31, 2026.

Dear TANC community members,

Tashi Delek!

It is my pleasure to extend my warm greetings to the Tibetan Association of Northern California (TANC) and its members. As the current term comes to an end, I would like to extend our deepest appreciation to the outgoing leadership and all the volunteers for their dedicated service and invaluable contributions to the common cause.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to the current and former board members of TANC for their utmost dedication and service, which have contributed immensely to making TANC one of the most successful and vibrant Tibetan communities in North America.

I wish the outgoing board members all the very best and extend my warmest wishes to the incoming leadership for continued success in serving the Tibetan community.

With warm regards,



Namgyal Chogdup
Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and
Central Tibetan Administration to North America

A. Religious Activities

TANC remained committed to supporting the spiritual life of the community through regular and special observances:

- **Monthly Full Moon Prayers (September 2025–August 2026):** TANC hosted monthly full moon prayer gatherings for community members. Full moon dates were: September 7, 2025; October 7, 2025; November 5, 2025; December 4, 2025; January 3, 2026; February 1, 2026; March 3, 2026; April 2, 2026; May 1, 2026; May 21, 2026; June 30, 2026; July 29, 2026; August 28, 2026.
- **Prayer Services for Ngari Rinpoche (February 2026):** Following the passing of Tenzin Choegyal, Ngari Rinpoche, the youngest brother of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, TANC, in collaboration with the Lhakar Committee, organized prayer gatherings every Wednesday for seven weeks leading up to the 49th day. Community members gathered to offer prayers, express condolences, and honor Rinpoche's life and contributions.
- **Saga Dawa Observance (May–June 2026):** During the sacred month of Saga Dawa, community members engaged in the recitation of Dolma Bhumthar (Tara accumulation practice) and animal rescue for collective merit accumulation.
- **Prayer by Geshe Lobsang Dawa (May 2026):** On May 30, 2026, the 14th day of Saka Dawa, TANC hosted a Dolma Bumthar practice led by Geshe Lobsang Dawa at the TANC Community Center. Geshe-la also provided teachings on the benefits of Tara accumulation practice. Community members participated and dedicated the prayers to the long life and well-being of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama.
- **Prayers and Vigils in Memory of Pawo Lobga Rangzen (July 2026):** On July 2, 2026, Lobga Rangzen, President of the Tibetan National Congress, self-immolated in front of the United Nations headquarters in New York to protest China's Ethnic Unity Law that went into force on July 1, 2026 and to advocate for a free Tibet. Following the passing of Pawo Lobga Rangzen, TANC, in collaboration with SFRTYC, BAFOT, SFT Bay Area, and the Lhakar Committee, organized a series of prayer gatherings in his memory. Seven weekly prayer sessions were held leading up to the 49th day, with community members coming together to offer prayers, pay respects, and honor his life and activism for a free Tibet. Additionally, TANC and its aforementioned partners also organized candlelight vigils for seven Fridays in Berkeley and at San Francisco's U.N. Plaza in memory of Pawo Lobga Rangzen and to raise awareness about China's repressive law. Community members gathered to honor his life, express solidarity, and pay tribute through prayers and peaceful remembrance.

B. Community Activities and Events

TANC hosted and participated in a wide range of cultural and commemorative programs, including:

- **Congressional Gold Medal Anniversary (October 2025):** This occasion marked the 18th anniversary of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama receiving the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal, in recognition of his lifelong commitment to peace, non-violence, compassion, human rights, and interfaith understanding. TANC commemorated the day with a special long-life prayer for His Holiness, accompanied by

traditional Tibetan music and dance performances, followed by Gorshey (Tibetan circle dance).

- **Youth Leadership and Capacity Building Workshop (October 2025):** In collaboration with the Office of Tibet in New York, The Tibet Fund, and the Gyuto Foundation, TANC hosted a Tibetan Youth Leadership Workshop from October 10–12, 2025. The workshop empowered Tibetan youth from across North America through leadership development, education grounded in secular and traditional Tibetan values, and meaningful discussions on preserving Tibetan identity while preparing the next generation of community leaders.



- **Nobel Peace Prize Anniversary (December 2025):** The Nobel Peace Prize awarded to His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, in recognition of his non-violent approach and lifelong advocacy for peaceful solutions rooted in tolerance and mutual respect, remains a deeply significant milestone, treasured and celebrated by the Tibetan community worldwide. Geshe Lobsang Dawa was hosted at Namchod

Kyetsel, where he engaged with students and shared teachings on Tibetan Buddhist philosophy.

- **Adult Tibetan Language Class (January 2026):** TANC launched a Tibetan Language Class for Adults at the TANC Community Center to promote the preservation and continued learning of the Tibetan language and culture. The class is taught by Mr. Phurbu Thakchoe, a longtime Tibetan teacher and author, who dedicated his service in support of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama's wishes during the Ghoton celebrations. The weekly class provides community members an opportunity to learn, refresh, and strengthen their Tibetan language skills.



- **Summer Tibetan Language and Cultural Camp (June–July 2026):** Building on the success of last year's program, TANC hosted its annual summer camp from June 15 to July 10, offering children an engaging and enriching experience centered on Tibetan language and cultural immersion and learning. The curriculum included daily Tibetan language instruction, creative arts, traditional song and dance lessons, yoga, meditation, and cooking classes, complemented by weekend excursions. Highlights of this year's program included a visit to the Land of Medicine Buddha Festival in Santa Cruz. Additionally, to introduce students to traditional Buddhist rituals, etiquette, and core principles, participants visited local monasteries each Wednesday morning to offer prayers and observe Lhakar (white Wednesday) making the summer both educational and meaningful. A total of 37 students

participated in the camp, with the majority attending the full four-week duration. Throughout the program, students also took part in several community events, including the birthday celebrations for His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, a prayer ceremony for Lobga Rangzen, and a demonstration opposing the implementation of the "ethnic unity and progress law" by the Chinese Government.



- Trungkar – 91st Birthday of His Holiness the Dalai Lama (July 6, 2026):** On July 6, 2026, TANC celebrated the 91st birthday of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama in Berkeley, California, beginning with Sangsol and long-life prayers dedicated to His Holiness. The celebration featured remarks from community leaders and distinguished guests, including local elected officials and representatives from the Consulate General of India, who shared their birthday wishes and continued support for the Tibetan community. The program highlighted His Holiness' commitment to promoting religious harmony, with representatives from six faith traditions sharing messages of compassion, respect, and mutual understanding. The event concluded with prayers in remembrance of the late Lobga Rangzen, followed by the election of TANC's new Board Members.

These events strengthened unity, cultural continuity, and collective appreciation of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's life and legacy.



- **Bay Area College Fair (August 9, 2026):** First ever college fair in partnership with Rokpa was specially designed for middle and high school students. Participants explored admission requirements, tuition costs and financial aid options and campus life. This event featured opportunities to meet with admission officers, connect with current college students and workshops dedicated for parents.



C. Civic and Political Engagement

TANC remained actively engaged in civic participation and advocacy:

- **Mangtso Duchen or Tibetan Democracy Day (September 2025):** The first members of the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile (the Commission of Tibetan People's Deputies) took their oath of office on September 2, 1960 - a milestone established by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama in Bodh Gaya, India. Fifteen years later on September 2, 1975, the first *elected* members of parliament (Chitues) took their oath of office, marking the introduction of democratic governance for Tibetans in exile. Observed annually since 1975, Tibetan Democracy Day reflects the ongoing commitment to democratic governance within the Central Tibetan Administration, supported by regular elections and the Parliament-in-Exile as a key pillar alongside the Judiciary and the Kashag. On September 2, 2025 TANC hosted the Tibetan Democracy Day (Mangtso Duchen) celebration at Deshi Phuntsokling with a formal ceremony honoring this legacy, followed by a community lunch and traditional Gorshey.
- **North America Tibetan Association Meeting (September 2025):** TANC President Kunjo Tashi, Vice President Kalsang Dorjee, and Board Members Lobsang Jampa and Tashi Dorjee attended the 2025 North America Tibetan Association (NATA) meeting from September 2-5 in Minneapolis, representing TANC and participating in discussions focused on matters affecting the Tibetan community across North America.



- **TANC's General Body Meeting (September, 2025):** The meeting was held to share the resolutions and key outcomes of the 23rd NATA General Body Meeting in Minneapolis. Board members discussed the adopted resolutions, their impact on the Tibetan community in Northern California, and the steps TANC will take to support and implement the decisions moving forward.
- **Voting Season**
 - **Voter Registration (October & November 2025):** To support the Tibetan Election Commission's voter registration process, TANC opened its community facility for five Sundays

during October and November 2025. Volunteers assisted community members with voter registration, helping ensure eligible Tibetans had the opportunity to participate in the democratic election process of the Central Tibetan Administration.

- **Preliminary Voting (February 2026):** On February 1, 2026, TANC hosted the preliminary voting of the Sikyong and Chithues (parliamentarian) finalists for North America. To this end, the election facility at the TANC community center was open throughout the day from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, providing community members the opportunity to participate in the democratic election process.
- **Election Day (April 2026):** On April 26, 2026, TANC hosted the election day for Sikyong and Chithues at the TANC community center. Following the preliminary election, the Sikyong was determined by the majority vote count, while four Chithue candidates competed for the two available North American Chithue seats.

Tibetan community members participated in the election by casting their votes at the TANC Community Center. The polling station remained open from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, providing community members the opportunity to exercise their civic responsibility and participate in the democratic electoral process.

TANC was honored to facilitate this important election and provide a venue for community members to actively participate in the democratic process of the Tibetan community in North America.

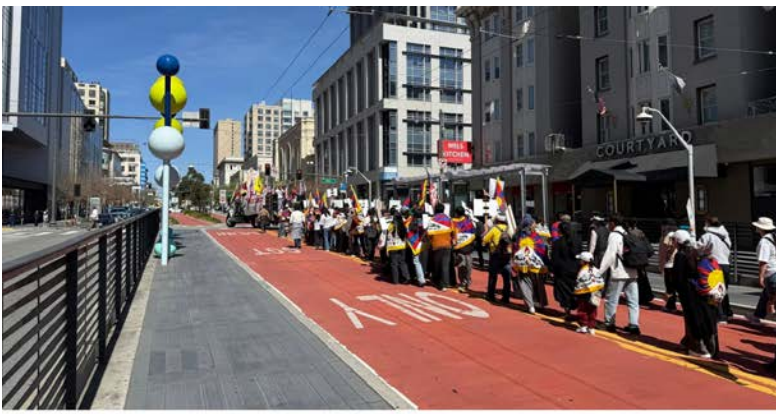


- **Q&A with Kungo Tsering Youdon (November 2025):** TANC hosted a community meeting with Kungo Tsering Youdon, Additional Election Commissioner, accompanied by Additional Secretary Tenzin Norbu from Dharamsala and Tsering Dolma, Secretary of The Office of Tibet. The session provided community members with information regarding the forthcoming Sikyong and Chithue elections, followed by a Q&A session to address questions and concerns from attendees. Community members were encouraged to participate and stay informed about the Tibetan democratic election process.
- **His Eminence Samdhong Rinpoche's Birthday and Teachers' Appreciation Day (November, 2025):** TANC celebrated the birthday of Venerable Samdhong Rinpoche along with Teachers Appreciation Day. Following the Sunday School program, TANC hosted a special lunch at the community center to honor and express gratitude to the teachers for their dedication, commitment, and continued efforts in nurturing the next generation of Tibetan youth through education and cultural preservation.



- **67th Tibetan National Uprising Day Commemorations (March 2026):** TANC, together with the San Francisco Regional Tibetan Youth Congress (RTYC), Students for a Free Tibet (SFT), and Bay Area Friends of Tibet (BAFoT), commemorated the 67th anniversary of Tibetan National Uprising Day through a series of three events across the Bay Area (Richmond City Hall, Berkeley City Hall, and San Francisco City Hall).
 - The observances began on March 9 at Richmond City Hall with hoisting of the Tibetan national flag, a proclamation ceremony, and a public commemoration of the Tibetan National Uprising Day in Lhasa, Tibet on March 10, 1959. Community members also honored the Tibetan warriors who sacrificed their lives resisting the Chinese army and protecting Tibet's independence.
 - On March 10, 2026, community members continued the commemoration with a flag-raising ceremony at Berkeley City Hall, followed by a final gathering at San Francisco City Hall, where participants reaffirmed their commitment to the Tibetan democratic cause and ongoing advocacy efforts. Tibetans across the globe come together and honor the lives lost in the struggle and pray for the Tibetan martyrs that have self-immolated for Tibetan freedom.





- **First North American Tibetan Youth Cultural Competition (April 2026):** Namchod Kyetsel students held a special send-off event at the TANC Community Center, showcasing their performances and receiving encouragement from the community. Students and teachers represented TANC with pride at this historic gathering of Tibetan weekend schools from across North America. Namchod Kyetsel went on to achieve a remarkable milestone by receiving the **overall championship title** at the competition. Congratulations! Organizers and participants jointly celebrated the dedication of students, teachers, and parents in preserving Tibetan culture and traditions.



First North American Tibetan Weekend Schools' Art and Literary Competition Celebrating His Holiness the Dalai Lama's 90th Birthday as the Year of Compassion New York City, April 4, 2026 RESULT				
No.	Category	Third Place	Second Place	First Place
1	Tibetan Quiz Contest	Capital Area Tibetan School, CATA	Namchod Kyetsel, Tibetan Association of Northern California	Rigney Kyetsel Ling, Tibetan Association of Boston
2	Tibetan Debate - For the motion	Namchod Kyetsel, Tibetan Association of Northern California	Capital Area Tibetan School, CATA	Tibetan Alliance of Chicago Weekend Tibetan School
3	Tibetan Debate - Against the motion	Capital Area Tibetan School, CATA	Tibetan Alliance of Chicago Weekend Tibetan School	Namchod Kyetsel, Tibetan Association of Northern California
4	Tibetan Elocution Contest	LugNyi Phuntsok Ghatsel, TAF Minnesota	Namchod Kyetsel, Tibetan Association of Northern California	Rigney Kyetsel Ling, Tibetan Association of Boston
5	Group song	Namchod Kyetsel, Tibetan Association of Northern California	Tibetan Sunday School, Tibetan Association of Philadelphia	TCCC Tibetan Language and Culture School, CTAO (Toronto)
6	Group dance	Tibetan Alliance of Chicago Weekend Tibetan School	Rigney Kyetsel Ling, Tibetan Association of Boston	TCCC Tibetan Language and Culture School, CTAO (Toronto)
7	Overall	Tibetan Alliance of Chicago Weekend Tibetan School	Rigney Kyetsel Ling, Tibetan Association of Boston	CHAMPIONS: Namchod Kyetsel, Tibetan Association of Northern California

- **Gratitude Dinner (May 2026):** TANC hosted a Gratitude Dinner gala featuring speeches by distinguished guests and long-time supporters of Tibet/TANC, former hosts of the initial group of Tibetans in the Bay Area as part of the Tibetan Resettlement Project, and traditional Tibetan opera, dance, and music performed by TIPA alumni. The dinner gala brought together long-time supporters, donors, and sponsors to celebrate their continued generosity and dedication to strengthening the Tibetan community. The evening served as an opportunity to express appreciation, build connections, and honor those whose support helps sustain TANC's cultural, educational, and community programs.



- **Workshop for Teachers and Parents (June 2026):** On June 13–14, 2026, TANC organized a two-day workshop for teachers and parents featuring Geshe Redo Sangay, Geshe Beri Gyalsey, and Nupa Tenzin Chime. The workshop provided valuable guidance and discussions on Tibetan language, culture, education, and parenting, with a focus on supporting the growth and development of Tibetan youth. The program was open to all community members and encouraged participation from educators and families.
- **Protest Against China’s Ethnic Unity And Progress Law (July 2026):** In collaboration with SF Regional Tibetan Youth Congress (SFRTYC) and Students for a Free Tibet Bay Area, TANC participated in a peaceful protest at the Chinese Consulate in San Francisco to express opposition to China’s “Law on Ethnic Unity and Progress.” Community members gathered to raise awareness and advocate for the preservation of Tibetan identity, language, culture, and religious traditions.

These engagements strengthened partnerships, amplified community voices, and reaffirmed TANC’s commitment to the Tibetan cause.

D. Fundraising Activities

TANC implemented myriad fundraising initiatives to sustain programs and operations:

- **Community Cafés (September 2025–August 2026):** Since October 2024, TANC has hosted 12 Sunday Community Cafés from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM, providing a space for food, conversation, and community connection. The first café of each calendar year is traditionally hosted by TANC Board members. These cafés serve as a key source of income to support the monthly operating expenses of the community center. TANC extends its sincere appreciation to the following groups for generously hosting and supporting these community services:
 - September 7, 2025 – Kollegal Group
 - September 21, 2025 – Dekyi Larsoe TDL Bylkuppe
 - October 12, 2025 – Uber Group
 - October 26, 2025 - Solano County
 - November 2, 2025 - Bay Area TCV Group
 - November 16, 2025 - Ex-Dalhousie Group
 - January 11, 2026 - Bay Area Mangyul Kyidrong Mimang
 - January 31, 2026 - Odisha Phuntsokling Tibetan Members
 - March 15, 2026 - Bylkop Old Second Camp - Kailaspura
 - April 12, 2026 - Meyer Sound Tibetan Employees
 - August 23, 2026 - Santa Cruz Tibetan Friends
 - August 30, 2026 - Bay Area Ex-TCV

- **PTA Community Cafe Fundraiser (December 2025 & March 2026):** The Namchod Kyetsel Parent Teacher Association hosted a Community Café fundraiser to support students and teachers participating in the 1st North American Tibetan Association Cultural Competition in New York City in 2026. The event brought together community members to support the students’ cultural development and provide financial assistance for their participation in this important celebration of Tibetan culture, arts, and traditions.
- **Losar Fair (January 2026):** TANC hosted its second Losar Fair, a vibrant two-day celebration that brought together local vendors, families, and community members days before the Tibetan New Year. Vendors rented booths from TANC to showcase and sell traditional merchandise and foods, while TANC board members and community partners operated a café during the Fair. The 2026 Losar Fair raised a total of \$11,200 to support future initiatives and served as a successful platform for cultural celebration, community engagement, and shared pride.
- **Annual Fundraising Concert (April 2026):** TANC’s annual fundraiser featured artist Tsering Youdon and Yeshe Khando, along with performances by Namchod Kyetsel students, showcasing Tibetan cultural performances as well as Bollywood, Nepali, Ladakhi, and Bhutanese music and dance. The event also featured a variety of traditional foods.
- **Himalayan Fair (May 2026):** TANC participated in the 43rd Annual Himalayan Fair, showcasing Tibetan culture through Namchod Kyetsel student performances and community engagement. Each year, the Himalayan Fair is one of TANC’s largest fundraising events through the sale of momos, laphing, tea, and beverages prepared by a dedicated crew of community volunteers who gathered at the TANC kitchen on May 10th to prepare. Community members came together to celebrate the cultures of Tibet and the broader Himalayan region, and the TANC Board extends its sincere gratitude to all volunteers and participants for their contributions. These efforts successfully combined cultural celebration with financial sustainability and broad community participation.

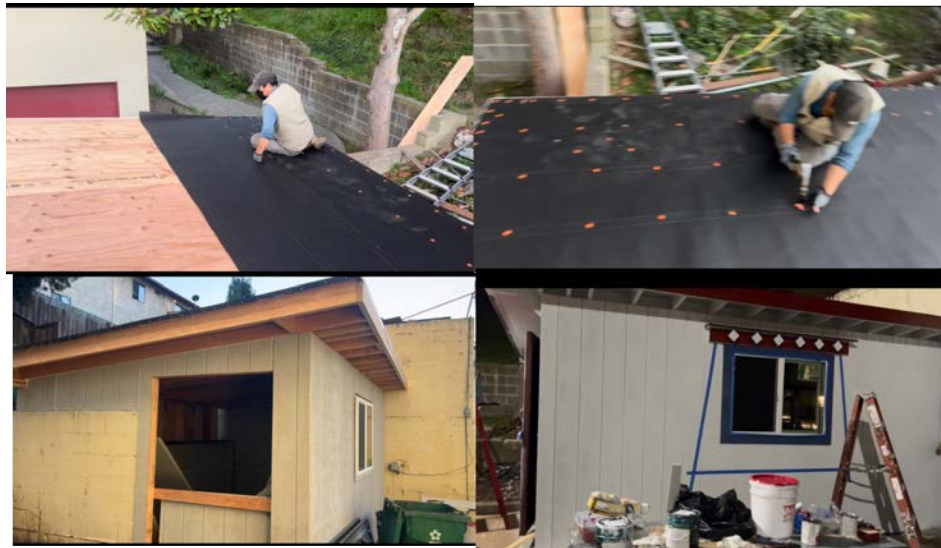
E. Infrastructure Development

TANC continued improving its community center with the support of volunteers, professionals, and board leadership.

- Last year 2025, the community's **prayer wheel** underwent restoration and was relocated to a new site next to the building's staircase, ensuring it remains easily accessible and prominently placed for all who wish to circumambulate and turn the wheel for religious purpose.



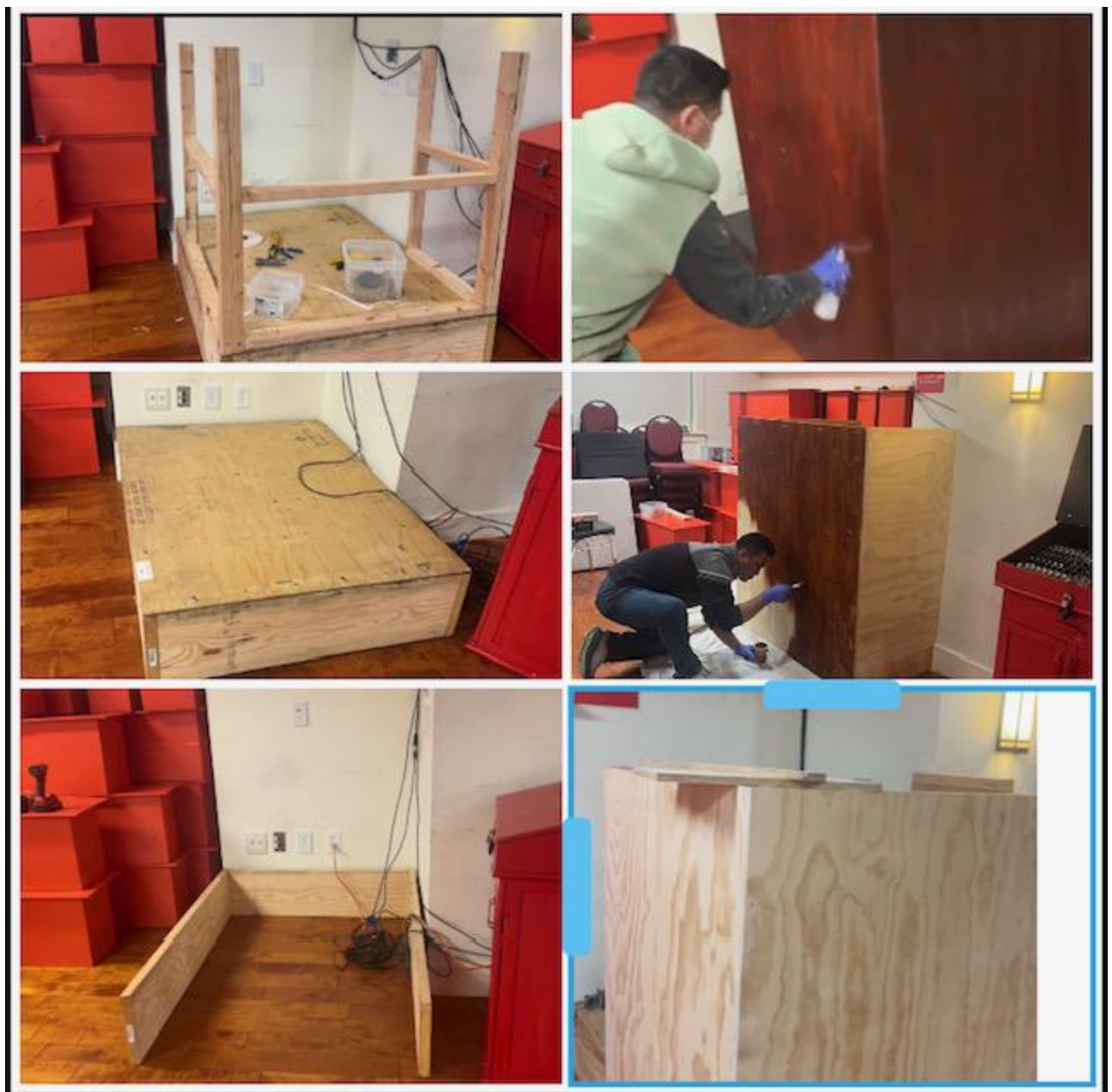
- A **new storage room** was built adjacent to the TANC office to house chairs and tables used for community gatherings, cultural events, and religious functions. This addition improves the organization and accessibility of shared equipment, making setup and breakdown for future events more efficient, and helps protect furniture from wear and weather exposure. The project reflects the community's ongoing commitment to maintaining and improving its facilities for the benefit of all members. It was built by craftsman Lobsang Jampa and assisted by Tashi Golok and Jigme.



- The performance stage was built in the community center's main hall to enhance accessibility and visibility during community events. The **Stage Project** was a key undertaking this year, adding performers comfort and improved accessibility for community gatherings, events, and cultural activities. This effort was made possible under the guidance of Lobsang Jampa and skilled volunteers in our community who generously contributed their in-kind labor, along with the dedication and steady commitment of the board members.



- TANC successfully completed the **construction of a dedicated kiosk for the Audio-Visual (AV) System** at the TANC building. The new kiosk provides a secure and organized space for housing and managing AV equipment used during community programs, cultural events, meetings, and other activities. This improvement enhances the TANC facility and supports the smooth operation of audio-visual services for community events. TANC appreciates the efforts of Lobsang Jampa and support of everyone involved in completing this project.

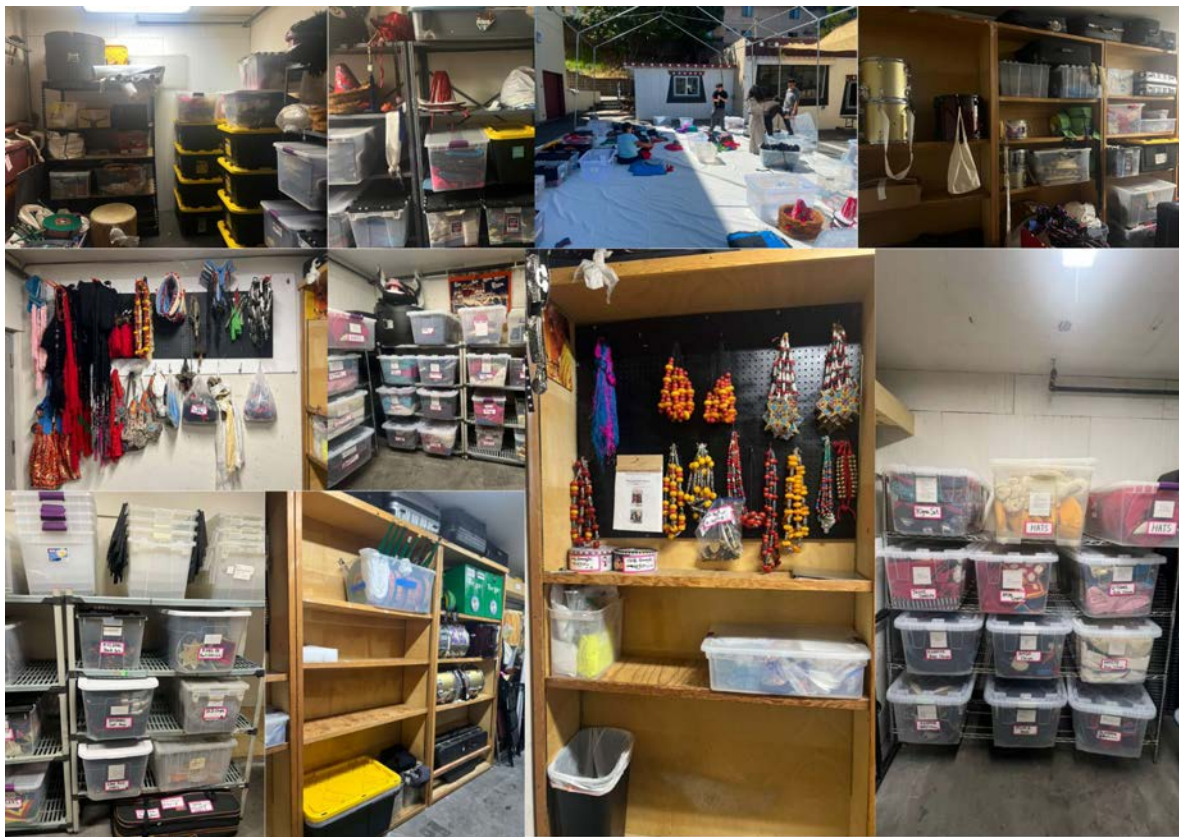


- As part of TANC's ongoing efforts to improve the community center's technology facilities, **Wireless Access Point** is installed in the main hall to enhance reliable internet connectivity and support the needs of community events. In addition, the operation of the **in-built audio system in the main hall was also successfully restored**. These improvements strengthen TANC's technological infrastructure and enhance the functionality of the main hall for meetings, presentations, cultural programs and other events.
- The security of the TANC facility is of **utmost importance**. As part of our ongoing commitment to protecting the building, its facilities, and community members, **all security cameras were restored and strategically placed throughout the facility**. This safe measure improves TANC's ability to monitor the facility and provides a safer and more secure environment for community members, staff, students, volunteers, and visitors.
- As part of TANC's efforts to enhance the spiritual and cultural environment of the facility, an **incense burner and flagstaff were installed near the prayer wheel**. The addition provides a dedicated space for traditional religious and cultural practices and further enhances the surroundings

of the prayer wheel. This improvement reflects TANC's commitment to preserving and promoting Tibetan cultural and spiritual traditions within the community.



- The **cultural dress room** was reorganized this year to improve the storage, accessibility, and preservation of traditional Tibetan attire and accessories used for cultural performances, festivals, and community events. Garments and accessories were sorted, labeled, and arranged systematically, making it easier for members and volunteers to locate and prepare costumes ahead of events. This effort not only extends the life of these valuable cultural items but also reflects the community's dedication to preserving and honoring Tibetan traditions for future generations.



- As part of TANC's ongoing efforts to maintain and improve its community building, the **renovation of the TANC building roof was successfully completed with the funding assistance of a \$50,000 grant from Contra Costa County District 1 Supervisor John Gioia's office**. The project addressed the need for a durable and reliable roof, helping protect the building and its facilities for continued community use. The completion of this important renovation represents a significant investment in the long-term maintenance of the TANC building. TANC extends its sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to and supported the project. TANC is very grateful to Supervisor John Gioia and Contra Costa County.







- As part of ongoing facility maintenance, the exterior of the TANC building was repainted this year, refreshing its appearance and helping protect the structure from weather-related wear. As part of this effort, the traditional mural of the Four Harmonious Friends - the elephant, monkey, rabbit, and bird,

symbolizing cooperation, mutual respect, and harmony was also restored on the building's exterior. This meaningful emblem serves as a visual reminder of the values of unity and cooperation that guide the community, while enhancing the cultural and aesthetic presence of the TANC building.



The Board extends its deepest gratitude to all contributors. These accomplishments reflect the collective dedication of our community, and we remain committed to building a strong and lasting home for future generations.

F. Other Programs and Activities

TANC expanded its community services through:

- **Ghoton-related “Year of Compassion” Activities:** In gratitude and honor of His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s 90th birthday celebrations, the Central Tibetan Administration declared July 2025 – July 2026 as the “Year of Compassion”. Tibetan communities and followers of His Holiness the Dalai Lama all over the world took part in activities and projects commemorating the “Year of Compassion”. Under the overall leadership of the TANC board, the Ghoton Committee comprising of former TANC President Dechen Tsering, former board members, Sonam Choekyi and Gyurme, Namchod Kyetsel Principal Tenzin Dhonyo, and current TANC President Kunjo Tashi, VP Kelsang Dorjee, and General Secretary Ugyen Kyab rallied the community members in initiating special activities throughout the “Year of Compassion” to highlight His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s legacy and messages of compassion and peace. “Year of Compassion” activities included the following:
 - **Food Donation Drive (September 2025):** In honor of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama's 90th birthday, TANC organized a food donation drive and community initiative on September 20, 2025, at the Bay Area Rescue Mission in Richmond and Emeryville. Board

Members, Ghoton Committee Members, and Volunteers from the community cooked and prepared meals for about 300 unsheltered and needy individuals. The event reflected His Holiness' teachings of compassion, kindness, and service by giving back to those in need while celebrating this significant milestone.





- **Peace Bike Rally (November 2025):** As part of the continued celebrations honoring His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama's 90th Birthday, TANC organized a Peace Bike Rally from San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf to the Golden Gate Bridge on November 8, 2025, to raise awareness of His Holiness' lifelong commitment to peace, compassion, nonviolence, and universal human values. The event brought together more than 300 people from all walks of life and participated in a meaningful display of unity while celebrating His Holiness' enduring contributions to humanity.





- **Movie Screening (November - December 2025):** TANC organized special exhibitions and distributed Tibet-related paraphernalia during the screening of *Wisdom of Happiness*, a film featuring the teachings and reflections of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama at theatres around the Bay Area. TANC President Kunjo Tashi spoke about TANC and Tibet at these screenings. Through these screenings, Bay Area residents had the opportunity to watch, listen to, and learn from His Holiness' message of compassion, mindfulness, and inner peace while coming together in celebration of his lifelong dedication to promoting happiness and universal human values.

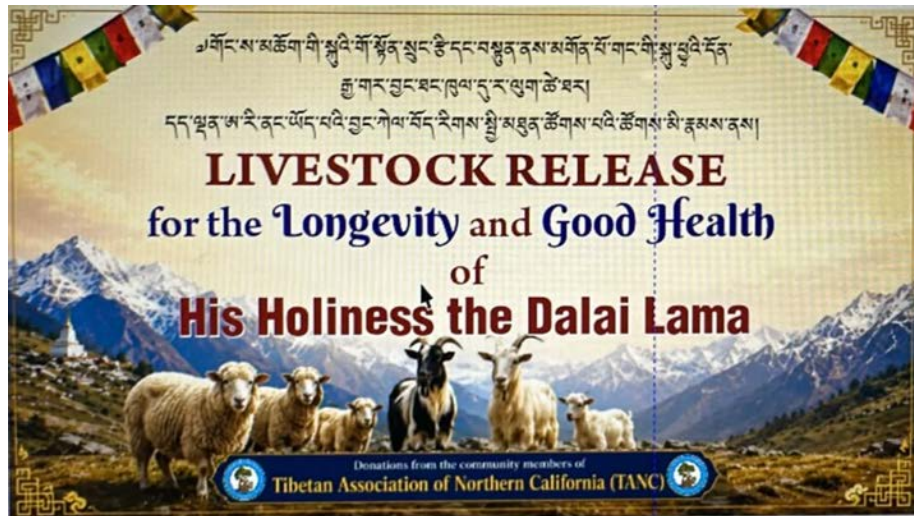


- **June 2026:** Former TANC President and Ghoton Committee member Dechen Tsering and longtime Tibet supporter Eva Herzer made presentations on the life and achievements of His Holiness the Dalai Lama during their visit to Southern Germany. They also provided an overview of Tibet's recent political history, including the Tibetan exile government and His Holiness' latest book, *Voice for the Voiceless*. They highlighted China's repressive policies in Tibet, including forced Chinese boarding schools that subject Tibetan children to indoctrination, as well as the resilience of Tibetan diaspora communities through democratic governance, community-building, and cultural preservation by organizations such as TANC.



- **Animal Saving Offering for the Long Life of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama (July 2026):** As part of the Ghoton celebration honoring His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, the Tibetan Community of Northern California sponsored the saving of 130 animals, including goats and lambs, from slaughter in Changthang, Ladakh. This compassionate offering was dedicated as a prayer for His Holiness' long life and in support of his aspiration to live to the

age of 130. The initiative reflected the community's commitment to compassion, kindness, and the preservation of all sentient beings while offering heartfelt wishes for His Holiness' continued good health and long life.



Namchod Kyetsel Tibetan Language and Cultural Education Program

Namchod Kyetsel (Garden of Intellects) continues to be the flagbearer of TANC's cultural preservation and promotion efforts. From its humble beginnings as an initiative of a few dedicated individuals to provide Tibetan language and cultural education to Tibetan children, Namchod Kyetsel currently has around 275 students enrolled in Ngondro (Kindergarten) through tenth class. The program is now our beacon of hope and through its dance and music and Tibetan language learning programs, we look forward to advancing the organizations' mission in the years to come. Although the classes are held on Sundays, our dedicated instructors remain in touch with the students all throughout the week for supplemental classes and feedback on homework, etc.

Structure and administration: Under the auspices of TANC, the program is overseen by the Namchod Kyetsel committee composed of a TANC board member, Principal, and President of Parents-Teachers Association (PTA). There are currently 18 instructors and several aides (recent Namchod Kyetsel graduates and class 10th students) who teach Tibetan language and music and dance to the children. Parents pay a nominal fee to enroll their children to the school.

Program: Language is the soul of any culture with various dance and music traditions serving as different media through which the culture is expressed. At Namchod Kyetsel, both components are equally stressed. While the families are the best resources available for the children to learn their native language, without a more formal setting and a structure, the importance of one's own native language is lost on the child as there are various competing demands. Also, many families cannot spend as much time as they wish to spend because of their circumstances. Namchod Kyetsel strives to provide the best available resources at its disposal to the students and continually meet their needs. The program follows a standardized curriculum (Department of Education of Central Tibetan Administration) while remaining creative and flexible in structuring the classes and accommodating the skill and knowledge levels of the students. All the students are also taught various dance and music lessons, each to their ability and interests. Namchod Kyetsel students perform regularly at social and cultural events. A few highlights are presented below as a sample of our activities.

- **Best Boy and Best Girl Awards:** This is a prestigious recognition initiated by CTA's Department of Education several years ago. Namchod Kyetsel established an internal process to select the best boy and best girl from amongst the cohort of its class 10 students. Tenzin Jamyang Lodoe and Sonam Yangzin Anam have been selected as the best boy and best girl respectively for the school year 2025–2026. Each of them received a certificate from the Department of Education and TANC awards them \$500 each.
- **Teacher and Staff Service Awards:** An initiative of CTA's Department of Education, this award recognizes teachers and staff who have served their respective schools for 3 years (volunteers) or 5 years (paid). Tenzin Dolma, Tenzin Choedon, Tashi Golog, Sonam Tsering, and Lhamo Kyi have been recognized for their services.
- **Participation in TANC Events:** Namchod Kyetsel students continue to perform at various social and cultural events hosted by TANC, most notably, Tibetan Democracy Day, Congressional Gold Medal Award to His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Nobel Peace Prize Day celebration, Tibetan New Year, and other events.



- **“Tibet Our Country” Project (November 16, 2025):** A student-led heartwarming and precious project initiated several years ago, “Tibet Our Country” project allows our students to bring them closer to Tibet. Students with guidance from their respective class teachers mount exhibitions and make presentations related to different topics (such as culture, environment, geography, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, CTA, etc.). Students also put on cultural performances during the event. Class IV and VI students had a Tibetan Spelling competition led by Gen Sonam Tsering.
- **Screening of *The Dossier* - a Documentary on Tsering Woeser (February 15, 2026):** Namchod Kyetsel, in partnership with TANC and Chinese Youth Stand for Tibet, hosted the director Rikun Zhu for a talk on his documentary, *The Dossier*. The documentary focuses on Tsering Woeser, a Tibetan writer based in Tibet and China. The event was attended by Class 10 students as well as several senior students



- **Tibetan National Uprising Day (March 2026):** On March 8th, Namchod Kyetsel students held a protest walk in solidarity with and commemoration of March 10th Tibetan National Uprising Day. This was followed by a special presentation on the history and significance of the day by Class 10th students.



- **The SEE Learning** session for the Namchod Kyetsel middle grades (Class 5 – 7) was held in May facilitated by our teachers, Sonam Tsering, Monlam Tenzin, Tsering Gyaltsen, and Phuntsok Dolma.
- **North American Tibetan Weekend Schools Competition (April 4, 2026):** Namchod Kyetsel was crowned the “champions” of the first North American Tibetan Weekend Schools Cultural and Literary Competition held in New York City. Namchod Kyetsel team was placed first and third in the Tibetan debate competition, second in Tibetan Quiz competition, second in Tibetan elocution competition, and third in Tibetan group song competition. In the lead up to this competition, Namchod Kyetsel’s Parents Association and parents of student participants organized several fundraisers to raise funds to cover the expenses for the trip on top of the support from TANC.



- **Tibetan Handwriting Day and Competition (April 25, 2026):** The day began with a special Tibetan calligraphy presentation by Namchod Kyetsel’s 3rd and 7th grade teacher Tsering Gyaltsen followed by a school-wide Tibetan handwriting competition.
- **Namchod Kyetsel Fundraiser (April 25, 2026).** Spearheaded by Namchod Kyetsel’s Parents Association, this annual fundraiser was held at Berkeley Adult School. All the students of Namchod Kyetsel performed songs and dances during the event. Hundred percent of the funds raised go directly towards the administration of Namchod Kyetsel.



- **Namchod Kyetsel Tibetan Spelling Bee (May 30, 2026):** Championed by Namchod Kyetsel's Quiz Master Sonam Tsering, this school-wide (Class 4 – 9) Tibetan spelling bee contest was held for the second year. The purpose of this competition is to bring about enthusiasm and passion among the students in learning Tibetan words, new and old.
- **Annual Day (June 7, 2026).** Namchod Kyetsel's Annual Day celebration was held on June 7th where student achievements throughout the year were recognized. Morning's formal award celebration was followed by lunch hosted by Parents Association and games for both the students and parents.



- **Trainings and Workshops:** During the school year 2025–2026, Namchod Kyetsel was able to organize and participate in several training and workshops for our teachers as well as parents. Most notably, Namchod Kyetsel teachers attended a series of online Tibetan language training sessions organized by the Office of Tibet, Washington DC and Department of Education, CTA in November 2025. Namchod Kyetsel's Principal led the coordination efforts for the Tibetan schools located in the West Coast of North America. Also, Namchod Kyetsel and TANC hosted a two-day workshop for teachers and parents in June 2026. Tenzin Chime Nupa, Redo Senge, and Beri Gyalse served as the expert trainers. Participants from the Bay Area, Seattle, and Vancouver, BC (Canada) participated in the workshop.
- **Namchod Kyetsel Students' Cultural Performances.** Our students have regularly performed at various events hosted by TANC. They have also performed at the Asian American Pacific Islander Festival at Richmond Civic Center and the Himalayan Fair in Berkeley.
- **Special Guests at Namchod Kyetsel:** Dr. Namgyal Choedup, honorable representative of HH the Dalai Lama visited Namchod Kyetsel on October 12th and graced our Morning Assembly. Later that day, Mr. Tsundue Samphel from Emory University held a session on SEE Learning for Namchod Kyetsel teachers. This session was preceded by the visit of Tenzin Pema, additional secretary, Department of Education, CTA on October 5th to Namchod Kyetsel. She held a session on SEE Learning for the teachers as well as fielded questions regarding the Department of Education's

programs. Namchod Kyetsel was fortunate to have the visits and blessings of Jado Rinpoche and Geshe Lobsang Dawa each of whom spent their precious time with the students.



Future Programs and Infrastructure Projects

Looking ahead, TANC remains committed to strengthening both its programming and physical infrastructure.

1. Program Expansion

- Expansion of youth academic support and enrichment programs
- Strengthening of senior wellness and cultural engagement initiatives
- Continued development of health education and preventive care programs
- Enhancement of cultural and civic engagement activities

2. Infrastructure Development

- Completion of long-term community center enhancement projects. The urgent repair of the community center's leaking roof was successfully funded and completed.
- Continued improvement of classroom and event spaces
- Upgrading accessibility features for elders and families
- Strengthening the shrine room as a spiritual and cultural center

TANC envisions a fully developed, permanent community hub that meets the growing needs of the Tibetan population in Northern California.

TANC's Financial Summary

The 2024–2025 fiscal year reflects a stable and community-driven financial model supported by donations, fundraising events, program contributions, and volunteer-led initiatives. Key revenue sources included:

- Foundation Grants: Betsy Gordon Foundation (Scholarships) and the Hewlett Foundation (TANC received a \$150,000 grant for general support i.e. \$50,000/year over three years).
- Government Grants: Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia's office granted TANC \$50,000 toward the community center roof repair.
- Community Cafés and Losar Fair proceeds
- Annual fundraising concert and cultural events
- Program fees from Namchod Kyetsel
- Targeted relief and community fundraising campaigns

These funds supported core operations, educational programming, infrastructure improvements, and community services.

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Statement of Financial Position

As of Jul 31, 2026

	Total
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1000 Checking Accts	
1004 Scholarship 1641	117,905.26
1008 US Bank A/C-2568	6,865.22
Total for 1000 Checking Accts	\$124,770.48
1001 Main Checking 1743	173,495.54
1020 Savings Accts 8402	157,503.03
1030 CD 8642	148,597.43
1040 CD 5618	193,715.52
Cash	\$0.00
Paypal	19,147.51
Total for Bank Accounts	\$817,229.51
Other Current Assets	
12000 Undeposited Funds	\$0.00
1400 Prepaid Expenses	\$0.00
Total for Other Current Assets	\$0.00
Total for Current Assets	\$817,229.51
Fixed Assets	
1600 Fixed Assets	
1605 Accum. Deprec. Equipment & Furn	-251,743.00
1610 Equipment	8,805.00

1615 Software	\$0.00
1620 Hardware	\$0.00
1630 Furniture	773,971.00
1640 Improvement	295,491.00
1650 Building	762,769.00
1655 Land	190,692.00
1660 Accum. Deprec. Building	-358,515.00
1665 Accum. Deprec. Improvement	-205,621.00
Total for 1600 Fixed Assets	\$1,215,849.00
Total for Fixed Assets	\$1,215,849.00
Other Assets	
1450 Security Deposit	\$0.00
Total for Other Assets	\$0.00
Total for Assets	\$2,033,078.51
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Total for Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Other Current Liabilities	
2006 Deffered Revenue	221,004.29
Total for Other Current Liabilities	\$221,004.29
Total for Current Liabilities	\$221,004.29
Long-term Liabilities	
2700 Loan- US Bank Mortgage	\$0.00
Total for Long-term Liabilities	\$0.00
Total for Liabilities	\$221,004.29

Equity	
3000 Net Asset	418,392.02
3005 Opening Bal Equity	\$0.00
3200 Unrestricted Net Assets	1,235,575.00
Net Revenue	<u>158,107.20</u>
Total for Equity	<u>\$1,812,074.22</u>
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$2,033,078.51

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TANC is deeply grateful to the donors, volunteers, and supporters whose generosity sustains our mission. We are equally thankful to Bay Area Dharma centers for their steadfast collaboration and support. Careful stewardship of resources has enabled us to expand services while remaining financially responsible.

Acknowledgments and Gratitude

It is no exaggeration to say that TANC's successes are the result of the sustained generosity of many friends, foundations, and organizations who, over decades, have contributed in-kind support, financial resources, and steadfast moral encouragement.

TANC extends our heartfelt gratitude to all our donors, volunteers, community members, and partner organizations. Your generosity of time, resources, and unwavering support has made it possible for our programs to grow and flourish.

We are especially grateful for the spirit of unity, compassion, and service that defines our community. It is through this shared dedication that TANC continues to thrive, and we look forward with hope and determination to building an even stronger future together.



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