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# ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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# Mission Statement

*Tibetan Association of Philadelphia is a non-profit organization 501(c) founded in 2002 in the state of Pennsylvania. It strives to preserve and promote the unique Tibetan culture, tradition, language and further the just cause of Tibet. The Tibetan Association is committed to the principle of non-violence and considers His Holiness the Dalai Lama as the spiritual leader of Tibet. It abides to the policies and guidelines of the Central Tibetan Administration based in India.*



# Aims & Objectives

- *To preserve and promote the Tibetan people's distinct religious and cultural heritage*
- *To raise awareness about the Chinese occupation of Tibet and the plights of the Tibetan people*
- *To strengthen the unity among Tibetans*
- *To promote His Holiness the Dalai Lama's message of love, compassion, and kindness*
- *To educate the younger generation of Tibetan-Americans about our history, religion, and culture*

# Board of Directors

*President – Thupten Chonyi*

*Vice President – Kalsang Dekyi*

*Accountant – Tenzin Wangyal*

*Treasurer – Phurbu Lhamo*

*Secretary – Jampa Paljor*

*Sunday School Director - Dechen Kunsang*

01/24/2020

Meeting with Laura Otten, Ph.D, director at the Non-Profit Center at Lasalle University's School of Business, to discuss future plans for the Tibetan Culture Center.



02/18/2020

Presentation at the University of Pennsylvania with Fariha Khan, the Associate Director of the Asian American Studies program.



02/06/2020

Visit from Jeff Gammage of the Philadelphia Inquirer to cover the story of Tibetan community in Philadelphia and our fundraising efforts for the community hall.



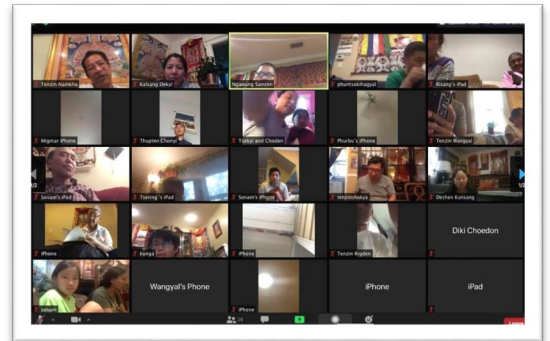
02/19/2020

Lhakar at the Unitarian Church sponsored by Geshe Sonam Yeshe la. Jeff spoke to the younger generation about the Confucius Institute and our plans to remove it from our local universities.



06/17/2020

Due to the global pandemic, we moved Lhakar to online. Every Wednesday until the end of the year, we held Lhakar online on Zoom video call.



02/29/2020

Celebrated Losar with a visit at the Tibetan Buddhist Center in the morning and ended the day with dance, music, games, and food.



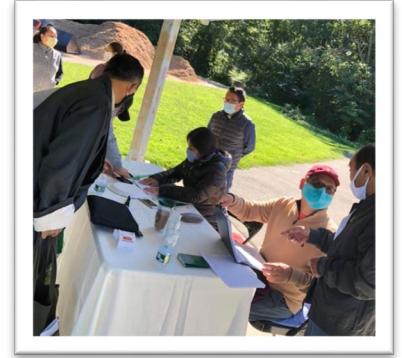
07/05/2020

Celebrated His Holiness's birthday in a safe environment with a small group. The rest of the members joined live through Zoom.



09/20/2020

Voting registration at Belmont Hill Park for the upcoming Sikyong election.



07/15/2020

Visited and showed support to Lobsang Jinpa la, who biked from Boston to Washington D.C. to raise awareness and gain support for the cause of Tibet.



08/02/2020

Our President and some representatives met with Pennsylvania U.S. Representative Scott Perry.



11/01/2020

Held a teacher's workshop lead by Norbu Nangsel la and Tsechoe la. The workshop was held online on Zoom with discussions and Q&A at the end.



10/02/2020

Joined the protest against Chinese government in Washington D.C.



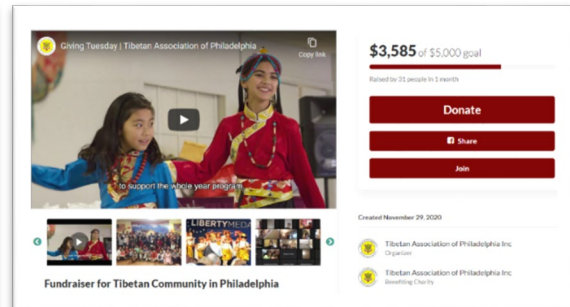
12/06/2020

Our President's interview with Tibet TV and Radio Free Asia about Tibetan Association of Philadelphia and our efforts to fundraise for a community hall.



12/06/2020

Initiation of our Giving Tuesday fundraising campaign, where we raised over \$3.5k in funds for the community hall.





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Thank you!