



ABOUT THE AMA FOUNDATION

The Ama Foundation funds Ama Ghar, a permanent care home for children who have been abandoned, trafficked or have lost their home and family to poverty, drug/alcohol abuse or illness. We are dedicated to providing these children with a loving home, an excellent education, health care and the confidence to become productive, self-supporting adults.

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2025 ANNUAL REPORT - BOARD CHAIR LETTER

2025 was filled with so many fun memories at Ama Ghar. We welcomed four new children into the home; went on a family trip; celebrated festivals together; and cheered on the children's wonderful achievements in academics, sports, and music. We also bid a bittersweet goodbye to Dhana Auntie, a housemother since the first days of Ama Ghar, who retired after 24 years of loving and faithful service. You can read more about our year in the following pages, including a letter from our Country Director, Bonnie Ellison.

2025 also had its challenges: We continued to rebuild our road and bridge after they were destroyed by floods in 2024, and we watched as political unrest and protests shook Nepal and led to the ousting of the country's political leaders. Events such as these remind us how fortunate we are to have dedicated donors that support us through challenges like natural disasters and unrest and who ensure we can continue to provide a safe, loving home and education to the children of Ama Ghar. They also reinforce the vision of Ama Ghar's founder, Shrawan Nepali, of raising children who, after leaving Ama Ghar, can make their way in the world as successful and productive members of society.

The mission of The Ama Foundation in the US is to raise the funding that keeps Ama Ghar alive. We incurred some unexpected and rising costs in 2025, but our Ama Ghar staff was nimble and diligent, and we were able to stay on budget. With rising inflation, an uncertain global economy, increases in government fees, and continued rising costs to house our young adults as they transition out of Ama Ghar and towards living independently, we expect costs to increase again in 2026.

Historically, the majority of our funding has come from the generosity of private donors and corporate matching programs. We are also working to diversify our fundraising through grant writing and a Legacy Giving program. Our Ama Foundation endowment continues to grow under the attentive management of Roshani Pandey, CEO of True Root Financial.

The end of 2025 also marks the end of my tenure as Board Chair of The Ama Foundation. It has been an honor and privilege to lead this organization, and I look forward to continuing to contribute as an active board member. I am thrilled to pass the baton to our new Co-Chairs, Nick Ray and Matt Mason. Both have been long-time board members and will serve as wonderful leaders to guide our organization.

2026 is the 25th year since our founding. As we celebrate this wonderful milestone, we deeply appreciate our Ama Foundation donor family, who has made the last 24 years possible and will continue to help us build towards a better future over our next 25 years.



Mary Averill
Board Chair
The Ama Foundation

A LETTER FROM OUR COUNTRY DIRECTOR, BONNIE ELLISON

2025 was another year for the Ama Ghar family to exhibit our abilities and strength as a family.

With the loss of our bridge in 2024, we no longer had direct vehicle access to our home. Throughout 2025, the staff and children diligently carried all of our regular supplies up a narrow footpath to the back of the house without complaint. Monthly supplies at Ama Ghar entail 20 gas canisters; ten 55-pound bags of rice; and numerous cases of everything from noodles, to cases of oil, bags of potatoes, paper goods, and more. Watching the children all scurry to pitch in was a delight and a reminder of their helpful and cooperative nature. Since they had to go out the back gate, I missed seeing them pass by my front door on their way to school each morning, all chiming in with “Good morning, Bonnie Auntie!” With the bridge now complete, I am delighted to once again wave to them in the mornings as they cross the new bridge and head to their school bus. My normal response to their morning greeting is, “Have a good day and get smarter!” I have the best job!

Thankfully, our global family generously contributed to the extra finances needed for all of our flood repairs. The new bridge will guarantee no future flood problems, but we lost the lovely riverside environment that we had cultivated over many years. A priority in 2026 will be planting trees and bushes to try to return some of our beautiful greenery.

Along with the bridge, we also made some other home repairs. I stayed home with the Ama Ghar dogs to supervise the refinishing of our floors (much needed after 12 years of daily kid traffic!) while the whole family took an extended seven-day



Ama Ghar's new bridge, which will protect the home from future flooding

trip in April to the Eastern part of Nepal. They made stops at temples, tea farms, animal sanctuaries, boating, and different hotels. They enjoyed seeing many new sights, though the hotel rooms with TVs are always one of the highlights of our trips. These trips allow the children to learn about their country and are so important for family bonding.

We had many other milestones in 2025: Our family grew by four with two sets of brothers and sisters. Sabin and Ajay each started Bachelors programs while Laxmi, Santosh, and Aruneema graduated from theirs and are going out on their own. Dhana, our fantastic cook and the first staff member at Ama Ghar, took a well-earned retirement after 24 years of service.

We also enjoyed having many visitors, both new and returning. Everyone loves to interact with visitors, learn new skills, and have a welcome break to our normal schedules. Return visitors from our global family are a wonderful confirmation for the children that they are loved and remembered. We also welcomed home many of our Ama Ghar alumni, including Bindu and Menuka, who both visited with their beautiful young sons! It's so wonderful to see our alumni become loving and engaged parents as they begin their own families.



Our day-to-day schedules remained busy throughout the year with our usual swimming, sports competitions, school exhibitions, school trips, Scouts, roller skating, movies, the Jump House, basketball, and numerous board games and cards at home. The young ones make the most of their play areas at the house, which supports their imaginative minds. Very often I am gifted with a bug, a flower, or a stick made into something: I love watching their creativity blossom.

To our global family, we extend our heartfelt thank you for supporting the Ama Ghar family and allowing us to thrive. Best wishes to you and yours for 2026.

Bonnie

EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S ADVANCEMENTS

Ama Ghar Children in Higher Education:

- Maya Samjana – Class 12, Art School
- Sunita – Class 12, Humanities
- Bina – Class 12, Humanities
- Rosina – Chef training
- Ajay – First year of Bachelors, Art
- Sabin – First year of Bachelors, IT
- Bhupendra – Third year of Bachelors, Travel and Tourism

Ama Ghar Children Transitioning from Education to Employment:

- Laxmi – Completed Bachelors and looking for a job
- Aruneema – Completed Bachelors and working in Accounting office of a supermarket chain
- Santosh – Completed Bachelors and working in IT
- Laxman – Completed training and working at a hotel kitchen



Santosh with Uma and Bonnie on his graduation day

ALUMNI UPDATES

Ama Ghar monitors alumni for five years after they have transitioned to living independently. Alumni currently under monitoring are below with a complete list of older alumni and what they're doing now on our [website](#).

- Po-Po – Working at a homestay in India
- Pawan – Working in India
- Pushpa – School teacher & studying for a Bachelors
- Prakash – Managing a beauty shop
- Manju – Designing things and working as a bartender
- Sangita – Working at Citizenship Affected Peoples Network & studying for a Bachelors
- Sharmila – Married & studying for a Masters in Business in Australia
- Jenuka – Manager at Lekali Nepal & studying for a Masters
- Samjhana – Completed an internship in the US & looking for a job
- Aakriti – Looking for a job
- Rupa – Working as a lab technician at a hospital



Alumni Manju & Sandesh (also an Ama Ghar house father) celebrating Dhana Auntie's retirement

2025 IN PHOTOS: CELEBRATIONS

2025 was full of celebrations: Festivals, academic promotions, retirements, competitions, and more!



Ama Ghar children wishing Dhana Auntie a happy retirement



Sabin, Ajay, Rosina, & Sunita receiving a fond farewell as they move to the youth apartment



Sarita, Leela, Nirjala, Rijan, & Aariti celebrating their win at their school relay race



Ramita, Satrohan, Sumika, & Sushan visiting the chariot in Patan during Rato Machindranath Jatra



Pasang & Jeevan lighting a lamp on Laxmi Puja



Aruneema, visitor Sushila, & Nirjala during the Dashain festival



Jen receiving blessings on Bhai Tika

2025 IN PHOTOS: FAMILY TRIP

We believe it's important for the Ama Ghar children to learn about their country. In 2025, the we took a family trip to Eastern Nepal, including the tea producing region of Ilam, Koshitapu Wilderness Reserve, Janakpur, and Pokhara.



Sunil riding a pony



Dhana receiving an elephant blessing at Koshitapu Wilderness Reserve



Boating on Fewa Lake in Pokhara



Soniya at the tea plantations in Ilam



Jeevan, Akshar, & Ramit enjoying the views from a gondola in Pokhara



Group shot at Koshitapu Wilderness Reserve



Pooja, Kamal, Jamuna, Maya, & Subash at Janaki Temple in Janakpur

2025 IN PHOTOS: LIFE SKILLS

From rice planting to cooking, mushroom growing, and more, the Ama Ghar children have fun while learning life skills that will help them succeed as independent adults.



Renuka, Roshni, Sarswoti, & Rojina harvesting mushrooms grown at Ama Ghar



Pasang rolling out dough to make momos



Bina, Pooja, Ganga, Maya, & Jamuna having fun planting rice in Ama Ghar's field



Ajay learning how to sew



Maya harvesting rice



Roshni making briquettes that power Ama Ghar's brick oven



Ama Ghar children packing hay for mushroom farming

2025 IN PHOTOS: DAILY LIFE

Festivals, birthdays, celebrations, and extracurricular activities are important, but we also cherish all the regular everyday moments we have together.



Amrita & Kamal playing with hula hoops



Sunil enjoying some puppy love



Aashika playing guitar



Maya & Amrita are all smiles



Ramita, Sumika, Nirjala, & Leela cooling off during an outing to a pool



Gangamaya & Aashika



Sunil & Subash playing Scrabble

FROM OUR GUEST BOOK

We are so grateful that 2025 brought visitors from around the world, and from within Nepal, to Ama Ghar.

We are all very grateful to have been welcomed back again... It is lovely to see how happy the children are and the warm welcome we get from the staff.

Girlguiding Northumberland — UK

Thank you for your kind hospitality and letting us visit Ama Ghar. This foundation is doing an incredible job by helping at-risk children grow. The environment and surroundings look great.

Maharjan Family — Kathmandu, Nepal

Today we had a great opportunity to visit Ama Ghar. Thanks a lot for welcoming us. We are really impressed by the management and loving care of the children. We wish all the best for continuing such appreciable effort.

Ram Prasad, Preana, & Sneedha Mainali — Kathmandu, Nepal

Thank you Bonnie and everyone here at your beautiful house! I feel the love here and it has filled my heart! Much love and good wishes to all.

Marielle (Foshee) Sadler and Family — California, USA

Thank you so much for the most extraordinary day. The work that is being done is so heart warming and I leave on a hopeful note seeing blessed and happy children.

Susan Schiffer — USA

This home has so much love and it shows throughout from the children to the staff. I enjoyed playing with the children, and some of them are true “card sharks”... Will see you again next year and enjoying watching the children grow.

Rod Haines & Andrew Clark — Portland, Oregon USA



Ama Foundation board member, Trish Ellison, brought a fun sewing craft for the kids and staff when she visited in April 2025.

2025 A NIGHT IN NEPAL FUNDRAISER

Thanks to our generous community and sponsors, our annual fundraiser was a big success in raising funds to support the children of Ama Ghar!



2025 STAFF AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Founder: Shrawan Nepali

Ama Foundation Board of Directors

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Anita Khadka, House Mother

Apsara Gurung, House Mother

Narayani Thapa, House Mother

Ram Bahadur Bohara, House Father

Sandesh Shrestha, House Father

Dil Maya Majhi, House Cleaner

Radhika Silwal, House Cleaner

Amrita Tamang - Laundry

Pashupati Tamang, Gardener

Urmila Dutraj, Gardener

Retired in July 2025: Dhana Devi

Adhikari, House Mother

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AMA FOUNDATION 2025 CONTRIBUTIONS

Revenue Sources, Operating Fund

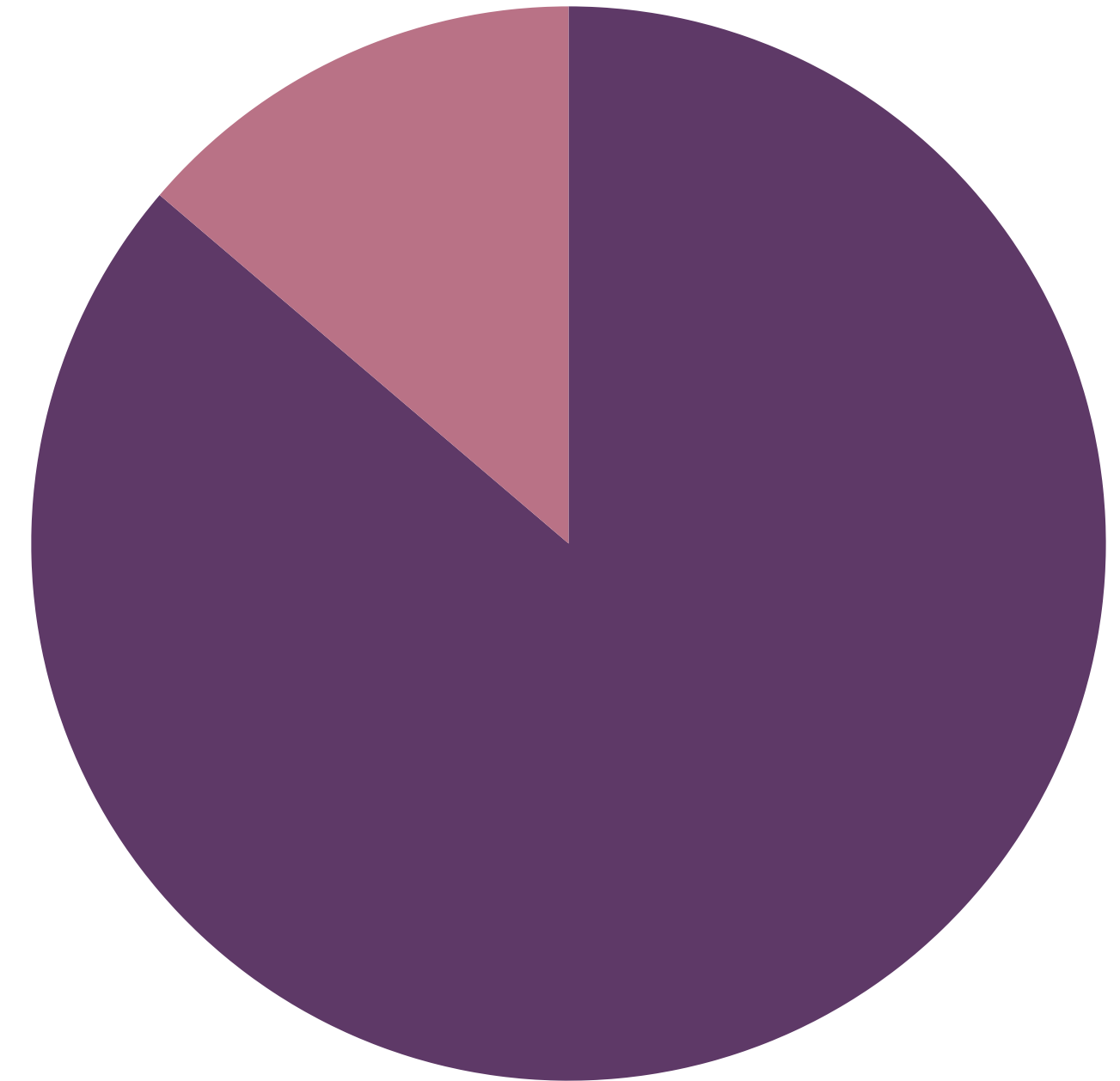
In the U.S in 2025, individuals, corporations, foundations and corporate matching programs made up the Ama Foundation's donor base. In total, they made 459 donations to the AF Operating fund. Individuals made up 87% of AF's total U.S. contributions. Foundations, corporations and their employer matching programs made up 13% of total U.S. contributions.

The average individual donation was \$600 and the average corporate or foundation donation was \$1,737. Individuals made donations ranging from \$10 to \$30,000.

International donations received in Nepal accounted for an additional \$6,347.

In addition to the operating fund, Ama Foundation's endowment account totaled \$1,344,352 at year end.

● US Individual ● US Corporate/Foundation



2025 Donations, Operating Fund

AMA FOUNDATION 2025 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Ama Foundation US Revenue

US Operating Revenue	\$303,000
Interest/Dividends	\$20,640
Total US Revenue	\$323,640

Ama Foundation US Expenses

Professional Fees	\$99,325
Fundraising	\$50,226
Office, Technology, Postage, Fees & Insurance	\$4,686
Funds sent to Ama Ghar	\$273,000
Total US Expenses	\$427,237

2025 Ama Ghar Expenses

