



Hope everyone has been having a great summer!

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, October 27th** for our Fall Gala, **The New Heights Project**. Come celebrate with us and check out our live + silent auctions (including artist designed kites!), art, photography, and peak inside what the new school designs and supporting systems are all about! Let's go places together!



Updates from Nepal!

Our 9 schools that have broken ground are making great progress. See below the work that was done from the foundation up! Summer work slows down a little because in Nepal summer includes "monsoon season." Many roads become difficult or impossible to travel on. But our teams are pressing forward where possible, and we are still looking at November/December for our first schools to be complete! And for 2,000 children to have a new school to call their own!

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**MARCH 2016**



**JUNE 2016**



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# PHOTO CONTEST OPEN NOW! closes oct 1.

Show us your photos and help thousands of kids get back to school...to find education again, a source of hope and a place for dreams.

In partnership with one of photography's favorite sites, [Feature Shoot](#), and their new Instagram [@childhoodeveryday](#), we are looking for photographs that capture the experience of growing up around the world.

12 photographers will be selected to be a part of our NYC gala & photography auction on October 27, will have their work shown on Feature Shoot, will receive an [Ona Bag leather camera strap](#), 2 tickets to the gala, and importantly, by entering the contest, will be helping to build our 50 new schools.

[Find out more, and enter here!](#)





AIA FEATURE

## The Pro Bono Payoff

Providing free architectural services can be tough, but firms say the benefits make it worthwhile.

By JENNA M. MCKNIGHT FOR AIA ARCHITECT



Illustration: Viktor Koen

When the [Kids of Kathmandu](#) set out to build 50 schools in an earthquake-ravaged area of Nepal last year, the nonprofit group knew it would need some help. So it reached out to [SHoP Architects](#), asking if the firm would donate its services.

"I'm pretty shameless. I always start at the top," says Andrew Raible, a co-founder of the U.S.-based charity. He admits that SHoP was a long shot—the burgeoning firm is awfully busy these days with high-profile projects, including two supertall skyscrapers in New York. But they said yes. "It was beyond my imagination," Raible says.

SHoP sent one of its architects to Nepal last October to assess the conditions and has since conceived two prototypes that can be adapted to different sites. The first five schools will open this year.

"It's a project we really believe in," says firm partner Kimberly Holden, noting that SHoP designed pro bono a community center in Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina. "It made a huge impression on us. We've been seeking out situations and partnerships where we could do the same thing."

[Read the full article here.](#)



## Volunteer Spotlight: William Vasquez



William is currently driving a Tuk-Tuk across India in the "Rickshaw Run." And the final lap is just around the corner! He is covering 2,100 miles, and fundraising for Kids of Kathmandu.

We have been watching his adventures unfold (<https://www.instagram.com/williamvazqueznyc/>), and love hearing about how he is able to share stories of our work with those he meets to garner support. You can support him here

<https://www.crowdrise.com/the-rickshaw-run-india-august-2016/fundraiser/williamvazquez>

He's raised 79% of his goal!



Hope everyone soaks up the last of summer in all the best ways.

Look forward to seeing you this fall.

Namaste,

Jami Saunders + Andrew Raible  
and the team at Kids of Kathmandu

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