

## Offering

Please fill in the following form and give it with your offering to Didi, or mail it to her at:  
#1507- 811 Helmcken Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Name.....  
Phone.....  
Address.....  
City.....  
Code.....Country.....  
email.....  
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Amount of my donation.....  
My on-going commitment to this project (please describe):

Gaywa Project  
#1507-811 Helmcken Street  
Vancouver, BC V6Z 1B1  
T: 604. 783. 2903

## Our Responsibility

Thank you for your contribution and ongoing support. In the future Didi would like to go to Tibet every few years to visit and evaluate The Gaywa Project regarding its success and continuing needs. Perhaps those of you who make contributions to the Project will have an opportunity to join her on this journey.

Our response to your contribution to the Gaywa Project will be to see that all the money that you contribute goes to meet the needs of the old people in Tibet . We will also keep you informed of our ongoing activities in this regard. *For the benefit of all beings.*

## GAYWA PROJECT



Virtue from  
generosity: helping  
elderly Tibetans

## The Gaywa Project

*Didi's visit to Tibet*  
In the summer of 2000 Didi went with her brother Zasep Rinpoche and her son Thondup to her homeland, Tibet. She visited her family and was deeply touched by the people. Traveling with Rinpoche was wonderful. Didi said, "I saw him as Chenrezig: helping people from dawn to dusk, giving blessings and doing rituals. His presence took me out of the spotlight and I could do fun things. I played with my nieces and nephews, and hiked up the mountains with children who went to where



only the goats could go! I spent time with women in the kitchens, especially with my gentle, humble sister-in-law. I also visited old people and nuns in my uncle's nunnery."

### Needs not being met

Didi found that there were some people's needs not being met. There were twenty old people without children to look after them. They have shelter but are without warm clothing, bedding and food. Didi would like to provide them with clothing, bedding, food and the means to



Didi and the nuns who will help with the Gaywa project in Tibet.

prepare it. Didi says "There is a special place in my heart for the old people. They are a precious living history. At the same time, they are as helpless as little children—no sight, no voice, no resource. I cannot rest my soul without doing something for them. I feel very fortunate to be in Canada, but when I eat good food I think of them, when I stay in a warm clean home I think of them sleeping on muddy, cold floors.

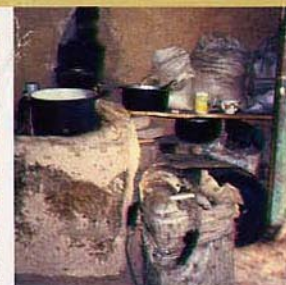
### Conditions

These people live in a very basic structure, the rooms are tiny, with mud floors, no windows and no source of heat. There are twenty old women existing there. There is no pension, no money for food or fuel or clothing or bedding. Outside the building are stacks of cardboard, which the women have collected and which is their only fuel. The local people take up a collection each year and raise a little money (\$60 Cana-

dian). The nearby housewives give them bread and whatever they can spare. One of the old women has a 15-year old daughter who was badly traumatized when the rest of the family was killed. This girl spends her days trying to collect yak dung for her mother. Some of the women are disabled and all wear dirty, ragged clothes.

### Creating a solution

The Gaywa Project was created to meet the needs of these people. Gaywa means fruit of generosity, virtue. The generosity of your offering is the virtue created. Didi's uncle Urgen in Zadoh, Tibet will take charge of the Tibetan side of this project. If you would like to contribute to this project please contact Didi Zasep at 604-783-2903.



A typical cooking area.



Food storage



She needs your help.



Mother and daughter.