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50 FOR TIBET

**STATE HIGHPOINTER ADVENTURE, A NON-PROFIT FUND RAISING PROJECT FOR:
THE ROWELL FUND FOR TIBET**

2011 - 2012 ROWELL FUND APPLICATION

Colorado based **Team HighPoint** from the non-profit 501(c)(3) 50 For Tibet fund raising project in support of **The Rowell Fund For Tibet** has returned from Scandinavia where they successfully achieved four (4) new country international highpoints (Norway, Finland, Sweden & Denmark) from June 26th through July 10th. With the five (5) international country highpoints achieved in 2010, Team HighPoint has now accumulated nine (9) total international highpoints and 48 U.S. state highpoints (as well as Washington D.C.) since the project's inception in June 2006. Since **50 For Tibet's** beginning in 2006, over 120,000 miles of travel have been logged and approximately \$210,000 in donations have been raised to promote The Rowell Fund For Tibet (www.savetibet.org/about-ict/rowell-fund-tibet), an organization which provides grants to help preserve the threatened Tibetan culture.

The Rowell Fund for Tibet's Board of Advisors has decided to award funds for 2011 to projects that deal with Tibetan education, culture, environment and history. The Fund will award \$35,000 (which is a reduction from the overall amount given last year) to applicants for projects throughout Asia in memory of lifelong Tibet supporters, Galen and Barbara Rowell, who died in a plane crash in 2002.

The Fund received over 40 applications from Tibetans in Tibet and outside and the selected projects will receive grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$7,000.

As avid mountaineers and outdoor photographers, Galen and Barbara Rowell helped bring Tibet and the Himalayas into the public eye. Their fund continues this legacy, providing small grants to Tibetan writers, academics, photographers, and conservationists.

Some of this year's grant recipients include: *

- Saten Foundation for education and youth development projects in the Tibetan settlements in Bylakuppe, South India. (\$4,000)
- The Tesi Environmental Awareness Movement to develop environmental resource materials for free distribution. (\$3,000)
www.ecotibet.org
- Common Ground to undertake projects to encourage Tibetan photographers in Dharamsala. (2,500)
www.commongroundsproject.org
- The Tibet Oral History Project to record and translate the personal histories of Tibetan elders in Tibetan settlements. (\$5,000)
www.tibetoralhistory.org

*Not all projects have been listed as some of the recipients have requested confidentiality.

ICT and the Rowell Fund wish to congratulate last year's grant recipients, whose final written reports provided concrete evidence of impact the Rowell Fund continues to have among Tibetan communities. Past recipients have included Tibetans who have undertaken photography, film making and related projects that have enriched the Tibetan society. The Advisory Board of the Fund is made up of friends and family of Galen & Barbara, includes John Ackerly, Conrad Anker, David Breashears, Jimmy Chin, Bob and Beth Cushman, John Jancik and Terri Baker, Bob Palais, Tony Rowell and Ray and Nicole Rowell Ryan. The Fund is managed by the International Campaign for Tibet.

Team HighPoint consists of John Jancik (Parker, Colorado), Terri Baker (Parker, Colorado), David Baker (Denver, Colorado) and Steve Gardiner (Billings, Montana). John and Terri, who originally met the late legendary photographer and mountaineer Galen Rowell in 1995 as the three of them prepared for their participation in the 1996 Top Of The World Expedition to northern Greenland, now serve on The Advisory Board of The Rowell Fund For Tibet. On September 23rd, 2006, Team HighPoint was honored with a special meeting with His Holiness The Dalai Lama during his visit to Colorado.

To learn more about Team HighPoint and its 50 For Tibet project, see the Team's website at www.50fortibet.org or contact John Jancik at echoji@aol.com. More information about the Tibetan situation is available from the International Campaign for Tibet at www.savetibet.org or by phone at (202) 785-1515.

50 For Tibet was featured in a story aired by local Denver CBS network affiliate, KCNC-TV, Channel 4 on Wednesday, August 2nd, 2006.

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