

# Dawa Sherpa and The North Face Help in Nepal



## Dawa to ride his bike for Karing for Kids Clinic

Mountain Fund Member Agency Karing for Kids - Nepal is getting a big hand up thanks to The North Face and an incredible athlete and a compassionate person; Dawa Sherpa.

I had the pleasure to meet Dawa a month or so ago at the Hotel Tibet in Kathmandu. Dawa is energy personified. He is deeply committed to his son and to making this incredible athletic endeavor his personal statement to Nepal.

The North Face is sponsoring Dawa's expedition and at the same time providing much needed funding to the Karing for Kids clinic in the Rasuwa District.

Please help support Dawa in his quest. Log on to [www.globalgiving.com](http://www.globalgiving.com) and look for Karing For Kids. Or go to [www.karingforkids.org](http://www.karingforkids.org) and look for the Global Giving donation link. You can also access more about Dawa's expedition and the many good causes The North Face supports at [www.TheNorthFace.com](http://www.TheNorthFace.com).

Send Dawa your personal note of thanks and encouragement at [gelutrade@wlink.com.np](mailto:gelutrade@wlink.com.np)



## From The North Face web site

Dawa Sherpa is a one-man expedition and an extraordinary example of human determination. Dawa grew up an orphan in a remote Nepali village. Today, at age 37, Dawa speaks seven languages fluently, has reached the summit of Mount Everest numerous times, and is one of the region's most respected lead guides. Dawa plans to mountain bike the length of Nepal and traverse the high-altitude passes (over 50 of them - all over 5000 meters) in two four-month stints (Spring 2005 and Spring 2006). He does so in the name of his 8-year old son, Gelu, who suffers from cerebral palsy. "I want to show my son that he is the source of my strength, and ideas," Dawa says.

The North Face has adopted Dawa's record-breaking adventure, because it believes that endeavors like this inspire the human spirit, and because it endorses the powerful message of Dawa's trek: to raise awareness of cerebral palsy, a debilitating disease that affects many worldwide. Dawa calls his trek a peace walk, because his Himalayan homeland is stricken with poverty and by Maoist terrorist rebellion in the mountainous backwoods. He hopes his journey will raise attention to Nepals problems, and that it will help to unify Nepalese people in peace. To support Dawa, The North Face is providing funds and equipments, and it is working with philanthropic partner Global Giving to fund Karing for Kids Medical Clinic in the remote Rasuwa district of Nepal. This is an adventure with a heartfelt message that could touch the lives of people throughout Nepal, and worldwide.



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