

OUR ORGANIZATION

Established in 1999, **Friends of Mongolia (FOM)** is a non-profit organization run by a dedicated group of volunteers passionate about Mongolia and its people. Through the efforts of a few Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, FOM was created to develop partnerships with the people of Mongolia to further cultural exchange and human development. To that end, one goal of FOM is to provide material support and access to institutions of higher learning to Mongolian youths with insufficient resources. Another goal is to increase international awareness, knowledge and support of the Mongolian culture as well as current development opportunities. FOM works independently as well as in partnership with other organizations working toward similar, complementary goals on its various projects and endeavors.



GET INVOLVED

FOM is always looking for new members! It is easy to join and we would love to welcome you to our family and find ways for you to get involved. Please visit FOM's website at www.friendsofmongolia.org or send an email to admin@friendsofmongolia.org to get more information about membership benefits and how to get involved.

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RECENT PROJECTS

- ❖ On March 30, 2006, FOM joined the National Center Against Violence (NCAV), Ambassador Pamela Slutz, government officials of Tov aimag and Peace Corps Mongolia in Zuun Mod, to inaugurate a shelter for victims of domestic abuse. This is the third shelter of its kind in to be opened in Mongolia. Initiated by NCAV, the Zuun Mod shelter was largely facilitated through a grant proposal developed by two Peace Corps Volunteers. Donations from three American citizens residing in Ulaanbaatar combined with that of FOM, the single largest source of funding, comprised the financial backing necessary to make the shelter a reality.
- ❖ A book drive was coordinated resulting in a 40-foot container full of books being donated to students throughout Mongolia. What started as a small book collection in Madison, Wisconsin resulted in a large-scale effort in which FOM undertook an important role. Upon arrival, half of the books were given to the Ministry of Education, while the remainder was distributed to students by Peace Corps Volunteers.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

- ❖ FOM is very excited about our new scholarship program to be implanted this fall. FOM, with financial support from Khan Bank and the US Embassy in Mongolia, will provide a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to attend university in Ulaanbaatar. Currently, FOM is targeting young men from the Mongolian countryside who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend university. This year, FOM will sponsor at least one student, adding more as funds allow.

Friends of Mongolia (FOM) is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational and developmental purposes, not-for-profit. FOM exists to develop partnerships with the people of Mongolia in furtherance of cultural exchange and human development. FOM conducts activities in both Mongolia and the United States and membership is open to anyone with an interest in Mongolia.

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