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Dear Paola and all friends at I colori del mondo:

Warm greetings from Nepal.

On behalf of the Social Action Volunteers of the Godavari Alumni Association (SAV of GAA), of which I serve as moderator (a kind of 'chaplain'), I would like to thank you for your very generous gift of Euros 500. I received the scanned copy of the receipt for the wire transfer to Standard Chartered Bank Nepal.

As you know, we have been seeking money for Preranalaya ("House of Encouragement") located in the Baniyatar area of Kathmandu. Preranalaya is a hostel for girls that is operated by the Capitanian Sisters of Charity, a religious order which was founded in Italy, and now has sisters in India and Nepal.

The girls at Preranalaya are students at a school run by SAV of GAA. All of our students are from poor and disadvantaged backgrounds. But the girls at Preranalaya are especially destitute. These children are all from the northern end of Dhading District in central Nepal. Their home villages are at the foot of the mountain known as Ganesh Himal. This is one of the poorest areas of the country. Most of the girls currently at the hostel are from the Tamang community, one of Nepal's Mongolian ethnic groups – though the hostel is open to young Nepali girls from any group. (Loyola Hostel is an equivalent house for boys.)

Your gift will pay the entire annual expenses for two girls at Preranalaya. This is a very great help to the sisters who are new to Nepal, and do not have any major benefactors. I have told the sisters about your gift and will hand over the money as soon as our treasurer at the Nepal Jesuit Society clears the transaction and forwards the money to us.

Again, on behalf of SAV of GAA, the Jesuit fathers here, and especially the lovable young children at Preranalaya, please accept our thanks.

Very sincerely yours,

s/
(Fr) Gregory Sharkey, SJ