International Campaign for Tibet

2013

Annual Report

What does ICT do?

For a quarter of a century, ICT has followed its mission ***to promote human rights and democratic freedoms for the people of Tibet***. Empowered by the vision of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, we have provided support to Tibetans in exile, intervened on behalf of political prisoners, and helped amplify the voices of Tibetans inside and outside Tibet. We have called the world's attention to the oppression and brutality suffered under Chinese authority.

Founded in 1988, ICT, a 501(c)(3) organization, maintains offices in Washington, D.C., Amsterdam, Berlin and Brussels with a field office in Dharamsala, India.

ICT in Action

2013 Tibet Lobby Day participants with Representative Lois Capps (D-CA 24th District)

Working with Governments:

ICT's Government Relations team works with the U.S. Congress and the Administration including the Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues in the U.S. State Department to ensure that Tibet's interests are addressed in U.S. foreign policy. In 2013, ICT testified before a Congressional panel, advocated for funding for Tibet programs and organized the fifth annual Tibet Lobby Day, which brings Tibetan-Americans and Tibet supporters to Washington to advocate for Tibet.

ICT also increased its advocacy at the United Nations in 2013, highlighted by a successful effort to ensure that Tibet issues were included in China's Universal Periodic Review at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva and renewed engagement with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. This advocacy is a collaborative effort of all of ICT's offices in the U.S. and Europe, and is bolstered by the support of ICT's active community of members.

Chinese Engagement:

ICT's Chinese Engagement team worked to continue building understanding and trust between Tibetans and Chinese and to promote a more positive public discourse on Tibet in Chinese society. By organizing discussions and dialogues between Tibetans and Chinese; presenting lectures to Chinese students at various universities; speaking with Chinese scholars and journalists from Tibet and China, attending conferences to represent Tibetan views, and giving lectures at American universities, 2013 proved a productive and impactful year for ICT Chinese Engagement efforts.

Reporting:

For over 25 years, government officials, members of the media, and private citizens alike have come to count on the International Campaign for Tibet for reliable information about conditions in Tibet. ICT's field team compiles and analyzes raw information from inside Tibet for our experts around the world to utilize; a challenge given China's determination to restrict this flow of information .

In 2013, ICT produced innumerable news reports, press releases, and Fact Sheets providing timely updates and analysis on all Tibet related developments. Due to ICT's status as a leader in providing reliable information about Tibet, these resources were frequently cited in news and media reports. ICT's blog continued to share thoughts, insights and analysis from ICT's staff members on Tibet topics both numerous and varied.

In Their Own Words

"We have accomplished much over the past quarter century—including passage of the Tibetan Policy Act to institutionalize U.S. political support and millions of dollars of funding for Tibet, and actively supporting the Congressional initiative to bestow the Congressional Gold Medal to His Holiness the Dalai Lama—and our focus now will be to expand on what we can and must accomplish in the critical years ahead."

-Lodi Gyaltsen Gyari
Executive Chairman,
ICT Board of Directors

ICT's Executive Chairman reflects on some of the major accomplishments over the past 25 years and looks to the future plans to be implemented through the five years strategic plan completed in 2013.

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25 years amplifying Tibetan voices
1988 – 2013

"The experience was extremely phenomenal. As a Tibetan-American I feel that I am responsible to fulfil my civic duty, which includes voicing my concern about the repression of Tibetans."

-Tenzin Kunor
a student from Lacrosse, Wisconsin and 2013 Tibet Lobby Day Participant

Remarks from Tenzin Kunor, one of the many Tibetan Americans and Tibet supporters who visited more than 150 offices to ask for Congress to continue funding for Tibet programs and make Tibet a top priority of the U.S. Government as part of 2013 Tibet Lobby Day.

In addition to in-person visits during Tibet Lobby Day, members of the International Campaign for Tibet sent nearly 7,000 messages to 463 House and Senate offices. Thank you!

"That experience was exhilarating, awesome and memorable."

One of the Tibetan-American university students who participated in ICT's 2013 Tibetan Youth Leadership Program (TYLP) reflecting on her experience in the program.
-Tenzin Dechen, 2013 TYLP Participant

Reflections on ICT's work in 2013 from our members and supporters

"Donating to ICT is an extraordinarily worthwhile contribution because it is helping Tibetans who are suffering...You can trust how the money is being used. For regular people, the most important thing they can do is give financial support."

-Dr. Horace Shaffer
Friend of Tibet Since 2002

Dr. Shaffer was interviewed as a longstanding Friend of Tibet monthly donor for the Spring 2013 edition of ICT's Tibet Press Watch newsletter, and this was his response when asked why he chose to support ICT.

"We believe in your message:

"There is no question that our just cause will prevail." We have seen over and over in our almost seventy years of life and almost fifty years married, that when a commitment is tended to and the clear intention focused on, then all that is available to aid our purpose is given to us. Things we may never have imagined are made available. Loving energy cannot fail. Do not give up."

-Joell and Howard Tuttle
Longtime ICT members, in a letter to ICT Vice President Bhuchung K. Tsering

Words of encouragement are frequently shared by ICT's compassionate and caring community, such as those expressed by Joell and Howard Tuttle in response to a member letter they received from Bhuchung K. Tsering.

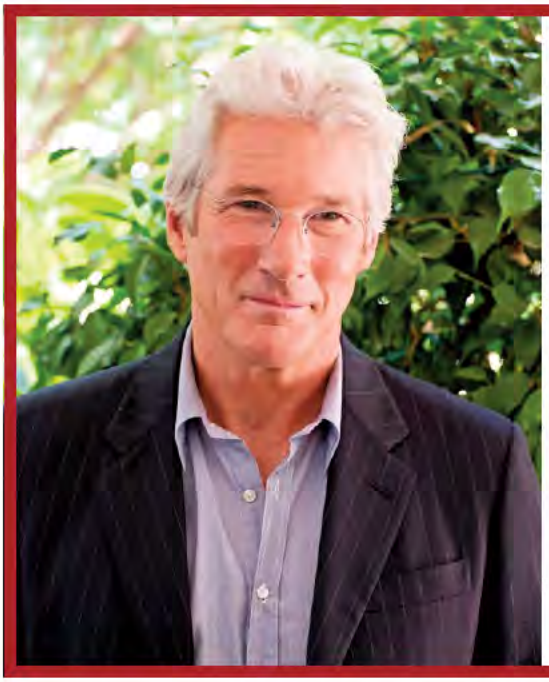
Here's what ICT's Members made possible in 2013

The International Campaign for Tibet would not exist, let alone be such a powerful voice for the Tibetan people, without the commitment of its dedicated members. Here are just a few of the accomplishments ICT MEMBERS made possible in 2013:

New Leadership: After an extensive search and review, ICT's Board of Directors named Matteo Mecacci ICT's new president. Matteo, a former member of the Italian Parliament, has dedicated much of his life to the promotion of human rights and democracy world wide and has been involved in the Tibet movement for years.

Plan for the Future: Throughout 2013 ICT conducted a strategic review of its programs and developed a bold five-year strategic plan that details a comprehensive strategy for keeping Tibetan culture alive in the world while advancing a peaceful resolution to the crisis in Tibet. Key highlights of the plan include; expanding strategic partnerships, enhancing direct engagement with the Chinese people, amplifying the voices of Tibetans, and fostering ICT's organizational growth to increase capacity of efforts.

Richard Gere's Matching Gift Challenge- Exceeded: In October 2013 Richard Gere, Chairman of ICT's Board of Directors presented ICT's members with a challenge: he would match every donation, dollar for dollar up to $250,000. Thanks to the many generous donations from ICT's members the total raised exceeded the $250,000 goal! This resulted in over $500,000 to empower ICT's work in support of Tibet – an amount that was deeply impactful for ICT's efforts.

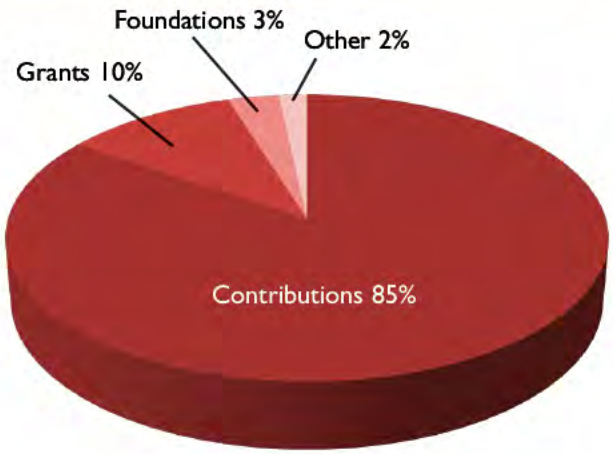


Thank you to ICT's Chairman,
Richard Gere,
for his 2013 Matching Gift
Challenge to ICT members!

And thank you to ICT's Members
for stepping-up to exceed the
challenge and raise over $500,000 for ICT
work in support of Tibetans!

2013 Financial Condition - In 2013 ICT received $4,038,882 in revenue with $3,617,153 in expenses.

2013 Revenue



2013 Expenses

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