

## Hands of Hope Fund Raising Event

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The Bazaar style fundraising event for Hands of Hope is gaining momentum. Just yesterday a dog musher offered a half day trip. People seem to be curious just what they will find at this event. Well, we are trying for an exotic atmosphere. The room will be draped with some billowing cloth at one end - the stage area and after a quiet introduction of guitar playing with Brian Lendrum, things will wind up with some Bollywood dancing. Booths introducing Indian healing arts - Ayurveda will be open as well as astrological readings or an opportunity for henna hand painting, trying out yoga and getting a head or chair massage. Tables will offer exotic items from India, Cambodia and Tibet. There'll be silver jewellery, clothing, cloth, trinkets and pictures. You'll have an opportunity to enter a 50/50 draw or bid on a few silent auction items as well. Little kids will be able to fish at a fish pond, guess how many critters are in the estimation jar, get their faces painted or a tattoo. They can try out a stamping craft or enter the cake walk as well. Meanwhile the concession will offer coffee, tea and sweets and a few Indian delights as well. The bake sale table will be stocked with goodies from breads to pies. Throughout the afternoon

there will be spontaneous entertainment including Bollywood dancing, two difference styles of belly dancing, plus other assorted entertainment. The space for this event is donated by the Student Union of Yukon College, and Yukon News has been running ads as their donation.

All this to help children have the opportunity of books and orphans start post secondary education. It is fantastic to see how our community pulls together and helps one another out. Maybe more and more people realize that we are all connected. If we are fine today that does not guarantee the future. We must continue to keep an open heart and help one another in whatever way we can.

Thank you to Mayo Kids Helping Kids Club for all the work and energy you have put into helping the orphans in Nepal. The kids really appreciate your help. Without you, they wouldn't be where

they are today. The same goes for those people who have donated to put books into schools - building libraries. When you see a teacher or a child open a story book for the very first time and see a look of wonderment on their face you know you are doing the right thing.

We all have the ability to help people around us in our communities and in the world community. It makes us strong and it makes us realize our weaknesses, too. Most importantly, helping, giving someone hope helps us to grow in empathy and tolerance.

**South Asian Bazaar**  
**1-5:30 pm - Saturday, April 9**  
**Yukon College Cafeteria**



Do you remember the first time you read a storybook?  
This grandpa will. He's sharing this moment with his grand-daughter.



**Children's events, Cake Walk, 50/50 draw, Fish Pond, Kids door prizes, Bake Sale, Bollywood dancing, ½ day dog sled trip, coffee & tea, exotic items from Cambodia, India and Tibet, local crafts, yoga, threading, massage, Ayurveda, Poi, Henna Hand painting, Astrological readings, Belly Dancing, Brian Lendrum**  
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