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**PARTNERSHIPS BLOOM IN SPRING BETWEEN
BUSINESS AND NONPROFIT**

**Evanston Restaurateur Connects with Local Meditation Center
for Spring Tibetan Celebration and Benefit**

Evanston, IL -- The Stained Glass Bistro is partnering with Tibet Girls School to host the Spring Tibetan Celebration, a party, awareness campaign and benefit for the vocational boarding school for nomad girls in Eastern Tibet. The celebration takes place on Sunday, May 16, 2010, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at The Cellar at The Stained Glass Bistro, 820 Clark Street, Evanston, Illinois.

Victoria Fonesca, proprietor of The Stained Glass Bistro and its new bar, The Cellar, met Asang, executive director of Tsogyaling Meditation Center of Evanston, at the Global Activism Expo sponsored by WBEZ's Worldview last spring. Fonesca and co-owner Chef Victor Hernandez have a special connection with the Tibetan community and employ many local immigrants in their restaurants. Their valet staff is entirely Tibetan. They were keen to help Tibet Girls School and generously offered use of their beautiful space at The Cellar for a fundraising event.

The Spring Celebration will feature an array of Tibetan folk entertainment, music and a silent auction. Guests will enjoy hot and cold hors d'oeuvres from The Cellar's catering menu; a cash wine and beer bar round out the evening. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. To order tickets, go to www.evanstonmeditation.org/tibet-girls-school-news.html. Or, make a check out to "Tsogyaling Meditation Center" and mail it to Tibet Girls School c/o Heartwood Center, 1599 Maple Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201.

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ADD ONE: TIBET GIRLS SCHOOL BENEFIT

Just \$3 a day houses, feeds, clothes and educates a girl in Tibet.

Tibetan women in the Nangchen region, high in the Himalayas, typically have six to 10 children, yet the region has one of the highest mortality rates for infants and mothers during pregnancy and childbirth. Education is the key to health and opportunity.

About the Tibet Girls School

Recipient of the 2010 Women and Engaged Buddhism Award, the Tibet Girls School for girls ages 14 to 20 was opened in 2008 to help Nomad yak herding families provide more opportunities for the next generation. Teachers provide healthcare information, especially the use of birth control. The students are taught sewing, weaving and other handicrafts, as well as business and computer skills. The girls cook for themselves as they learn Chinese, math, reading and writing in the Tibetan language. All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. The Tibet Girls School is a program of the Tsogyaling Meditation Center of Evanston. For more information about the school, visit www.evanstonmeditation.org.

About The Stained Glass

Victor Hernandez has been the executive chef at The Stained Glass, 1735 Benson Avenue, Evanston, IL, since it opened in 1999 and is now a co-owner with Victoria Fonesca. His eclectic new American cuisine and the restaurant's global wine list has helped The Stained Glass secure several accolades from local media, most recently a three-star review by Phil Vettel of the *Chicago Tribune*. In 2007, Hernandez applied his creativity in designing The Cellar, a unique private-party space at The Stained Glass. For more information, visit www.thestainedglass.com and www.thecellarevanston.com.

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