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**MEMBERS OF LOCAL “DENAN PROJECT” CHARITY CROSS GLOBE TO  
VISIT HOSPITAL PROJECT IN MONGOLIA**

Roxbury, CT, August 7, 2014. Three Litchfield County representatives from the Woodbury-based charity, **The Denan Project** (TDP), recently returned from Mongolia, where they met with staff and patients of a new hospital to which the charity provides critical support. Dick Young, founder and President of TDP and long-term Roxbury resident, made the trip with supporters and Washington residents Jeffrey Barist and Richard Wool. The hospital is in Tariat, an isolated village approximately 400 miles from Ulan Bator, the country’s capital. The new hospital replaced a dilapidated 1960’s Soviet built facility. The journey, made by four-wheel drive trucks, across dirt roads and rutted tracks, took 17 hours of hard driving, following a nearly 24-hour long trip by plane.

The Denan Project, established in by Young in 2004, provides health care, education and other critical assistance to highly disadvantaged people living in poor, remote areas of Mongolia, Ethiopia, Peru and Burkina Faso, giving medical services free-of-charge to more than 50,000 people treated annually. The charity has been critical in moving the Mongolian government to recognize the need for a new hospital and allocate the necessary resources. Working with its partner, Save The Children Japan-Mongolia, the Denan Project has provided funds necessary to purchase essential medicines, provide heat in winter (when temperatures can reach 40 degrees below) and materials for public health initiatives. Educational materials have been written in Mongolian and distributed by local medical personnel for distribution to people without the most rudimentary knowledge of the harmful effects of smoking, alcohol and a diet consisting of mainly fatty meat and dairy products.

“It was extremely gratifying to see the fruits of The Denan Project’s efforts in Mongolia,” said Young. “TDP was founded to help bring isolated, rural communities

access to free medical care, as well as to education, agriculture, water resource development, food security, and microcredit loans. The importance of medical facilities such as these cannot be overstated.”

The immediate Tariat area has a population of approximately 3,000, but the hospital serves more than 30,000 people annually, most of them coming from outlying areas. Through the support of The Denan Project, health problems have been greatly reduced. In fact, at a meeting with Dr. Gandiimaa Riimaasdi, the Director of the Provincial Department of Health and Hospitals, TDP volunteers learned that infant and child mortality rates have decreased by 150 percent since involvement began in 2010. Jeffrey Barist, noted, “What I saw was a real partnership, where western philanthropy was being well used by dedicated indigenous practitioners.” Richard Wool, added, “What impressed me most was the incredible accomplishment of the The Denan Project in helping to bring quality health care and dietary information to a region where it never existed.”

Young added, “I am extremely proud to point out that 97% of TDP’s funds go directly to its projects. Our all-volunteer organization has no overhead costs and minimal expenses, and TDP’s supporters pay their own way to make visits to the charity’s various projects around the world. Only through our supporters’ generous contributions can we make such a real and impactful change, even on the other side of the globe.”

“As proud as I am of our accomplishments,” Young continued, “much is still needed. Although the new hospital is a great improvement over the previous one, it still lacks central plumbing as well as important medical equipment such as an autoclave to sterilize vital surgical instruments. Anyone interested in donating or becoming a volunteer in our organization would be most welcome to speak to me or my fellow-travelers about our charity’s work and the meaningful change it is bringing to some of the world’s most impoverished and isolated communities. I would encourage you to visit our website, [www.thedenanproject.org](http://www.thedenanproject.org), or to contact me directly for more information at [dick@dickyoungproductions.com](mailto:dick@dickyoungproductions.com).”

## **About the Denan Group**

The Denan Project (TDP) is a 501(C)(3) non-profit FOUNDATION based in Woodbury, Connecticut with the mission of providing health care, education and other critical assistance to highly disadvantaged people living in poor, remote areas of Ethiopia, Peru, Burkina Faso, and Mongolia. Beginning with medical care and then branching out to 1) education, 2) agriculture, 3) water resource development, 4) food security, and 5) microcredit loans, TDP works with regional governments and nongovernmental agencies in the countries they serve in pursuing long term sustainable solutions. Additional oversight is provided by local NGO partners in each of the four countries. Except for auditing costs to insure donor transparency, TDP is an all-volunteer organization with no overhead costs and minimal expenses.

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