

READ founder honored with international visionary award

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Dr. Antonia Neubauer of Incline Village was honored last month with the International Visionary Award by the Northern Nevada International Center at the organization's sixth annual Global Gala March 11.

Dr. Neubauer is the founder and board chairman of Rural Education and Development (READ), a non-profit organization that develops sustainable communities in Nepal.

The NNIC, based in Reno, is a member of the National Council of International Visitors. Its mission is to foster the role of citizen diplomacy in building bridges of international awareness and understanding to promote the equality of all peoples.

The International Visionary Award is presently annually by the NNIC to an individual who has made a substantial contribution to the international community. For her accomplishments through READ, Dr. Neubauer received a globe and a commendation from House Minority Leader and Nevada Senator Harry Reid.

Founded by Dr Neubauer



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READ founder and board chairman Dr. Antonia Neubauer in Baglung, Nepal, with staff and patrons of the library launched by READ, in partnership with the community.

in 1991, READ is responsible for developing a countrywide network of self-supporting community centers with libraries at their hub in rural Nepal. The organization's sustainable economic development model empowers communities, increases literacy and supports education by helping villagers create the means to help themselves.

"I am extremely honored to receive the International Visionary Award on behalf of all who have made READ's accomplishments a reality

both here in America and in Nepal," Neubauer said. "READ has envisioned a way of not only delivering the building blocks for literacy and education, but for enabling and empowering communities in Nepal and all over the globe to be self-supporting."

For more information on READ, call (800) 670-6984 or (775) 832-5032 or visit www.readnepal.org.

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