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In Appreciation

It is with deep respect and heartfelt appreciation that we place on record our sincere gratitude to **Ms. Barbara Savage** and the **Tribal Trust Organization** for their extraordinary and sustained commitment to the Monpa communities of Bhutan.

For more than a decade, Tribal Trust has stood beside the Monpa people with unwavering dedication — not merely as a benefactor, but as a true partner in preserving and strengthening an ancient indigenous culture. Through generous support for education, the organization has opened pathways for young Monpa students to access learning opportunities while remaining rooted in their identity and heritage. This investment in education is not only an investment in individuals, but in the continuity of a fragile and irreplaceable way of life.

Equally significant has been the support for the organization and celebration of Monpa festivals — vibrant expressions of spirituality, oral history, ritual practice, music, and communal memory. These gatherings are not simply cultural events; they are living embodiments of identity. By helping to sustain these festivals, Tribal Trust has played a meaningful role in ensuring that traditions are not lost to time, but instead strengthened and celebrated with pride.

Another remarkable dimension of this partnership has been the thoughtful introduction of visitors to Monpa lands. When done with sensitivity and care, such encounters foster dignity, cross-cultural respect, and economic opportunity. Over the years, this has created sustainable avenues for livelihood while reinforcing the value of cultural preservation.

At the heart of this enduring relationship is the genuine love, passion, and compassion of Ms. Barbara Savage herself. Her deep respect for ancient indigenous cultures is evident not only in vision but in action — in the consistency of support, the humility of engagement, and the sincerity of purpose. It is rare to encounter philanthropy that is guided so clearly by empathy and long-term commitment rather than short-term visibility.

As partners in this operation, Yangphel Adventure Travel wishes to formally acknowledge the profound and lasting impact of Tribal Trust's work. On behalf of the Monpa people of Bhutan, we express immense gratitude for this continued support, friendship, and shared belief in cultural preservation.

With respect and appreciation,

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