

We Met Our Fundraising Goal!

Thank you to the entire BOBTutor community who have generously donated and helped us meet our \$5,000 fundraising goal in April. We have already received \$5,060 in donations and expect to receive an additional \$1,350 in donations and company matching. Because of you, we are able to continue funding programs like the Tshepang and Myanmar care centers!

Break Alert!

In order to allow our tutors to study for finals and AP testing, BOBTutor will be going on break from May 1st through June 9th.

Feel free to contact your program directors with any questions regarding break timings!

Spring Concert

Music and Art Branch



The 2024 BOBTutor Spring Concert was a magical experience for everyone who attended. Every performer gave it their all and showcased their exceptional talent. The best part was the money raised: \$1020 through ticket sales alone, which will all go to the Tshepang Care Center. This is a care center in South Africa that takes care of orphaned and vulnerable children. For those who were unable to catch it, the video is up on BOBTutor's YouTube channel.

Math Competition

On April 30th, 2024, BOBTutor students participated in a two hour long math competition. With 11 competitors ranging from fifth to seventh grade, they analyzed problems drawn from various topics such as geometry, algebra, and decimal computations. Because of the sheer difficulty of the test, the highest score was 24/31. Thank you to all our hard-working students and our tutors who helped create the questions!

Below are the student winners:

1st place - Brian

2nd place - Henry

3rd place - Crystal

Congratulations to the winners who each received an Amazon gift card!

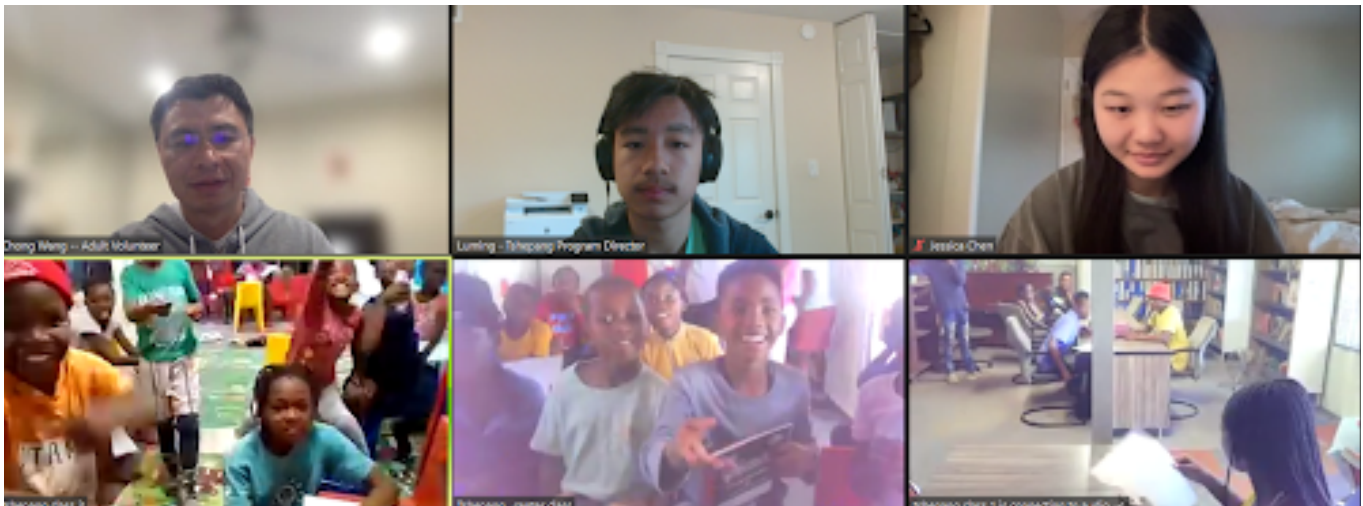
Here's a sample problem:
Mr. John is looking to invest some money in a bank. He has \$8,700 to spend. One bank he goes to pays 9% yearly, and the other pays 12% yearly, but each of them have a specific limit you can put in, so he is not able to pay out everything to the bank paying 12%, so he puts a specific amount in both. After one year, he checks up at the banks and now sees that he has \$9,546. How much did he invest into each bank?

Tshepang Program Spotlight

Tshepang Care Center, located in South Africa, has a staff of around only 10 people who look after over 600 orphans and vulnerable children. Tshepang provides meals and after-school education support to these children. Build Our Bridge Academy (BOBA) not only donates technology, internet, and more to the care center, but also hosts weekly classes in English, math, and art.



Thanks to donations from BOBA this year, Tshepang Care Center has been able to purchase equipment to open a third classroom so that more children can receive tutoring lessons. BOBA funds have also been used to buy new uniform shirts with the BOBtutor logo. BOBA appreciates its tutors who wake up early to teach Tshepang classes at 7:00 a.m. PDT!



Leader Spotlight: Cicely Wu

Tshepang Math Director



Why did you decide to teach for Tshepang?

I was intrigued by the opportunity to interact with these brilliant groups of students. And it has truly been remarkable to see them come to class every week with a radiant and positive energy that just makes you want to smile.

What challenges have you faced as Tshepang program director?

For us, internet connection issues have been our biggest problems. Our tutors have also been working really hard with living in different time zones, some of us committing to waking up earlier in the morning and others willing to stay up during late hours to make this program successful.

What lessons have you learned from the Tshepang program?

From the Tshepang program, I've learned to collaborate effectively with diverse individuals and adapt to different situations. I've gained experience in creating orderly plans to address urgent situations when they happen.

What would you say to prospective tutors who would consider joining Tshepang?

I would definitely give it a try! It's an amazing experience and it's not an opportunity that you'd come across everyday. And you are not only contributing to a meaningful cause but also gaining invaluable experiences and insights that will enrich your personal growth.

How do you feel BOBTutor's message is achieved through the Tshepang center?

The Tshepang Program embraces the concept of BOBTutor's message of gaining through giving. Through tutoring and engagement with these underprivileged communities of students, Tshepang tutors contribute to positive change while gaining valuable experiences and insights that enrich their lives.

Leader Spotlight: Luming Wang

Tshepang English Director

Why did you decide to teach for Tshepang?

I decided to teach for Tshepang because I believed in the message of BOBtutor, “Bring more educational opportunities to underprivileged students around the world.” When I learned about what the Tshepang Center is, I decided that I wanted to make a change in the lives of the students there.

What is unique about the Tshepang program that separates it from the other programs?

What separates the Tshepang program from other programs is the nature of the classes. Having taught in the Saturday South Africa Program, the group lessons of the Tshepang sets it apart from the one-on-one settings of the many other programs. You have to engage all of the students in the class, which can sometimes be more than ten students.

What is special about the Tshepang students?

Something I think is special about Tshepang students is their engagement with English. They are always eager to ask questions when I prompt them and always try their best to read the passages even if they are difficult. They also love to describe what they do during the week and it’s enjoyable listening to them talk about it.

What challenges have you faced as Tshepang program director?

There have been many challenges as Tshepang program director. Because South Africa’s time zone is so different from the United States, the only available hours currently is 7 am on a Wednesday. As a result, it was difficult to find tutors who could reliably come during these hours. Some other small issues are because of the location of the Tshepang center, their wifi sometimes is not the best, having disconnections.

Teaching the lessons itself also has some challenges, as because of the size of the class, it is sometimes very difficult to engage all of the students.

What would you say to prospective tutors who would consider joining Tshepang?

We would love for you to join the program. I know the program timing is very difficult to accommodate but I think that teaching the students is very rewarding. The classes are only 45 minutes long, so it’s not very long, so if you’re interested please let me know!

