



*Like the reindeer, Nomadicare is all saddled up but not time to go yet.*

# Nomadicare 2020



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Nomadicare  
supports and  
preserves  
traditional  
Mongolian  
nomadic culture  
through healthcare,  
films, and stories.

Dear Friends,

So, what has Nomadicare done since you heard from us in 2019?

After a January residency at the Vermont Studio Center, I planned for two events that were canceled—the premiere of our newest documentary *Transition* at a film festival in California and a screening of clips from the documentaries *Ceremony* and *Gobi Women's Song* for a conference at the UN. Instead, like everyone else, I went into a Covid Retreat and spent the next months writing the first draft of my memoir.

I have been at home since early March, except to swim in the lake and walk in the local Vermont forest. During this time of isolation, I used some skills I learned in the taiga, like how to make sour dough bread and find peace in nature.

On the other side of the world, giving hygiene kits and vitamin C to the Dukha reindeer herders was a little different, but we managed with help from our wonderful Mongolian friends and assistants. They had bags made, gathered items for the hygiene kits and purchased and packaged vitamin C. When the Dukha reindeer herders rode into town to vote and later to take their children to school, they received the bags from Nomadicare, as they do every year. We added masks for when they go into the bank and stores in town. Mongolia has been nearly Covid-free, having closed the schools in January and closed the border.

To our wonderful surprise, during the shutdown, *Transition's* director of photography Marcin Lesisz in Poland decided to edit footage from our 2018 stay at Naraa's nomadic home in the Gobi. Anna Haldórsdóttir in Iceland designed the sound and music. A new short named *Gobi Children's Song* will soon be finished.

I send you loving wishes for good health. Let us hope that some positive changes for all of us will come from our COVID-19 experiences.

Please be as generous as possible to help Nomadicare's mission to preserve Mongolia's traditional nomadic herder life.

With great gratitude,



Reindeer antler ornaments made by the Dukha.

## Ornaments for the Holidays!

Beautiful handmade tree or window ornament, made of reindeer antlers by reindeer herders. Each is uniquely designed.

**\$18.** Order directly from Nomadicare. All proceeds benefit Nomadicare programs.



"Even in hard times Sas has not forgotten us."

## ..... How can you help during this time? .....

Help us preserve, distribute and archive our materials. Please let us know if you have contacts who could help us with this.

*You may give any amount.*

### *What is needed:*

**\$50** toward vitamin C for Dukha herders (*need 6*)  
**\$100** toward hygiene kits (*need 5*)

Donate to  
Nomadicare through  
**Ecologia**

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[www.nomadicare.ORG](http://www.nomadicare.ORG)  
or directly through PayPal.

### Checks

Please make your tax-deductible gift out to our 501(c)3 fiscal agent Ecologia, write "Nomadicare" on the memo line, and mail it to the Nomadicare, 248 Washington St. Ext., Middlebury, VT 05753.

### Securities

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*Being a nomad is not that easy!*  
Photo credit G. Anuka

## Archival Collection

Nomadicare's vast collection of video footage, still photographs, and documents form our 21 TB digitized archive. We have over a generation of footage showing how the lifestyle has changed over the past two and a half decades, the period when Mongolia transitioned from its connection with the Soviet Union to a democratic government.

Our goal has always been to make the material available to Mongolian herders. We showed *Gobi Women's Song* on their local television as we were creating the documentary. We showed the Dukha reindeer herders and shamans the movies *Migration* and *Ceremony* about them. And with the book, *Reindeer Herders in My Heart*, we were delighted to get funding to translate it into Mongolian and to give a copy to each Dukha reindeer herder family. They read the book and one stated that it was their "real life".

The time has come for us to organize and update this collection to prepare for placement. It is critically important to explore a future home for it, where the people who are a part of the story can access it.



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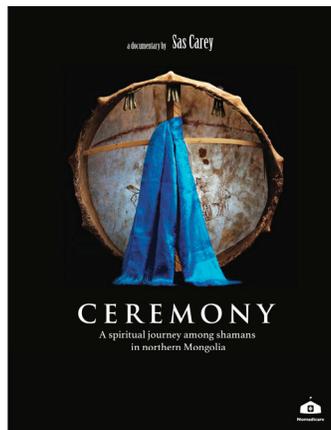
## Documentaries

Three of our award winning documentaries are now available through Vimeo-on-Demand for you to watch. The first twenty-five people to use the promo code Friend123 may screen it for FREE.

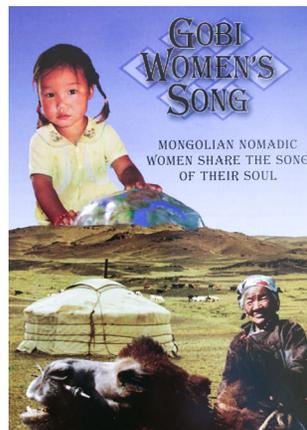
*Nomadicare would love to read some comments from you after you watch! We love feedback.*



*Migration*  
<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/migration>



*CEREMONY*  
<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/ceremony>



*Gobi Women's Song*  
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*Transition trailer*  
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