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Grace House Community Centre



GRACE HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Mission

Enabling the Community to become Sustainable through Education, Family Support and Health Care.

Vision

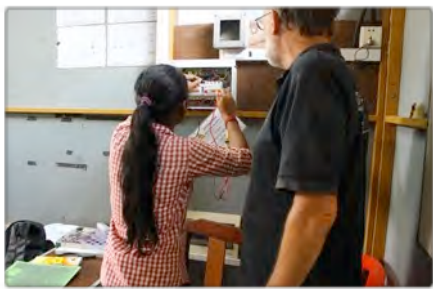
In providing opportunities to learn vocational, craft and language skills families will increase their ability to earn an income or run a business, enabling them to become self sufficient. Grace House Community Centre intends to achieve this by supporting families while learning new skills and setting up new business. Offering access to health care, sanitation, clean water, dry homes and micro loans. Educating the children in English Language and ensuring they receive a state education. Working towards inclusion by enabling children with disabilities in Siem Reap Province to receive education and a safe, caring environment for respite or long-term care.



Grace House Community Centre is situated in Kor Kranh village 4 kms outside Siem Reap. The centre serves 3 villages where 30% of the population live in extreme poverty. The rural villages outside Siem Reap receive little of the revenue brought in by the tourists who visit Angkor Wat. The villages depend on subsistence farming and fishing. Education opens opportunities for a better future.

More than one third of Cambodians live below the poverty line which is set for Cambodia at \$1.25 a day (UNDP Human Development Report 2011). Poverty is especially pervasive in rural areas and among children, who constitute more than half of the country's population.

Regular attendance at school remains limited since children are often expected to stay at home and help their families to generate income. As a result families often cannot afford to educate all, if any, of their children and must choose certain children to attend. Boys are more likely to receive education than girls. Grace House offers families support and education while emphasising the need for children to remain in state school. Our dream is for families to be earning a living and cease to need our support.



Vocational Training

1, Domestic Electricians

Cambodia aims to provide electricity to every region by 2020 but there is limited understanding of the dangers of electricity. Houses are often wired by unqualified people and many deaths occur through electric shocks or fire .

The aim is to train competent electricians to European and Cambodian standards. The year long course is open to students aged 18 - 24 years costs \$1000 per student as most students need a living allowance to help support their families while training.

On graduating students are presented with their own tool kit which includes top quality meters and tools. These need to be imported from overseas.

2, Computer Skills

The computer classes provide valuable basic skills to young people who do not have access to computers. The classes are held in the evenings and at weekends, enabling students to study outside school or university hours.

Education

Education is the key to the future.

English language is an essential skill for young people in Cambodia, enabling access to employment and higher education.

At Grace House Community Centre we provide a comprehensive English language program. This is supplemented by geography, science, art, computer skills and sport for children from 4 - 18 years.

Students attend state school 1/2 day and Grace House 1/2 day. Help with school supplies, uniform, bicycles and fees for extra classes enable students to continue to study at state school.

Older students are offered sponsorship to study university or vocational training courses. English Language and Adult Literacy courses are offered to adults. Students loan books from our library and we plan to open our library in the villages in the evenings.



Family Support Program

Educating a child is not sufficient if they have an empty stomach, no shelter, clean water or sanitation.

So we take a holistic approach to our work by providing:-

- Lunch Club
- Meals on Wheels to the elderly
- Food Aid
- House Repairs
- Water Wells and Filters for clean water
- Sanitation
- Micro Loans
- Access to Health Care
- Parenting and Health Education Workshops
- Kinship and Foster Care Programme



Services for Children with Disabilities

“Disabled children need to be given the opportunity to reach their full potential and be accepted as part of the community.”

In Cambodia children with disabilities are often isolated as parents / carers keep them hidden from society. They may die prematurely due to lack specialist care, neglect or abandonment. We aim to prevent this happening to children in Siem Reap Province by providing specialist care and therapies to enable the children to reach their full potential. The Day Centre for Children with Special Needs was established in January 2012. A survey of the families attending Grace House Community Centre (GHCC) revealed several children with disabilities living in the community. These children were unable to attend state school and were often isolated in their home.

Children thrive with stimulation, structured play and socialisation. Providing a stable, secure and nurturing environment for children is our aim, with the focus on individual needs. We assess each child and develop an appropriate support plan.

The enriched learning environment within our day centre and home helps children learn and develop. We encourage them to make choices for themselves, develop and grow strong. Assistance with life skills, personal care and communication enables children to reach their full potential. Breaking down barriers, getting involved in the community and trying new experiences are all part of this.

Day Centre

In providing a day centre the children can mix with other children while providing parents/ carers with respite. Local trained staff offer a structured program designed for the individual child. This program includes activities to enable the development of cognitive, physical, speech and social skills. The children's development is enhanced by specialist volunteers in physiotherapy, occupational and speech therapy. With a focus on education more able children are assisted to progress to mainstream school while others work to a curriculum which supports their needs. Young people are taught life skills with the aim of progressing to employment and independence.

Preahkoun House - Transitional and Respite Care

Opened in early 2015 Preahkoun House is a purpose built wheelchair accessible home situated in the grounds of Grace House Community Centre. The home provides transitional care for disabled children between 2 - 16 yrs of age who are at risk or unable to be cared for in the community with the aim of reintegrating the child with their family or into long term foster care. Respite care is offered to families of disabled children, sharing the burden of care and helping the family to continue looking after their child. The home also offers the opportunity for children to board during the week, enabling them to receive education at the day centre and spend weekends with their families.



Social Enterprise

Providing skills training that leads to employment enables families to raise above the poverty line. We run 2 social enterprises, employing 25 staff in total:-



Grace Gecko Vocational Centre for Women is a joint venture with the Green Gecko Project. Local women learn how to weave using natural fibres, once trained they are employed under Fair Trade conditions. The products are sold locally and we are members of the Artisans of Cambodia Association and Angkor Handicraft Association.



Sparkies employs the electricians who have trained at Grace House. This enables them to spend a further 2 years on the job training while earning a salary. Sparkies specialises in work for NGOs and the expat community.

Profits from Sparkies are used to train new electricians and rewire poor families homes.





How Can You Help?

You can support the long term sustainability of Grace House in a number of ways, Grace House relies on donations to meet every day running costs such as rent, staff salaries and supporting the families we work with. You can find more information about the projects we are currently raising funds via our website

www.gracehousecambodia.org/news

or sign up to receive our newsletter. You can

make a donation via

www.virginmoneygiving.com/gracehouse

Here are just a few examples of what we pay for on a regular basis, every donation can make a difference, no matter how small.

\$1	Pays for a pair of flip-flops so a child gets fewer cuts or a pack of sterile wipes for the First Aid cupboard.
\$5	Would pay for a Tuk-Tuk driver to hospital, dentist or opticians or 5 Khmer reading books.
\$10	Would pay for New English language books or lunch for 10 students for 1 week
\$20	Would pay for Lice soap for a class or dental treatment for a student
\$30	Covers the cost of a new bicycle – especially important for children going to High School or a bag of rice for a family for one month
\$250	Pays for the installation of a water well
\$500	Sponsors a university student for one year

By volunteering

Grace House welcomes volunteers who can dedicate at least 4 weeks to the project. Many skills are useful to us particularly for those involved in teaching, electricians, wood workers, social work, art, music, drama, youth work, occupational therapy, speech therapy, physiotherapy, IT and marketing.

To find out more about volunteering please visit our website or contact us directly volunteer@gracehousecambodia.org

By fundraising for us

If you are holding an event or taking part in a personal challenge i.e. holding a quiz night or running the marathon please consider us as your charity of choice. You can set up a personal fundraising page at www.virginmoneygiving.com



By sponsoring a family, further education student or a class or making a donation

If you would like further information on sponsoring a family, university or vocational training student or classroom please contact info@gracehousecambodia.org

Donate via www.virginmoneygiving.com/gracehouse

By spreading awareness

Help us spread awareness of Grace House far and wide by talking with your family, friends and work colleagues and by following us on Facebook and/ or Twitter.



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Legal Bits

Grace House opened in November 2008, we are a Cambodian NGO No. 580 and registered charity in England and Wales - Grace House Cambodia Trust charity No. 1155678

