

ANNUAL REPORT 2013



ABOUT

Grace House Community Centre is a non religious, non political Cambodian NGO and charitable trust in England and Wales under the name Grace House Cambodia Trust registration no. 1155678. Situated 4 km outside of Siem Reap, on the road to Tonle Sap, the local population make a subsistence living from farming and fishing. Little of the wealth generated by the tourist trade finding its way to the poorer farming communities. Grace House is seeking to address this imbalance for these rural villages by providing access to:-

Education,
Family Support, Health Care
Vocational Training and Social Enterprise

Mission Statement

"Enabling the community to become sustainable through education, family support and health care."



EDUCATION

Education

It has been a year of achievements for the Education programme. The Ministry of Education endorsed our English language programme enabling our students to graduate with certificates stamped and approved by the ministry.

Experienced teaching volunteers enhanced our young children's curriculum and make improvements to the middle school curriculum. The older students programme was redefined after input from the students. The new programme is more age relevant and in the final 2 years concentrates on careers, study and life skills.

This year shows the largest number of students entering university. In total 19 students are now fully or partly sponsored by GHCC in university. 70 new students started English in pre-school and the lower classes, bringing the average daily attendance up to 265 students.

Staffing has remained stable and one new post Volunteer Coordinator / English Language Teacher was created. This role provides better support for the volunteers and a higher level of English to eldest students.

Open Day

In November GHCC celebrated its 5th birthday with an Open day for the parents, supports and village officials. The children were awarded certificates and performed songs and plays for the audience.

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Staff Training and Networking

GHCC believes strongly in providing staff with the skills needed to perform well in their chosen careers. Three of the teachers are sponsored by GHCC at university. The office administrator is studying an accounting degree and one social worker has completed a 6 month course on Child Protection with First Steps NGO. The education manager is studying a MA in project management to enhance his leadership and management skills.



The teachers attended the IELTS (Teaching English as a Second Language) conference in Phnom Penh and a short course in Using Art in the Classroom. Experienced volunteer teachers shared their skills at lunch time workshops and in house training days. The social workers participate in a monthly networking meeting which enables skill sharing with other NGOs working with disadvantaged children in Siem Reap.

FAMILY SUPPORT AND HEALTH CARE



Disability Programme

The Day Centre for Children with Disabilities is providing educational, therapeutic play and social activities for 9 children. Physiotherapist and Occupational Therapy volunteers have provided a service to the children and adults with disabilities. Several homes have been adapted to make life easier for people with disabilities living in the community. One child from the day centre started state school half day, accompanied by a support worker from Grace House.

We continue to work with families to keep the children in school and prevent them being placed in orphanages. Poverty is the major cause quoted by families placing their children in orphanage. UNICEF estimate 70% of children in Cambodian orphanages have one living parent. In several of the families we support the grandparents are the main carers as the parents have left the area or are working in Thailand. The gift of rice, school supplies and other basic necessities helps to keep the family together. Our family sponsorship scheme funds the majority of this work. Thank you.

GHCC provides micro loans to parents enabling them to establish small businesses, purchase livestock or seeds. In 2013 5 new loans were awarded. 9 out of 10 loans are repaid.

The social workers took many children to hospital over the year but we have used the local government

clinic for minor problems. Two of teenagers have ongoing health issues which are currently managed by Angkor Hospital for Children but will need adult services next year as they will be over 15. Health facilities were accessed 65 times for children and 25 for adults.

Ensuring families have a safe and secure home, clean water, sanitation and safe electricity is an important part of our work. The Safe electricity scheme has rewired 30 families's homes and installed lights, fan and sockets. Where access to electricity was difficult solar power was provided.

The government intends to move the families whose homes are on the river banks enabling the river to be widened. This has been planned for 18 months and unless the roof is leaking GHCC has not repaired these homes.

STATISTICS

Houses Repaired or Rebuilt	5
Adaptations to Home of People with Disabilities	4
Water Wells Installed or Repaired	6
Water Filters Installed	9
Toilets Built	2
Safe Electricity Installed	30
Health Care - Children	65
Health Care - Adults	25



**Supporting
197
Families**

VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Grace Gecko Vocational Centre for Women

The women's project had a turbulent year with failed attempts at establishing its own retail outlet. Initially a stall was taken at the Angkor Handicraft Centre but the centre failed to attract

customers.

A stall was then established at the Art Market but after initial good sells it too failed to make a profit. Sales were good at the Shinta Mani Hotel "Made in Cambodia Market" and many useful contacts have been made. The products are available in several retail outlets in Siem Reap. The project continues to be supported by Open Skies, an Australian foundation who fund the instructor and a proportion of the manager's salary.

We are proud to announce membership to the Artisans Association of Cambodia and the Angkor Handicraft Association.



Electricians Training and "Sparkies"

The Electrician Training course completed a second year with 5 students graduating.

A social enterprise "Sparkies" was established in October. The enterprise carries out electrical work for NGOs, small businesses and the local expat community. Two of the first year electricians are employed as team leaders with the graduates from this year now earning a wage while benefiting from a second year of training. Profits from Sparkies will be used to provide safe electricity to local families.



IT Skills

Funding has been granted for the 2nd year from the Bettina and Michael Jetter Fund for IT classes in the evenings and at weekends.

These classes enable young adults to learn important skills which will enhance their employment prospects.

FUN TIMES

It's not all hard work, we have fun too!

Having participated in the Giant Puppet Parade for 3 years we decided to give up our place and create our own small version for the villages. Each class made a puppet which was then proudly paraded through the village under police escort. We even paraded through a wedding party.

All the children enjoyed outings with the older and middle classes enjoying the Culture Village. The Croc and Buffalos enjoyed the swimming pool at Aqua and the Chicks and Bees had fun at Jungle Junction play park. The Phare Circus put on a special performance for the middle school children and 2 other NGOs thanks to sponsorship from Shinta Mani Hotel and Travel Indochina.

Our footballs were runners up in the Globalteer Football League under 10s and 50 students participated in Globalteer Fun Olympics.



Youth Club

The youth club had another successful year with visiting speakers, cooking classes, movie nights and music lessons. They participated in the Angkor Bike Ride for the 2nd year thanks to volunteers and teachers.

The number of girls attending was dropping but this was solved by providing transport to the club. The girls who attend are amongst the most vulnerable in the community and greatly benefit from the support offered.



FINANCES - INCOME

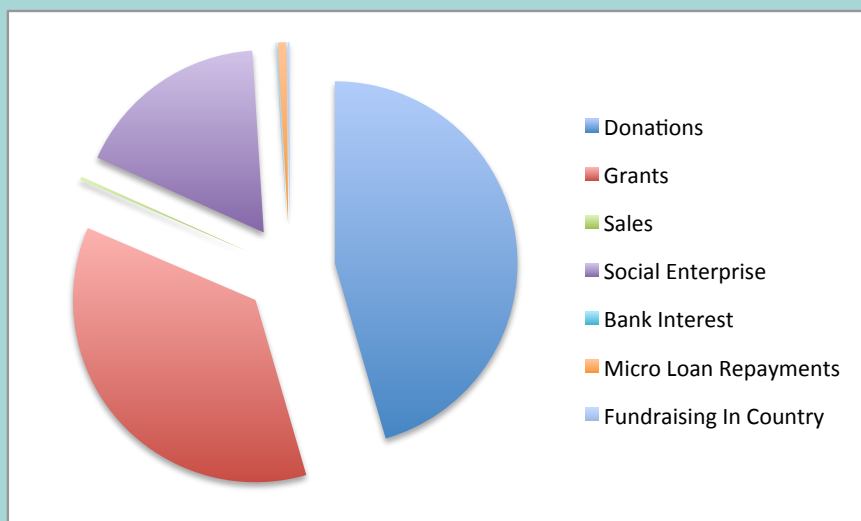
Donors and Grants

Individual donors, supporting schools and grants make up most of GHCC income streams.

Schools who have supported us this year include Lake Bonavista School Canada, St. Ursula's College and Unity College in Australia, Chosen Hill, Barnsole School and Claytons Primary in UK, and Aubudon School USA.

2013 saw an increase in revenue from the social enterprises - Grace Gecko Vocational Centre for Women and Sparkies, however expenditure for these 2 projects has been high due to capacity building.

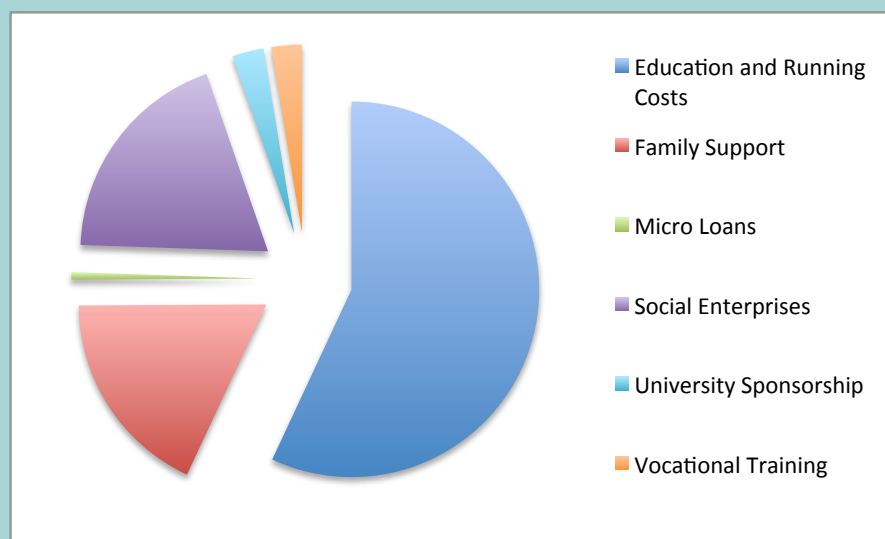
Breakdown of Income Sources



GRANTS

Awarded By:-	Purpose
Open Skies	Women's Project
Bettina and Michael Jetter Fund	Computer Classes
GIZ	Volunteer Support
Anonymous	Running Costs, Safe Electricity and Alternative Care
Hesse Ragle Foundation	Sparkies Social Enterprise

FINANCE - EXPENDITURE



Major expenditure for 2013 consisted of:-

- Constructing a medical room under the social work office and converting the old medical room into a teachers/volunteers resource room
- Paving the area in front of main office
- Constructing “Sparkies” workshop

A 13 month pay scheme was introduced. This is common practice in Cambodia, with the additional month salary awarded to long term staff at Khmer New Year.



SUMMARY

Total Income	\$161,437 (US)
Total Expenditure	\$167,728 (US)
Balance in Bank and Cash 31/12/2013	\$71,908 (US)

SUPPORTERS AND FRIENDS



Accounting for International Development

Alan and Alison Golightly

Amansara

Ann Brownlie

Aqua

Audubon School

Barnsole School

Lynn Cadby and family

Nancy Charlow

Chosen Hill School

Claytons Primary School

ConCert

Lynn Cummings

Fenland Fastenings

Frankston Long Island Rotary

First Steps Cambodia

GIZ

Gillian Meyers

Globalteer

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Green Gecko Project

Aleshia Haslemore

Hesse Ragle Foundation

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Tok Iwabuchi

Bettina and Michael Jetter

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Lake Bonavista School

Marilyn Mayall

Mikkel Petersen

Ngee Ann Polytechnic

Open Shies Foundation

People and Places

Marianne Richards

Unity College

Starkey Hearing Foundation

Sister Srey Cafe

Shinta Mani

Soria Mora

Susan Barbettia and friends

St Urusula's College

Kari Smith

Clare Watson

The Warehouse

and **anyone we missed out**

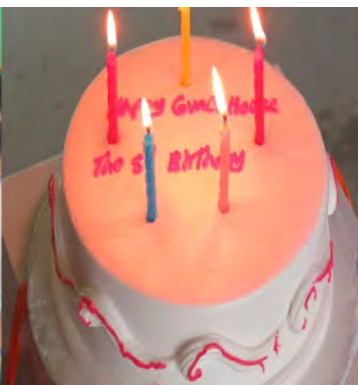
To everyone who sponsors a family we could not support the families without your help.

To all the wonderful volunteers who give up their time to share their skills with the staff.

THANK YOU



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We rely on donations and grants to keep Grace House going

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VOLUNTEER

Our aim is to train local staff to fill key positions but we need you skills to achieve this. We need :-

Teachers

IT skills - curriculum development, graphics, networking

Physiotherapists, Speech Therapists, Occupational

Therapists

Special Needs Educators for the Disability Group

Childcare Social Workers

Electricians

Marketing

Thank you for reading our 2013 Annual Report

Bridget Cordory - Project Director

Dani Chan - Executive Director

Alan Cordory - Vocational Director

and Cambodia committee members Jim Elliott, Mai Momnet and Sonn Cheanet

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