



Volunteering at Grace House Community Centre

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Grace House Community Centre (GHCC) please read the information below and if you are still interested, please complete an application form.

About Grace House Community Centre

Opened in November 2008, Grace House Community Centre is a non-political, non-religious registered Cambodian NGO (no. 580). Grace House Community Centre (GHCC) employs local staff in key positions but welcomes volunteers to assist the staff with various activities.

GHCC teaches English to 300 children and young people per day. Our family support system provides rice, house repairs, micro loans, clean water and sanitation. Children are supported to attend state school with school supplies, bikes and uniforms. The Vocational Training Program teaches weaving to women in the community. Our Special Needs Programme provides an educational program for children with disabilities offering education and therapies for the children and respite for the parents. The small group home 'Preahkoun House' offers respite and transitional care to children with special needs.

Location

GHCC is situated in a semi-rural farming area, approximately 4 km outside Siem Reap on the road to Tonle Sap.

Mission Statement

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. Encourage inclusion of children with disabilities in Siem Reap Province by enabling them to receive specialist education and a safe, caring environment for respite or long-term care.

What is expected from you?

- Minimum time commitment of 4 weeks as this gives you the opportunity to really get to know the staff and children. Shorter periods can be disruptive for the children.
- The role of the volunteer varies depending on the needs of the project at the time. This means you may be asked to help in class, listen to children read, or tidy resources. We attempt to match your position with your skills where possible.
- You will be expected to attend GHCC Monday to Friday 8.30 am – 4.00 pm. Lunch time is 11.15 am – 12.15 pm. You may be asked work outside these hours to meet GHCC's needs.
- GHCC has a strong Child Protection Policy to which you must adhere.
- You are responsible for your accommodation, food, travel costs, visa, travel to project and insurance.

What to expect from GHCC?

- A dedicated staff team who put the needs and safety of the children first.
- An induction into the project and your role.
- A comprehensive curriculum which will be explained and assistance with teaching techniques available if needed.
- Good resources and a small library, however you may wish to bring your own materials.
- Support and guidance with teaching.
- Loan of a bicycle and local SIM card.
- Child Protection training.

Donation

GHCC relies on donations and small grants to run the project. We, therefore, request volunteers to make a minimum donation of \$300 (US) towards the running of the project.

Fundraising

Any fund raising you do prior to volunteering is most welcomed. Amounts under \$1000 will be used at GHCC's discretion to meet the general needs of the project. Over \$1000, the management will discuss with you current needs and inform you how the money is spent. All donations are spent at GHCC.

Volunteer Coordinator
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