

## GRACE HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT 2015



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

### INTRODUCTION

2015 has been a steady year with stability within the programmes. In January the project manager role was passed to Heang Pongrith (Rith) to enhance our commitment to being a locally managed NGO. Teaching staff had several changes and we now have a new young group of teachers including 2 ex students.

To improve the services offered to children with disabilities there was a change of use for many buildings. The electricians' workshops moved to the brick building in front of Grace House and the old workshops are now 2 wheelchair accessible classrooms with their own bathroom and a sensory room. The Grace Gecko workshop also moved to the front building, enabling their old workshop to be converted into an Early Years classroom.

### Education

The education programme has benefited from a new classroom - Eagle and Dragons, kindly donated by the Danson Foundation (UK). A former student has been employed to teach these young high school students. There were only 12 new students admitted into the Chicks and Bees (pre-school) classes as the curriculum now covers 2 years in each class.

Passes for grade 12 were higher than 2014, with 75% of the students passing. 4 have entered university and 3 are studying hospitality at Paul Dubruel training school. All further education and the core costs for the English language programme have been funded by Tesco F & F Ltd under their Funding Futures grants.



Our first university students graduated this year and are all pursuing their careers. 1 manager, 1 accountant, 1 teacher, 1 in IT and 1 hospitality. Well done

## Outings

To learn about conservation the younger high school students visited the Angkor Centre for Conservation of Biodiversity. The special needs class visited a local farm and the older high school students and electrician apprentices went to Kulen Mountain, funded by the profit they made designing and constructing a chandelier for the Shinta Mani Hotel. The staff also enjoyed their annual outing to Kulen.



## Children with Disabilities Programme

**Day Centre / Parrot Class** - this programme has expanded to provide an education based service to 18 children from the age of 4 to 20. An expat special needs teacher was employed to develop the curriculum and train local staff. The children now enjoy a combination of topic based learning, Khmer curriculum, sensory room, soft play and physiotherapy. This programme is funded by F & F Tesco Ltd

**Small Group Home** - Preahkoun House has 4 residents with various disabilities. Local staff work in a rota ensuring high quality care is provided. The children have enjoyed outings to the swimming pool and Angkor Wat. Preahkoun House main funder is Danson Foundation, UK and individual donors.





## Transport

A large tuk tuk has been purchased to transport the children whose parents are unable to bring them. This will be adapted to be wheelchair accessible. The tuk tuk is also used for football matches and class outings.

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## Youth Club and Sports

The youth club numbers decreased throughout the year due to pressure at school. The decision was taken in December to close the youth club. As a final event we participated in the Angkor Bike Ride. The football programme continued to do well with our under 14s winning the Globalteer league. 50 children also participate in the Globalteer Fun Olympics.



## Staff Training and Conferences

We closed for a week in March to review our child protection training and disability awareness. All the staff updated their first aid. The social workers attended the Social Affairs conference in Phnom Penh. Dani and Rith attended a conference on the new NGO law. The disability programme staff had training on Autism, Speech Therapy, PECS, moving and handling and cerebral palsy. We ran a course on Autism for other NGOs.



## Grace Gecko

Grace Gecko has trained 4 new staff during the year. The products continue to sell well in local hotels and craft markets. The workshop moved to the building in front of Grace House, providing more shop frontage and encouraging tourists to participate in workshops. New designs have been created and the jewellery is in great demand, however the project did not make a profit this year.

The women also participated in a photography competition run by the Women's Resource Centre - Against Violence to Women and we won!



## Vocational Training and Sparkies

The electrician training programme took 4 new students in 2015, while the previous year students continue to learn within our social enterprise 'Sparkies'. Sparkies made a small profit this year and undertook some interesting work, including a music studio, art exhibition and a 9D cinema.

IT classes were held for 16 - 24 years old. The number of students fell early in the year as many of our computers were broken. In May GHCC was donated 20 new computers by Omlog Logistics. Numbers of students studying rose to 15 per session. Unfortunately funding for this programme ceased at the end of November.



## Our winning entry







## Family Support

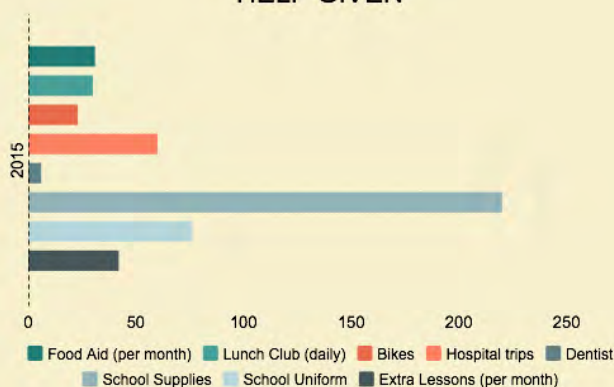
Many of our families have moved from living in houses on the river bank as the government clear and widen the river. Most families have managed to build a new small house within the village, thanks to compensation from the government. No house repairs, water wells or filters were issued this year.

2 families are now independent of our help due to older children working. The social workers continue to offer support to families to keep the children in education, prevent domestic violence and promote child protection.



205 FAMILIES SUPPORTED

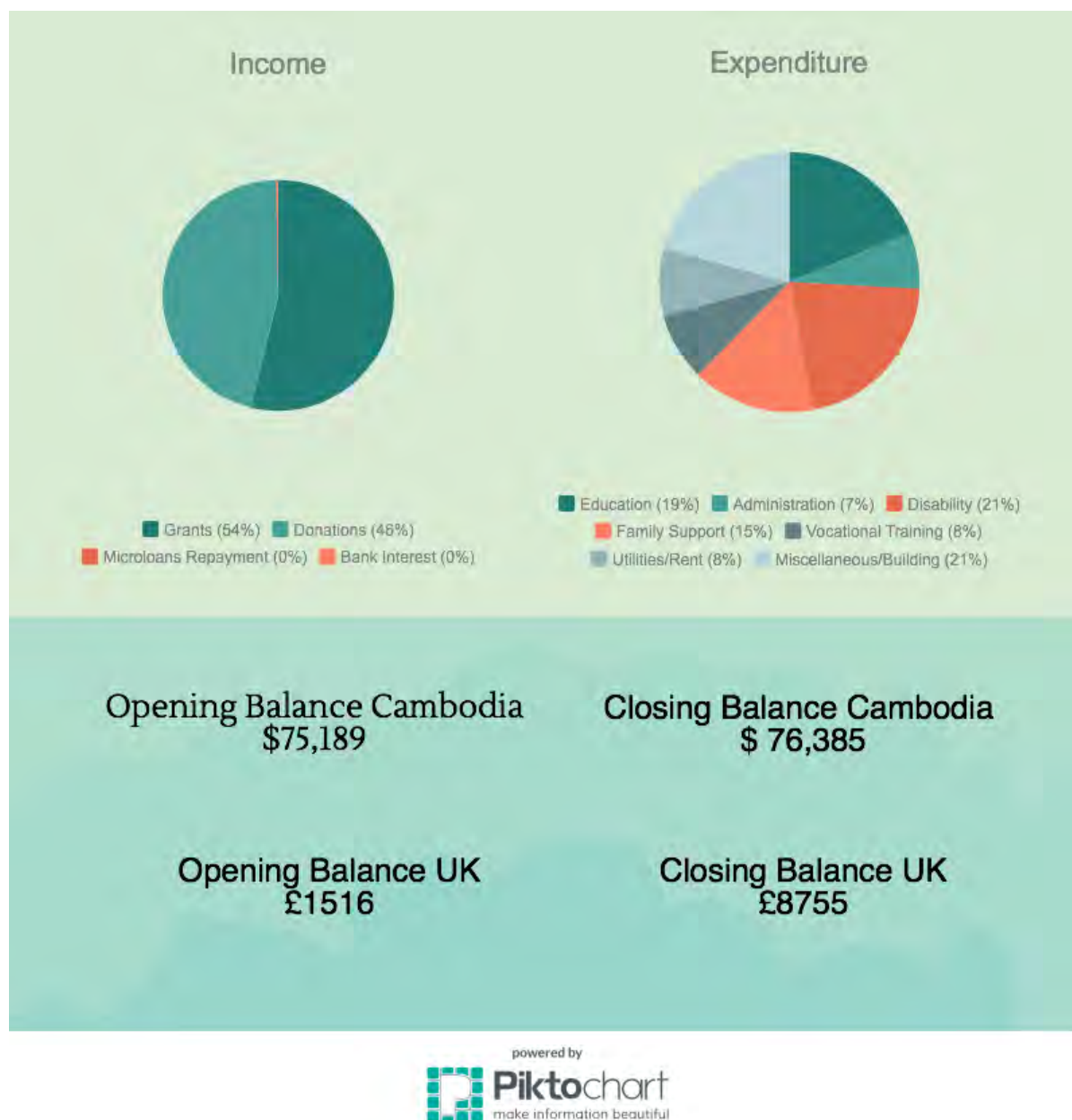
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30 families  
sponsored under  
our  
"Sponsor a  
"Family Scheme"

THANK YOU!

## Finances



## Grants

Tesco F & F Ltd Funding Futures granted a 2nd year of funding for the Education, drop out prevention, university/vocational training scholarships and the children with disabilities education programme.

The Danson Foundation granted funds for the new classroom and committed to support Preahkoun House for 5 years.

<http://www.dansonfoundation.com>

HOPE for Cambodia funded the youth club and football for the year

<http://www.hopeforcambodia.org.uk>

The Jetter Fund covered the computer classes for 16 - 24 yr olds.

**Schools** who supported us - Cedar Road Primary School and Yardley Hastings Primary in Northampton, UK, St Ursula's College, Toowoomba, Aus.

**Rotary Clubs** - Tynemouth Inner Wheel, Uk and Belvoir-Wodonga Rotary Club, Aus.

**Other** - Caloundra 5pm Sunday Mass, Aus.  
Social Cycle Tours, Aus.

Numerous local businesses in Siem Reap donated raffle prizes and gifts, especially Amansara Resort, Shinta Mani, Sister Srey, Haven, Miss Wong, Beyond Tours and Rosy Guesthouse.

**Individuals who donated -**

Keith and Paisley Mathieson, Aleisha Haslemore , Godfrey Weir, Mikkell Peterson, Marianne Richards, Jennifer Jones, Cathy Millar, Jill Hobbs, Andrea Kramer, Kathy Rose, Dick and Mandy Russell, Holly Wright, Lara Barnett, Ann Brownlie, Nancy Charlow, Dhoore Family, Kim Dibb, Cecilia and John Glossop, Aaron Meyer, Suzanne Birk , Catherine Cook, Marilyn Mayall, Jo-Anna Noonan, Brenda Quigley, Tracy Hare, Bianca Robinson, Rob and Tina Setchell, Cathy Steer, Rachel Tarr, Clare Watson, Don & Sylvia Wright, Justin Cleverley, Candy Clarke, Kim Anderson, Tony Shorthose, Borendina Norton, Lindsey Attwood, Danielle Anderson, Natalie Bannister, Daphne Annett, Jacqueline Elmermann, Nana Cunningham, Marie Ealdings.

Thank you for continuing to support Grace House and apologies to anyone who we forgot.

**Working Together**

Organisations who have worked with us include Friends International, Globalteer, Angkor Hospital for Children, Safe Haven, CABICO and ConCert.

**Aspirations for 2016**

- Improve the skills of the new teachers by offering internal and external training
- Improve the education programme for children with disabilities by co working with other NGOs in this field
- Introduce “Living Values” to the younger students
- Work with Help Age Cambodia to explore possibilities of commencing an Older Persons Association in Siem Reap Commune
- Increase our donor base to ensure sustainability
- Improve marketing of the social enterprises - Grace Gecko and Sparkies
- Update our financial recording systems





## How You Can Help

We run sponsorship schemes for Families, University Students, Classrooms, Special Needs Beds and Electricians. To find out more email [admin@gracehousecambodia.org](mailto:admin@gracehousecambodia.org)

You can donate via our bank account in UK or Cambodia, Paypal or Virgin Money Giving

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Grace House Cambodia Trust.  
CAF Cash Account: 00024658  
Sort Code: 40-52-40

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Thank you for supporting us in our 7th year.  
We look forward to continuing to make a difference to the families in our community  
and to the lives of children with disabilities in Siem Reap Province.

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