



Empowering families and children to effect lasting change... community by community.



Cambodia Update



Village Preschool Children Get Healthy Meals through Rotary of Gainesville, Rotary of Western Australia & Village Families

Sustainable Cambodia's village preschool program helps village families create preschools, helping children between 2 and 6 years of age get early education. While children are at the preschool, the parents have more time to work and earn an income to support the family. The central location of the preschool in the village makes it easy for children to attend. And the children get stimulating activities and the fundamentals that are needed for a headstart on a good education.

But nutrition is a major problem. Malnourished children cannot excel mentally or physically. So to provide a great headstart, Rotary of Western Australia has joined Rotary Club of Gainesville, Florida in helping the preschool get a daily nutritious meal. The parents rotate in providing the labor for the meal, while the Rotary clubs help fund some of the ingredients that must be purchased at the local market.

What Rotary and the families are creating is the shared vision of a world in which all can grow up to contribute to a better world.

Please Help Us Spread The Word

Individual child sponsorships, contributions to our Village Gift program (gifting of pass-on animals, beehives, fish ponds, etc.),

Rotary of Locust Valley NY teams with on Windmill for Sustainable Water

The Rotary Club of Locust Valley teamed up with the RandomKids organization to help the village families in Mong Village build a windmill to pump water for the whole village to use. The windmill was the first-ever around Pursat, but the village families brought in someone from a neighboring province with experience building them. The village families provided all the labor, and one of the village



With engineering skills has learn project can be replicated in the true "pass-on" spirit of Cambodia. A large class of raised the funds for the win RandomKids, and Rotary o provided the funds for seed and agricultural training. Th combined efforts, this proje to the village families and s communities for years to cc

Sustainable Cambodia Student Receive to Singapore

and Rotary Club partnerships have traditionally provided nearly two-thirds of our total funding. (Funding from the founders, core supporters & other foundations provides the balance.) But the world financial situation has resulted in a major drop in funding, as foundations have been hurt financially. The best way for us to make this up is to "spread the word" about what SC is doing. When people read about the work, and realize that we have under 5% administrative cost, they will often join in by sponsoring a child or a project.

Our website includes a "Tell-a-Friend" feature (on the upper menu), or you can use the "Forward Email" feature on this newsletter to pass along the story of the work we are ALL doing together.

Anything you can do to help us spread the word would be wonderful. You are changing lives every day, and for that we celebrate and thank you!

Love & service,

The SC Volunteer Board



Sokhna today, as a Student Volunteer

Another Sustainable Cambodia student has been selected to rec attend a United World College... this time Vor Sokhna. Sokhna wi Singapore campus of United World College. Sokhna has grown u his mother, father and 4 siblings. He was one of the very first chil SC. Sokhna wants to become an engineer, but in the meantime h enjoys reading books and playing sports. At home he helps by feeding and taking care of the animals, but beginning in Septemb he will be attending school in Singapore on a full scholarship! He will return to Cambodia during the summers and work as a volunteer with Sustainable Cambodia. (The photo to the right is Sokhna in 2004, in his second year at Sustainable Cambodia!).

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- Only native Cambodians are employed as paid staff, and all international officers, directors and consultants are unpaid volunteers, ensurin goes directly into the rural village programs.
- We are an empowerment organization rather than an "Aid" organization. We provide resources, assistance, training and education to the families to revitalize their community and economy.
- Our approach is broad-based, including schooling for children, safe village drinking water, irrigation systems, alternative agriculture, vocat business and healthcare.
- In return for the assistance, each family commits to helping surrounding villages: We not only "teach them how to fish," but teach them to

While we currently work in central Cambodia, our vision is for this empowerment model to spread across Cambodia, and ultimately to grow into other c

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