



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

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This is a note of gratitude to all of you who are improving the quality of children's lives, and helping their families achieve sustainability and self-sufficiency.



We strive to be efficient with funding. We have only native Cambodians for paid staff, and everyone else works as unpaid volunteers. We spend nothing on marketing. All contributed funding goes to the Cambodian projects. But funding the well-drilling, pumps, cisterns, seeds, school buildings, school books, etc. is always a challenge. So we are always thinking, "What can we do about this?"

Well, one of our supporters didn't just "think about it," she came up with a solution! And she took action! Read below about how JORIE MORAN used her 18th birthday celebration to help dozens of children and their families...

Read on to find out more...

*Sustainable Cambodia is a nonprofit organization working to help the residents of Cambodian villages create a sustainable quality of life. We do not simply give aid to the villagers. Instead, we help them build wells, irrigation systems and schools, and train them in agriculture and vocations, empowering and enabling them to create positive and measurable change in their villages. Sustainable Cambodia is registered in Cambodia as a Non-Governmental Organization with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in the United States as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization. TIN# 20-0175973
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Jorie Moran recently returned from her work overseas in Vietnam and Cambodia. While in Cambodia, she was moved by the history of this nation and the dire conditions of the villagers who love in the rural communities.



In the lieu of gifts for her upcoming birthday, Jorie created a fundraising page on the website www.CrowdRise.com to raise funds for Sustainable Cambodia. She set a goal of \$2,000 to help change the lives of Cambodian children and villagers.

Jorie's friends and family have been contributing birthday gifts to the project, some small, others big.

The results of her birthday gift will last for years. Children will have opportunities they might never otherwise have. Families will be empowered, and as part of the pass-on program the families will "give back" to other families in nearby villages. Jorie's birthday gift, from all her loving friends and family, will be at work in Cambodia for years to come.



Jorie, her friends, and the children in Cambodia



In Jorie's own words, after returning from her volunteer work across Cambodia: "This summer I had the opportunity to work overseas in Vietnam and Cambodia. While in Cambodia, we visited the Killing Fields and learned about the Khmer Rouge. The Khmer Rouge wanted to erase Cambodia's history completely and therefore created the term "Year Zero." They invaded the city Phnom Penh, and in a matter of three days it was completely empty. Since then, Cambodians have suffered tremendously in trying to rebuild their country. Lack of clean water, education, resources, and economic opportunities have been constant troubles for Cambodians. I had the privilege of working with the Sao Sary Foundation and made and installed water filters for villages with basically nothing. Sustainable Cambodia is a similar group determined to change the future of Cambodia. Please support me in making a donation to those in much more need than myself.

PS-You should Google the Killing Fields!!!"

If you would like to create a fundraiser page, email us at sponsors@sustainablecambodia.org, and we'll help you create an fundraiser that will really change lives!

Or you can help Jorie reach her goal by visiting www.crowdrise.com and contributing to her campaign.



Thanks to our Supporters!

Many thanks to all of our supporters! Thank you for helping to make a huge difference in the lives of Cambodian children and their families. All of us together - the families, the students, the sponsors, Rotarians from around the world, Sustainable Cambodia Australia, and our dedicated SC staff and international volunteers are working to help village families and children improve their quality of life with healthy water, nutritious food, health care, education, and sustainable income generation.

With your great support, we can help more than 4,500 children from preschool through university to enrich their educations and to succeed in their lives.



Special thanks to our supporters: Jorie and her family and friends, Sustainable Cambodia Australia, The Youthline team, TC Swartz and Starquest Expeditions, Kleine Hilfsaktion Foundation, Animas Environmental, Rotary International and Rotarians throughout the world. Thanks also to our wonderful child sponsors and University Scholarship Sponsors from all over the world. Without all of you, none of this would be possible!



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Be a Supporter of Village Families Today!

With your help, more than 385 wells are providing safe water and more than 4,500 students are currently enrolled in Sustainable Cambodia schools! None of this would be happening without supporters like you...

Help village families change their lives through the Village Gift program! [Click here to provide a gift to the village families!](#)



Sustainable Cambodia (SC) is an internationally supported grass-roots not-for-profit organization, led by dedicated Cambodian staff with help from international volunteers, and with support from child sponsors and Rotary Clubs from all over the world.

SC works with rural Cambodian villages to help them achieve sustainability and self-sufficiency. Sustainable Cambodia was co-founded by Rotarians, and active Rotarians make up a majority of Sustainable Cambodia's governing Board of Directors. SC aligns its values with those of Rotary International, including RI's ideals of empowerment, peace through understanding, world service and community service. We apply Rotary's effective "Four-Way Test" to ethical issues. Our model is unique in several ways:

- Only native Cambodians are employed as paid staff, and all international officers, directors and consultants are unpaid volunteers, ensuring that 100% of funding 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 community, empowering families to revitalize their community and economy.
- Our approach is broad-based, including schooling for children, safe village drinking water, irrigation systems, alternative agriculture, vocational education, micro-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 teach others how to fish.

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