



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

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Michelle Mullineaux's 40th Birthday Wish for Cambodia!

Dear Supporters,

Thanks to wonderful supporters like you, Sustainable Cambodia and Sustainable Cambodia Australia are improving the quality of children's lives, helping their families achieve sustainability and self-sufficiency through wells, irrigation systems, schools, agricultural training, and empowerment programs.



We strive to be as efficient with funding as possible. We have only native Cambodians for paid staff, and everyone else works as unpaid volunteers. We spend nothing on marketing, and all contributed funding goes directly to the Cambodian village and school projects. But there are still a lot of costs involved, including well-drilling, pumps, cistern lining, water pipes, seeds, school building material, books and school materials, etc. Funding is always a challenge, and is our only real limitation. 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 Michelle Mullineaux used her birthday celebration to help dozens of children and their families...

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How You Can Make a Difference!

Michelle Mullineaux and Brad Cronk recently returned from a trip across Cambodia. While in Cambodia, they were moved by the dire conditions of the villagers in the rural areas. In Michelle's own words, after returning from an amazing trip across Cambodia, "We were inspired by this crazy idea, to throw together a fundraiser for Sustainable Cambodia so we could give back to the wonderful people we met, who nourished our minds and hearts".



In lieu of gifts for her upcoming birthday, Michelle created a fundraising page on the website www.CrowdRise.com to raise funds for Sustainable Cambodia. She set a goal of \$5,000 to purchase a "Village Basket". (The "Village Basket" is one of the SC pass-on gift programs, which includes wells, water filters, rainwater harvesting, training and seeds for vegetable gardens and alternative crops, and the opportunity to raise honey bees, or start fishponds and raise ducks, or have pigs and cows).



Michelle's friends contributed birthday gifts to the project, some small, others bigger. And by the time her birthday arrived, her efforts were SO successful that they had raised \$5,700!



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The results of Michelle's 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. Michelle's birthday gift, from all her loving friends and family, will be at work in Cambodia for years to come.

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

To help the children of these families with education:
[Click here to sponsor a child today!](#)

A Change in Her Life!

Mrs. Soma Ly lives in Prek Py village with her husband, Tank Sophal, and their six children. Sophal is a farmer, and works hard to support the family. Two of the children are now students in SC, and the others are in state school.



Up until last year, the family didn't have clean drinking water for their daily living. Boiling water can be effective, but it is difficult when wood is scarce, and when wood-burning has resulted in deforestation. Without clean water, everyone in the family was always sick, and the situation was so bad that the children couldn't go to school regularly.

A year ago, the family participated in installing a Biosand Filter through Sustainable Cambodia, and received a blue water container to accompany it. Now Soma Ly's family is very healthy. Her children are attending school regularly and doing very well.

When asked about the effects of the change, Ly said, "A year ago we started using BSF and I noticed that my children had less stomach ache, diarrhea and contamination. It's easy to use. My children even



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bring filtered water to school. Now, Prek Py village is not the same as Prek Py in the past. Prek Py has been improved step by step through the community development project. Sustainable Cambodia has many important projects that have helped us change, but the most important one is the (BSF) safe water project."

Be a Supporter of Village Families Today!

Rural areas face lower levels of education, economic opportunity and resources. Help communities access the skills and resources they need to succeed. [Learn more...](#)

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Give hope to children in rural Cambodia! By sponsoring a child in personal & school life, you give them a chance for a brighter future! [Learn more...](#)

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Thanks to Supporters!

Many thanks to all of our supporters!



Special thanks to Michelle Mullineaux and Brad Cronk, our child sponsors and community development support from Sustainable Cambodia Australia and Rotarians from all over the world. Without you, this would not be possible!

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.