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Creating better futures for children and families.



2017 ANNUAL REPORT

# Our Mission

*To create better futures for children and families living in developing countries*

## Our Goals

- To focus projects directly on helping children and families.
- To create a community of caring, committed and informed donors who are directly involved in improving the lives of children and families.
- To raise awareness about poverty and the needs of children and families living in developing countries.
- To raise funds and ensure the funds go directly towards helping children and families.
- To stay flexible and open to the needs of children, families and communities and develop projects on the assessment of need.

## Our History

After the tragic loss of their beloved daughter, Danielle, Rick Lennert and Adrienne Dartnall decided to spend 3 to 4 months each year traveling to S. E. Asia to assist children and families living in poverty. For the past sixteen years they have volunteered in India, Myanmar/Burma, Cambodia, Vietnam and on the Myanmar/Thailand border, helping to create better lives for children and families. The pain and suffering they saw inspired them to make a difference in children's lives.

In 2004 Kids International Development Society (K.I.D.S) was formed. As a result of much hard work, a dedicated Board of Directors and a groundswell of support, K.I.D.S became a Canadian Registered Charitable Organization in 2008. Throughout this time K.I.D.S has actively raised funds with the incredible support of friends, foundations and local schools and as a result is able to provide clean drinking water, medicine, clinics, schools, educational supplies and other much needed resources to those in need. Additionally, K.I.D.S supports local grass root organizations that work tirelessly to provide health, education, training and housing for women, children and families.

It is the organization's belief that it is essential to work in partnership with each family, community, and organization to assess the needs and priorities that accurately reflect their perspectives and day-to-day reality. In this way K.I.D.S can more effectively provide the necessary resources, materials and supports that are needed to improve and sustain the quality of life. The work K.I.D.S is able to do is only possible because of the dedicated individuals we work with in these communities and the incredible generosity of our donors, board members and volunteers.

# A Message From K.I.D.S Co Founders

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

This has been an incredible year for KIDS. We greatly appreciate the support and commitment of all our donors, community partners, schools, foundations and businesses that continue to support and be a part of K.I.D.S. Together are changing the futures of children and families in very meaningful ways by providing education, healthcare services, clean drinking water, family support, computer programs and safe housing for girls.

As we reflect over the past 17 years, we are encouraged and inspired to see the changes that can happen when a group of caring people come together and provide support to those who face incredible challenges. We now see young people breaking the cycle of poverty and child labour by receiving a good education. Children who previously had to slave away in brick factories and other difficult jobs have been given a chance to change their lives and futures. This past year we had the pleasure of visiting many of the young people we have supported over the years and who have now graduated from high school, university and training schools. It is terrific to see them working at decent paying jobs, helping their families and enjoying their lives. When we go into the villages we see some of the students in our sponsorship program now teaching their younger siblings how to read and write.

This year we were very pleased to work with and be supported by Lush Charity Pot to bring new housing, bathroom facilities and solar electricity to families in our sponsorship program. Much appreciation and thanks goes out to the Lush North American staff members who joined with us to build these homes, bathrooms and provide solar lighting kits for 33 families. Lush Charity Pot continues to do excellent work around the globe.

We also want to give our deep thanks to the Compassionate Eye Foundation for their continued support and partnership. This year they worked with us to bring computers, bathroom facilities and financial support for women's weaving training to a KIDS community initiative. We appreciate their commitment to us as well as the other worthy initiatives they support.

In both Canada and in Cambodia we are fortunate to work with so many positive and passionate people. In our home community in Canada we meet and work with children and students who are committed to making a difference in Cambodian children's lives by raising funds and awareness about poverty, social justice and the meaning of being good global citizens. We enjoy working with the students and teachers in our schools and universities to support their efforts. In Cambodia, we work with dedicated and compassionate people who are eager to improve the lives of their people and their country. We also greatly appreciate our dedicated Board of Directors and our enthusiastic Volunteers, who so generously give their, time and support to KIDS.



In closing, we would like to thank you all for joining us in creating positive change, fostering hope and empowering children, families and communities in Cambodia to improve their circumstances. We look forward to sharing more stories of good will with you in this next year.

Adrienne Dartnall and Rick Lennert



# Highlights From 2016/17

## Family Support

### K.I.D.S Home for Girls

For the past 8 years KIDS has funded a safe and caring home in Siem Reap for girls who have been neglected, abused, abandoned or orphaned. This private home provides the girls with education, healthcare, English lessons, and other needed life skills. Thanks to You Vath, a trained social worker and caring housemother, the girls have created a caring and loving family. They are resilient, happy and healthy thanks to the support they receive.



### Family Housing

This past year we partnered with Lush Charity Pot to build six houses, six bathrooms and install solar lighting to thirty-three homes. The families in this part of Cambodia work in the brick factories for very low wages. Twenty-two Lush North American staff members joined us to build the houses and bathrooms. Together we provided safe and decent living conditions for families who were previously living in poor and dire conditions. The families were incredibly grateful to Lush and K.I.D.S for making their hopes and dreams for a better life come true.



### Stung Treng Women's Weaving Training Program

For the past eleven years KIDS has supported this innovative and life changing program for women and children. Women who have faced very dangerous and difficult circumstances come here to learn the age-old tradition of making silk products. The women receive a decent living wage, emotional support, free health care and maternity leave. KIDS provides their children with a progressive early childhood education program, hot lunches and a hygiene program. While the women work together their children are only steps away attending K.I.D.S preschool/kindergarten. This year, with the support of Compassionate Eye Foundation, we were able to train 10 more women and assist them out of poverty by acquiring skills and employment.



## Health Care and Nutrition

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### The Lake Clinic Cambodia

The Lake Clinic Cambodia (TLC) brings health care to people living in remote floating villages on the Tonle Sap Lake and isolated farming families along the Stung Sen River. KIDS has partnered with TLC for many years to provide support for their four floating clinic, including: staffing, medicine and maintenance of the clinics. The TLC Cambodia doctors, nurses, midwives, dental hygienist and other support staff travel long distances and face very difficult conditions to bring much needed supplies and healthcare. This program saves lives, brings education and eases suffering for children and families.





# Education

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When children receive an education it not only improves their future it also improves the futures of their families, their communities and their country. It teaches them self-confidence, critical thinking skills and ways to overcome difficult obstacles that are placed in their path. K.I.D.S is committed to supporting young people so they can receive an education by building classrooms, providing educational resources, bathrooms, bicycles, computers, clean drinking water systems, solar lights so students can study, sponsorship programs, English lessons and early childhood education programs.

## Computer Labs

This past year we were able to provide a high school in Siem Reap, which has 4500 students, with their first computer lab. Each day hundreds of kids can now learn computer skills that will enhance and enable them to either go on to further education or secure employment. We also provided computers for a free inner city computer-training program, which serves young people living in slum areas of the city.



## Bathrooms

Bathrooms are essential for the dignity and hygiene of children and youth. This year we were able to install a large bathroom facility for Feeding Dreams Cambodia, an English school that provides 800 students with free English classes. Thanks so much to Compassionate Eye Foundation for partnering with us to bring health and hygiene to this wonderful school.





## Otasak Primary School

Along the Stung Sen River in Kompong Thom province, Cambodia, there is a small primary school that provides education for 200 students. With the support of dedicated teachers, who travel long distances, children get the opportunity to learn the needed skills and abilities to learn to break the cycle of poverty. Thanks to the Healthy Role Models Program and Sarah Gilks, this small school a much needed facelift, educational supplies, clean drinking water, bicycles, uniforms, shoes and a new kitchen; so that children who struggle with having enough food can now eat a healthy lunch.



## Sponsorship Program

Child labour is a fact of life in Cambodia and KIDS is working hard to change this sad situation. We now have over 50 young people from extremely poor families in our sponsorship program. Each year we provide the students with everything they need to attend school as well as English lessons and tutoring. It is great to see some of these young people graduate and go on to training programs where they will learn a trade and change their futures and the futures of their families.





## Bicycles

For many young people getting to school is a hot and arduous daily experience. Children and youth walk long distances on either dusty or muddy roads depending on the weather. A bicycle can change the future of a child, as many must leave school when they reach high school, as the distance is just too far to walk. Each year K.I.D.S purchases over 100 basic bikes to help children get to school as well as provide the family with a mode of transportation. Many children in Canada have raised funds for bikes through their classes, their birthdays, playing music and lemonade stands. A big thank you to these dedicated young people for assisting other students to be able to get to school.



## Floating Schools

KIDS works in some very isolated areas, where many villages lack basic supports such as education supplies, desks and blackboards. One of these areas is the Tonle Sap Lake. This year we heard of a little school that was sinking as well as in need of supplies and repairs. We are pleased to say that thanks to donations from Compassionate Eye Foundation and other donors we were able to re float the little school, repair it and bring much needed supplies. Needless to say the students and volunteer teacher were thrilled to continue to provide and have access to education in their small village.





# Clean Drinking Water

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Clean drinking water changes lives. K.I.D.S is dedicated to bringing as many children and families clean water as we can. Thanks to generous donations we have now been able to provide 5,500 children and their families access to clean water. We place the water systems at schools so the students can drink as much as they want during the hot days and at the end of the day families can take water home to drink. Our water program helps improve hygiene and prevents waterborne diseases. This past year we were able to add two more water projects at primary schools bringing 500 more children and their families clean water to drink.



## Local Schools and Social Justice

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K.I.D.S speaks to school students about global poverty, activism and global citizenship. Through presentations and slide shows it is our goal to raise awareness about how children around the world need our support to better their lives. It is always a pleasure to speak to classes about the work we do. We would like to thank the teachers and students who support K.I.D.S by collectively fundraising to buy school supplies, bikes and other needed educational materials for students in Cambodia. We would also like to thank the Child and Youth Care Faculty and Students at Vancouver Island University for partnering with us to work with local students on supporting global citizenship clubs in schools.



# Foundations and Businesses who Generously Support KIDS

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**We are deeply grateful to the businesses and foundations that believe in what KIDS is doing. With their support we are able to change lives, futures and prove that we can make a difference in the fight for a more equitable world.**

Ames Foundation  
Anonymous Foundation  
Blake Erickson Roofing  
Compassionate Eye Foundation  
Cedrick's Café Crofton  
Home Hardware Brooks Landing  
Healthy Role Models  
KKP Printing  
Lush Charity Pot  
Mazzei Electric  
Moore Cargill Chartered Accountants  
RBC Dominion Securities  
Tracy Balanik Web Design  
Blake Erickson Roofing



## Thanks To Our Annual Wine and Wrap Fundraiser Volunteers and Contributors

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Our annual fundraiser is only made possible by the hard work of our volunteers and the generosity of our community. We are so grateful to have so much support from local artists, artisans, businesses, service providers, and musicians. It is a great event where we gather to enjoy an evening of music, food, fun and raise funds for so many wonderful children, families and communities.





# Thanks to Our Dedicated Board of Directors and Staff

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## **Rick Lennert - President/K.I.D.S. Co-Founder**

Rick Lennert works for himself as a contractor and renovator. Rick has spent the past 36 years working as a builder, fisherman and a boat builder. Rick volunteers three to four months every year to assist children and families living in poverty in S.E. Asia. Rick also volunteers in his home community.



## **Robyn Kemp – Vice President**

Robyn Kemp is a retired teacher/counsellor from the Nanaimo-Ladysmith school district. She has served as a board director with the Nanaimo Child Development Centre and the Moorecroft Camp Society. Over the past 6 years she has focused on creating awareness of the educational needs of children in South East Asia and encouraging partnerships with youth, teachers and schools in our community. She has worked in the field on behalf of KIDS and has been a key-volunteer in the annual fundraising events



## **Pam Botterill - Treasurer**

Pam Botterill - works at Vancouver Island University as Aboriginal Outreach Coordinator. She joined the KIDS Board of Directors in 2008. Pam has completed her Masters in Professional Communication at Royal Roads University.



**Paula Beltgens - Secretary** Paula Beltgens has been a consultant, adult educator, researcher and facilitator in Canada and internationally since the late '80s. She has worked with community-based and government agencies, academic institutions, Aboriginal organizations, and with several United Nations programs, including the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. She has supported planning, learning and evaluation activities in a broad variety of contexts including gender equality, child protection, environmental protection, workplace safety, and mental health and substance use services. She has also worked with many First Nations communities on resource information management and traditional use studies for land use planning and educational initiatives. Paula was an associate faculty member with Royal Roads University for eight years and currently holds a position as a knowledge exchange manager with Island Health.



## **Ashleigh Martinflatt**

Ashleigh Martinflatt has worked in the social work and child and youth care field for over 14 years in British Columbia and Ontario. She has a Bachelor's degree in Child and Youth Care and a Master's Degree in Social Work. She is a full-time faculty member at Vancouver Island University teaching in the child and youth care and social work programs. Ashleigh also works with children, youth and families in the community and is committed to the health and well-being of children locally and internationally. She is honored to be connected to the KIDS organization and being a part of this positive change.



## **Rick Evans**

Rick is a Notary Public practicing in Nanaimo since 1975. He has been very involved with the Society of Notaries Public having served as its' president for two terms and its' Education Coordinator. Recently, he was presented with an honorary life membership award by the Notaries Society.

In addition to being elected on the K.I.D.S. board, Rick serves as a director on the boards of the Mt. Benson Senior Citizens Housing Society and the Malaspina choir. Rick's activities include singing with the Malaspina Choir, cycling, motorcycling and boating. Rick is married to Carol and enjoys a blended family of 5 with 7 grandchildren.



**Liz Hammond Kaarremaa**

Liz recently retired from Vancouver Island University after 35 years where she held positions as Community Education Programmer, Manager of Educational Technology and most recently as Director of Research Services. She enjoys paddling: dragon boating, outrigger, First Nations canoeing and kayaking. She just completed a Master Spinners program and does research into Coast Salish spinning and blankets. She lives on Protection Island surrounded by water and fibre.

**Dave Frances**

Dave is a semi-retired homebuilder, developer, and investor. He has served on various boards including the Urban Development Institute, VIU Foundation and the United Way. He has also fundraised for a number of local organizations including Haven Society. He is honored to be a member of the K.I.D.S board.

**Adrianne Dartnall - K.I.D.S Co-Founder Part Time Administrator**

Adrianne Dartnall has worked in the Human Services field for over 40 years. During this time, she has been a Counselor, Child and Youth Care Worker, Trainer, Program Developer and Practicum Coordinator. Adrianne has worked in Schools, Non-profit Organizations and at Vancouver Island University, formerly Malaspina University College, in the Faculty of Health and Human Services. Through her career she has served on a variety of Boards of Directors. For the past sixteen years Adrianne and her husband Rick have dedicated three to four months a year to assisting children and families living in poverty in S.E. Asia. At present Adrianne dedicates her time to supporting K.I.D.S





**KIDS INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY**

**Financial Statements**

**Year Ended March 31, 2017**

*(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)*

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## NOTICE TO READER

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On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of KIDS International Development Society as at March 31, 2017 and the statements of revenues and expenses and changes in net assets for the year then ended.

We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, we express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Nanaimo, British Columbia  
August 22, 2017

  
MOORE CARGILL  
Chartered Professional Accountants

**KIDS INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY****Statement of Revenues and Expenses****For the Year Ended March 31, 2017***(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)*

	2017	2016
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Donations	\$ 285,763	\$ 269,432
Fundraising revenue	27,049	27,387
Interest income	19	43
	<b>312,831</b>	<b>296,862</b>
<b>DIRECT PROGRAM COSTS</b>		
Accommodation	3,131	3,711
Airfare	2,500	2,625
Education supplies & project costs	125,855	126,765
Family support	33,149	14,857
Girls home costs	47,332	45,545
Medical supplies and support	20,934	41,781
Program wages	18,622	17,483
Transportation	3,673	1,990
Water systems	10,886	38,875
	<b>266,082</b>	<b>293,632</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>		
Accounting fees	961	1,050
Administrative wages	6,887	6,466
Bank charges	1,026	976
Fundraising costs	13,673	15,300
Office	2,320	1,264
	<b>24,867</b>	<b>25,056</b>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<b>21,882</b>	<b>(21,826)</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME (LOSS)</b>		
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	613	(5,713)
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 22,495</b>	<b>\$ (27,539)</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



**KIDS INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY****Statement of Changes in Net Assets****Year Ended March 31, 2017***(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)*

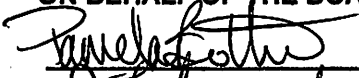
	General	Internally Restricted (note 2)	2017	2016
<b>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	\$ 10,068	\$ 49,929	\$ 59,997	\$ 87,536
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	22,495	-	22,495	(27,539)
Transfers	(10,278)	10,278	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>	\$ 22,285	\$ 60,207	\$ 82,492	\$ 59,997

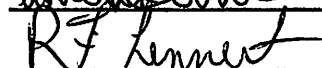
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**KIDS INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY****Statement of Financial Position****March 31, 2017***(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)*

	2017	2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$ 68,739	\$ 47,118
Accounts receivable	1,368	-
Prepaid expenses	14,429	14,932
	<b>\$ 84,536</b>	<b>\$ 62,050</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Wages payable	\$ 2,044	\$ 2,053
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Internally restricted (Note 2)	60,207	49,929
General	22,285	10,068
	<b>82,492</b>	<b>59,997</b>
	<b>\$ 84,536</b>	<b>\$ 62,050</b>

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

  
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Director

  
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Director

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# KIDS INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

## Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended March 31, 2017

(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

### 1. DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS

The purpose of KIDS International Development Society is to assist communities in developing countries to meet their basic needs including housing, drinking water, medicine, schools, educational supplies and transportation. The society is incorporated as a not-for-profit organization under the Society Act of British Columbia and is a registered charity.

### 2. NET ASSETS - INTERNALLY RESTRICTED

A portion of the net assets have been internally restricted in order to meet project commitments to December 31, 2017 and the details are as follows:

	2017
Stung Treng Women's Development Center preschool and kindergarten operating costs	\$ 15,020
Girl's Home Costs	27,136
Accounting student sponsorship	819
Smart Kids rural education program	17,232
	\$ 60,207