



NEWSLETTER 2019/20

Dear Friends,

KIDS had another great year thanks to your support. Together we were able to bring education, healthcare, clean drinking water, and family support to children, young people, families and communities that face challenging circumstances. It is inspiring to see communities helping communities globally, children here helping children there and foundations supporting basic needs such as clean drinking water. In the next pages, we are happy to share the impact your support, kindness, and generosity has been able to make in so many lives in Cambodia and Nepal. From all of us at KIDS we sincerely thank you for joining us to improve lives and make the world a better place.

Adrianne Dartnall and Rick Lennert
Co-founders



OUR VISION

To create a ripple of growing good in the world by supporting positive change for children and families in developing countries in South East Asia

OUR MISSION

To contribute to equitable opportunities for children and families by investing in education, clean drinking water, healthcare, community development and support

WE VALUE

Caring, inclusion, flexibility, partnerships, responsiveness, compassion, transparency, collaboration and accountability

KIDS transforms lives by helping people in very impoverished communities in Cambodia gain access to safe, clean water. KIDS is committed to bringing clean drinking water to schools and rural communities, where many have to either buy or drink unsafe water. We are pleased to say that this past year we built three more clean drinking water systems, bring our total to 19 systems. Thanks to everyone's generosity, thousands of children at schools can drink clean water and live healthier lives. The children's families can also take water home to improve their health. There is no greater gift than having clean water to drink.



EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMS

KIDS is committed to educating young people who would otherwise not be able to attend high school, higher learning institutes or training programs. Thanks to our donors, each year, we sponsor 100 children, youth and young adults to attend various education programs, from kindergarten to university. It is very gratifying to see young people graduate and be able to find decent-paying jobs and break the cycle of poverty for themselves and often their families. Education is indeed the key to a better future.



HOUSES AND BATHROOMS

Many of the families of the young people in our KIDS Education Sponsorship Program live in substandard conditions, lacking running water, decent housing, electricity and bathrooms. Each year we provide as many families as we can with these basic needs by building houses and toilets and installing solar lighting. The families are very appreciative and grateful.



High schools in the cities have thousands of students trying to improve their lives and their futures. The problem is that many of these schools cannot afford technology, which is needed in this day and age. A simple PC is often not found in schools with 5,000 students. KIDS is committed to fund computers classes and give these students a chance to learn these skills and improve their future opportunities. This past year we were able to provide one more high school and one rural high school with computers.



Books and uniforms are often unaffordable for families and schools do not have much of a budget for these needed supplies. A bike can make the difference between going to school or not, especially in rural areas, where students live long distances from the schools. Bicycles also provide the family with transportation to get to clinics or buy food. Each year KIDS provides these needed supplies for education.



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HEALTHCARE

KIDS also supports healthcare in isolated areas such as the Tonle Sap Lake and Stung Sen River in Cambodia. In these remote and underserved areas, there is little to no healthcare. Over the years, we have built a floating clinic for The Lake Clinic (TLC) and provided support for nurses/midwives' salaries. These dedicated people provide treatment, medicine, education and dental care for these communities.



WOMEN'S TRAINING PROGRAMS



Our organization assists and empowers women by supporting programs that provide local employment and education to break the cycle of poverty. In the N.E. of Cambodia, we fund a progressive kindergarten/daycare and a computer-training program at the Stung Treng Women's Development Centre. The Centre provides job training and a living wage for silk weavers, spinners, silk dyers and education programs.

In Nepal, KIDS supports women's literacy, sewing training and mushroom cultivation programs. We work with WELNepal to help women to improve their lives. Education and training women will change the future of the next generation.

GIRLS HOME

KIDS has been running a home for abandoned or orphaned girl's for the past 12 years. The home offers a safe, loving environment where the girls receive a good education and English classes. Many of the girls have gone on to be independent and further their education as well as finding good jobs.



Over the years, KIDS has built schools on land, schools on lakes, libraries and classrooms. This past year, thanks to one of our supporter's Healthy Role Models (Nanaimo), we were able to paint four classrooms and build a playground for a village school. Sarah Gilks (founder and owner of Healthy Role Models), her daughter, husband and nine women from the program joined us in Cambodia to paint classrooms, connect with kids and bring a lot of joy to the students and community. HRM also supported building a house for one of the student's families.

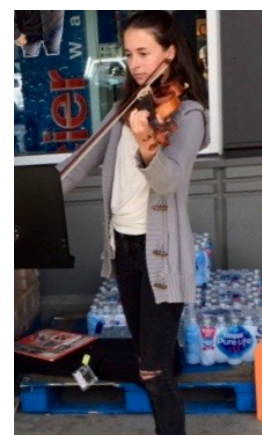


LOCAL SCHOOLS AND KIDS HELPING KIDS IN CANADA



KIDS works with schools to assist in creating awareness and understanding about social justice issues. We talk to young people about equality, empathy, kindness, taking action, poverty and making a positive difference in the world. It is uplifting to meet young people and to hear how they want to assist those that face difficult lives.

Many children and students are putting their empathy into action by raising funds for kids in Cambodia by having bake sales, turning their birthdays into fundraisers, and recycling to help to improve the lives of Cambodian children, youth and families.



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