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Annual Adelaide Dinner!

A great night all round! In September, over 80 supporters attended an AllKids Fundraising Dinner. The evening raised...

**OVER
AU\$ 18,000**

The amount will go towards much needed operating costs in Cambodia. It was an excellent evening, with MC Nigel Christie keeping the audience entertained and the Marion Club providing a delicious meal. Everyone had a brilliant time and the funds raised far exceeded expectations! If you weren't able to attend but would still like to make a donation, please head to the following link:

www.allkids.org.au/tax-deductible-donation





International Literacy Day



Celebrating International Literacy Day together with Six Senses Resort, an eco hotel partner closeby to AllKids. Held at the Organic Farm, topics covered were the Importance of Education; Nature & Landscaping; and Sustainability. Twenty five students from Smach Deng Daycare House created wonderful memories discovering traditional Buddhist singing bowls, breathing exercises, and valuable health techniques to keep calm.



Watch a video of the day by clicking the link below:

<https://fb.watch/nErJllqNf2/>

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New Plastic Classroom!

Made from nearly **two tons of un-recyclable ocean-bound plastic** which was melted and reformed, a company called TONTOTON whose mission is to change the daily reality in highly polluted, vulnerable coastal communities, built this classroom at AllKids Kbal Hong Centre. This allows 120 disadvantaged children to receive education in a setting that inspires environmental awareness.



Seng's Surgery

In September, we sent a boy with a broken leg up to our partners at Children's Surgical Centre (CSC), Phnom Penh. Seng broke his leg in a motorbike accident 2 months ago. The femur had set badly so Dr. Jim and his team reset the leg. Seng is now back home and doing fine and looking forward to getting back to school after the Pchum Benh holiday. Our sincere thanks for the team at Children's Surgical Centre for their skill and hard work to enable Seng to get back on his feet. CSC do thousands of free operations every year on poor Cambodian children whose families can't afford this kind of medical treatment.



First Aid Training

Recently, two nurses from Ream Health Centre visited AllKids and shared basic first aid knowledge to 34 of our staff. The session included the following:

1. How to help a person or a child when they are experiencing severe breathing difficulties because of a constricted or obstructed throat;
2. The basics of how to treat children who have high temperatures, before being sent to hospital;
3. Venomous bites, particularly from snakes;
4. How to save people from drowning;
5. How to clean a wound;
6. Deworming tablet usages.



Thank you MGA!

AllKids major sponsor, The MGA Insurance Group, raised AU\$31,000 for AllKids at their recent conference in Hobart, Tasmania.

In addition to this, 11 new child sponsors signed up to provide ongoing educational support for disadvantaged Cambodian children!

On behalf of the children, their families and the staff at AllKids a very big THANK YOU to everyone at MGA for your amazing support.



Thank You!

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Stuck for ideas on what to buy family members for Christmas?

Introducing the gift of giving!

As one of AllKids loyal supporters, you already know that **just \$1/day** provides a child with the most important gift of all – an education.

By gifting a sponsorship to a family member or friend at Christmas, the most disadvantaged, vulnerable children in Ream Commune, Cambodia will have the opportunity to have an education and realise their dreams.

If you would like to explore this idea, please do not hesitate to contact Keryn to discuss this further.

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[HTTPS://WWW.ALLKIDS.ORG.AU/SPONSOR-A-CHILD/](https://www.allkids.org.au/sponsor-a-child/)



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Photo shows: Teacher Veasna holding Junior IT Classes



Grand Opening of Prek Trabaek Learning Centre!

Prek Trabaek is a small remote village where the closest public school is almost 20 kilometers away. The children that live in this area didn't receive any kind of formal education until AllKids began operating here. In December 2021, AllKids opened a temporary learning centre in a rented property. In June 2022, AllKids maintenance team commenced excavation and site preparation to build our very own centre at Prek Trabaek.

In January 2023 we officially opened our very own purpose built facility, with special thanks to the Rotary Australia World Community Service, Rotary District 9510. The new centre has 4 classrooms including a designated computer lab, 2 large outdoor undercover teaching areas, M & F bathrooms, a kitchen, and 3 hand washing stations. Numbers have increased from 82 kids at the end of 2022 to 98 since January this year, including 5 children travelling by boat from a nearby island to attend and several others from very remote houses in the area. As with our 3 other learning centres, AllKids offers Khmer literacy, Primary School Mathematics, English, IT, sport art and traditional dance.

Watch a video of the Grand Opening by following the link below:

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE GRAND OPENING VIDEO](#)



Photos of the new Prek Trabaek Centre:

Before -



After -



Very Important Visitors!

In January, AllKids had the pleasure of hosting some very important guests from Australia to visit our centres. We would like to thank the Chairman of AllKids Board – Kym Bache, Administrator – Keryn Bache, Rotary District 9510 District Governor and Project Manager – Jeff and Jenny Neale, MGA Whittles – John and Margaret George, and St Peters Rotary Club – David and Rhonda Heilbronn. Below is a photo of our wonderful visitors, Keryn with Jeff and Jenny at AllKids Smach Deng Day Care House, as well as everyone at Paul's house.



Talking about Trash!

Reducing our waste and sparking passion for the environment is a focus at AllKids. Teachers at all learning centres held trainings at all of the 4 centres to show students on how to put the rubbish in the correct bins! We have developed a waste sorting process designed specifically to address the local situation. This includes 4 labelled bins:

1. Burnables. 2. Recyclables,
3. Organic waste and 4. Non-burnable. The only waste that AllKids cannot process is the unburnables such as tin cans and glass bottles. These items are taken to the local waste station, this amounts to only 10% of the waste generated at AllKids.



Junior IT Classes

Veasna has started Junior IT Classes on Saturdays at both Smach Deng Learning Center (in the mornings) and K'bal Hong Learning Center (in the afternoons). There are currently 32 students at Smach Deng Learning Center and 33 students at K'Bal Hong center joining the basic IT Classes. We expect that many more children will come now that they know about the new program.

The kids attending the program at the Smach Deng centre predominantly live on the local dump where their parents derive their income by collecting recyclables from the garbage. K'Bal Hong is the most disadvantaged community with which AllKids work.



Staff Training



Every month, Sophat holds a workshop for all teachers. Subjects range from 'What Makes a Good Teacher?' to 'How do Students Learn?' Everyone has a chance to share their ideas as well as to conduct a sample lesson. The aim is to enable less experienced teachers to apply theory into practice.



Recently, AllKids staff members Sarun & Theng attended a social work course which was held by our friends at M'Lop Tapang in Sihanoukville. Some of the key trainings were on:

- Communication skills with the people in the local community
- Keeping children safe
- Dangers of taking drugs
- Counseling
- Knowing yourself



Outreach team member, Houy, completed this in depth training last year and now on her regular visits to the public schools to complete attendance checks, she uses the counselling skills to meet students who are skipping school to determine why and how AllKids may support.

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Improving Schools

Recently our good friends from Project Vietnam Incorporated (PVI), returned to AllKids to work on public schools water supply systems. Here's what we achieved together:

- A new submersible solar powered pump was installed at the Ream Navy Base Primary School to replace the old electric pump and generator system.
- A solar pump was also fitted to AllKids new learning centre at Prek Trabaek.
- The drinking water system at Smach Deng Primary School was reinstated.
- Checks and maintenance were completed on water supply systems at Battrang Primary School and Smach Deng High School.

Our sincere thanks to Dave and Steve for their hard work on this recent visit. They have achieved a huge amount that will make the public schools a better place for the children to study. PVI have a long affiliation with AllKids dating back to 2014 when no public schools in Ream had running water. Now over 2800 students have access to flushing toilets. Other major works include reroofing and structural works on classroom blocks, drainage, and classroom renovation. More information on AllKids Improving Schools Project and PVI's work can be found here:

<https://www.allkids.org.au/allkids-learning-centre/improving-schools/>

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

AllKids have over 200 young children who need sponsors to ensure they receive a quality education.



Whilst AllKids has a strong support base, increasing student numbers are putting strain on our resources. The most effective way for you to help AllKids is through sponsoring a child's education and we have plenty of kids that need sponsors. It costs just AU\$30/month to provide a child with access to public school and AllKids programs.

Sponsorships can be taken out online at:

WWW.ALLKIDS.ORG.AU/SPONSOR-A-CHILD/

or contacting Keryn – keryn@allkids.org.au / (Australia) 0419 545 091

We would also be very pleased to receive “one off” donations towards infrastructure and equipment to enable us to meet increased demand for classroom space, computers and teaching resources. Please follow this link:

WWW.ALLKIDS.ORG.AU/TAX-DEDUCTIBLE-DONATION

and select Allkids Centre Development

If you would like more information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact: **Paul Otto, AllKids Country Director (Cambodia)** at paul@allkids.org.au



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Photo shows: Khmer New Year party at Kbal Hong Centre



Srey Leap's Graduation!

Previous student Srey Leap, who joined AllKids in 2012, has graduated from the University of Management and Economics (in Sihanoukville) majoring in general management! Congratulations

Srey Leap's Story:

- ★ *Srey Leap joined AllKids in 2012. The eldest of four children, her father is a fisherman and her mother sells the fish to the villagers. In 2016, Srey Leap's father was seriously sick and her parents decided to sell their house and land to get money to pay for her father's medication.*
- ★ *In 2018, AllKids built a wooden house and helped pay the rent for Srey Leap's family for a five year-lease on the land ensuring that the family had a permanent place to reside on.*
- ★ *Srey Leap used to be a volunteer teacher at AllKids from 2018-2019. She graduated from high school in 2019 and with the help of AllKids found a job in the Kids Club at a luxury resort.*
- ★ *In 2022, Srey Leap's family was able to buy a piece of land and house in their village, and currently Srey Leap is working in the dispatch department of a manufacturing facility in the Sihanoukville Special Economic Zone.*



Happy Earth Day



Invest in our planet, invest in our future! On Earth Day 2023, Six Senses Krabey Island joined hands with AllKids to celebrate the occasion with 120 children. The day was spent learning about the dangers of single-use plastics. The children planting trees, and participating in a cleanup activity to collect plastic waste from around Kbal Hong Centre. It was a fulfilling day for everyone involved!



Khmer New Year



Over Khmer New Year, AllKids centres were closed to allow students and staff to enjoy the celebrations with their families.

AllKids staff delivered food packages to ensure our most vulnerable kids received adequate nutrition over the break. Thank you to the wonderful team who went above and beyond to provide help during the holiday period!



In Cambodia, Khmer New Year is the greatest traditional festival and national holiday. The first day of New Year is called Moha Sangkran, and it can be described simply as the inauguration of the New Angels who come to take care of the world for a one-year period. People decorate their house and prepare fruits and drinks to welcome the New Angels into every single home. We follow the same tradition at the four AllKids centres!



Induction Day

There are many reasons why children don't attend school in Cambodia but the primary cause is usually related to poverty. Although public school education is free in Cambodia, many families have difficulty meeting the cost of school uniforms, books and stationery, often being higher than they can afford. This induction day, AllKids provided **530 students** with everything they need to attend school including:

- ★ 2 complete uniforms
- ★ Shoes
- ★ Bags
- ★ Books and stationery



B Kinder Day

AllKids have been collaborating with The B Kinder Foundation for 5 years now! This B Kinder Day we celebrated spreading kindness and compassion to others through students rainbow artwork at each of the four AllKids centres. What will your act of kindness be?

New roof!

Not only does AllKids maintenance team take care of both ongoing maintenance and improvements in the public schools in which we work, they also develop and maintain AllKids four centres and our vehicles and still find time to improve the quality of housing for many of the poorest families on the AllKids program. Without adequate housing, and facilities in the public schools, these kids have little chance of being able to focus on their education. Recently, the team re-roofed a family's house that was damaged by storm.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Since 2022, the number of students attending AllKids has increased by 57%, with approximately 1300 now receiving education across our four centres! We need more classrooms, more resources, more outreach workers and more teachers. We are asking you to donate towards the salaries of teachers to maintain lifechanging programs for these disadvantaged children. Please follow this link to make a donation and select More Kids, More Teachers:

WWW.ALLKIDS.ORG.AU/TAX-DEDUCTIBLE-DONATION

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AllKids Christmas Concert!

The festivities started with a street parade through Smach Deng Village, covering over 2 km to the Sunrise Theatre. The concert opened with the Cambodian National Anthem, and then Kbal Hong students performed first with a traditional Blessing Dance. Smach Deng Learning Centre performed the Peacock Dance and Jingle Bells was sung by students. During the concert, certificates were given to 20 children who finished Entry Level English 6, 3 students who completed their computer certifications, and 3 more certifications of appreciation were given to those who decorated the theatre. A total of 250 children took part in the celebrations this year, ended with the drawing of the Christmas Raffle.

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and congratulations to all of the winners!

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE CONCERT VIDEO](#)





Walk for a Kinder World

Joining our friends at The B Kinder Foundation for the annual Walk for a Kinder World, 13 AllKids students went on mission around Smach Deng village to deliver fruit to 10 elders as our act of kindness and compassion. The day is all about getting outside and thinking about the positive impact you can have on those around you.



Holiday Program

For 2 weeks over the public holidays in Cambodia, AllKids students from the 4 centres were very happy to take part in sports activities to keep them busy. We played games including tug of war, badminton, banana eating challenges, flying kites, and a football competition. Out of the teams from from Smach Deng Learning Center, Kbal Hong Learning Center, Prek Trabaek Learning Center and Smach Deng Daycare House, the winner was the daycare house! Thanks to all the students who took part in the games.



Student Outing

Senior teachers, Sophat and Samnang, recently took their students for a day trip to Sihanoukville city. The objectives were to practice talking in English and to understand how litter can affect both the environment and the tourism sectors in Cambodia. First, they stopped at the tourist pier for students to conduct interviews. It was nice to see them speaking English with more confidence and learning about others' perspectives. Next up they went to Poy Machov Beach to pick up litter – there was an unexpected amount of rubbish everywhere and we ran out of trash bags! The day ended by having a delicious lunch at a local pizza restaurant.



Hospitality Training

Year 12 students joined a two-day training workshop at Six Senses Resort Krabey Island, to learn about the different career paths within hospitality. This included gaining experience in the following departments:

1. Kitchen/culinary
2. Restaurant and service
3. Spa
4. Sustainability

Thank you Six Senses for offering this exciting opportunity for students to explore options for their futures!



New Kites to Fly!

Thanks to Paula Bebee for the donation of kites to AllKids, the students love them! We have given 2 kites to each of the centres so students can fly them when conditions are good. Paula is a fantastic AllKids supporter and sponsors 40 children through the AllKids Child Sponsorship program. Paula's particular passion is to ensure that the 60 children living on the local dump are able to extricate themselves from their cycle of poverty through education. These children attend one of our day care centres six days each week.



Thank you Lang Family Foundation



It has been 12 months since the Lang Family Foundation donated AU\$50,000 to AllKids. This was to enable the roll-out of our curriculum expansion to include Khmer literacy and maths programs whilst maintaining our English, IT, art, performance and sport programs. Recent assessments have made it clear that the expanded curriculum is extremely effective and the children's educational progress has accelerated both in public school and in AllKids four centres. Thank you to the Lang Family Foundation for their generous donation!



Lang Family Foundation

Sponsor a Child's Education

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