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From the President

I write this having just returned from a working visit to Kampuchea House. It has been so uplifting to see the ongoing progress the children, staff and of the organisation as a whole.

After our recent AGM, I would like to thank outgoing committee members; Jen Connelly and Tom Wilkins for all their work and involvement over the past six years. At the same time, I welcome Meredith Kelly and Chris Penman onto the committee. Both bring vast knowledge and experience to our board.

Recent capital works have seen the completion of perimeter fencing as well and a new and much needed amenities block – more on that later. I also wish to thank the great effort and support of Chris Lane and family, who have project managed and contributed to a most impressive water sustainability project at Kampuchea House.

Thank you for all you've done, and all you continue to do, to help children feel loved and accepted and to show them that they matter. It is so rewarding to validate that all of our efforts are making such a difference to the lives and well-being of these young people. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. Jason May – President



Sor's Graduation

Sor recently completed his electrician's training course at Grace House. During Jason's recent visit to KH, Sor was presented with a watch. Leng and Belinda then attended the graduation day at Grace House where he was presented with his certificate. Sor has worked hard for this result and Kampuchea House is very proud of him. Many thanks also to Bridget and Alan from Grace House for allowing Sor to do the course.

2013 Christmas Appeal

As Christmas approaches, we ask that you remember Kampuchea House in your holiday plans. While preparing for joyous holiday celebrations with your family and friends, it's important to stop and reflect on the joy and blessings in your own life while also being aware that not everyone is so fortunate. While shopping for gifts and at gatherings with loved ones, please consider setting aside part of your budget to support the work of Kampuchea House with a tax-deductible charitable donation.

Our work has a powerful impact not only on the children in our care, but also on the larger local community as a whole.

Any amount you can share will be greatly appreciated and put to good use.

Please refer to the attached brochure for further details.





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Siem Reap Clean-Up

Kampuchea House joined with other NGO's, schools, businesses and individuals when called to help with a river and street clean-up. Over 700 people volunteered in the clean up organised by a local expat Richard Crluk. Kampuchea House worked along National Road 6, consulting with local officials and stallholders. The day was a resounding success, with a total 856 bags of rubbish filled, including 90 bags of recyclables and 16 sacks of glass items. A tortoise found under some glass was given a new clean home. The photo (below right) and other photos of the day can be found on our Facebook page.

Volunteer – Anne Gibbons' Story

From the minute I went through the gates of KH I knew that this was going to be the best few weeks of my life - and it was. I was taken aback by the whole place; how well the grounds were kept, how clean everything was but most importantly, how I was welcomed by everyone. It was obvious to me straight away how happy all the children were, and how much they appreciate what is and has been done for them.

Watching the faces and joy of all the children and staff when participating in simple activities such as puzzles or decorating their own bags is something that I will remember forever.

Watching the older children helping the younger ones and the smiles when they completed something together was worth every minute of my time spent at KH.



I will also never forget how respectful every child was. Every day before the children went to school and when they returned they would greet you with a hug and a smile. Meal time was one of my favourite times not only was the food fantastic but watching how everyone interacted so happily it was just like a big, noisy, happy family. I was also touched by the children as to how they were always offering to share their food with me and make sure I was being looked after.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone at Kampuchea House for giving me the opportunity I had in visiting, especially Belinda who not only educated me on Cambodia, she went out of her way to help and we had a lot of fun at the same time.



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Securing the Property

The new fence has finally been completed. This should stop the stray cows and other animals from entering the property as well as being far more secure for our children. As you can see by this photograph there was a lot of distance to cover. The new amenities block is also now complete and renovations of the old amenities block are next on the agenda.



New High School in Siem Reap

The older children are now attending their new High School in Siem Reap. The photo shows Sokhorn, Sinan, Samean Ya and Chinh riding to school. They now live at the Siem Reap office space under the care of a house mother. They are all doing well at school and continue to study hard for their exams.

The school provides a better subject choice and is best for their future prospects in the work force. We currently have one student undertaking a degree in accountancy and six students attending high school in Siem Reap. As a result our education costs have increased markedly over the past 12 months and will continue to do so with four more students commencing high school late in 2014.



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Youth Committee Chairperson

The Kampuchea House Youth Committee has had a great year which we all look back on fondly. On October 18th we held our annual fundraising event, a Masquerade Ball. It was a fantastic night with over 100 guests. We raised over \$5900 for the kids.

There was entertainment by some local artists, including the St Leonard's Improv Band, Matt Hadgraft, and Lucy Nicholson who all contributed to the success of the night. Furthermore, the Smart Artz Gallery provided the perfect setting for the event.



New Initiative Launch

The Youth Committee has also tried to broaden their focus beyond just raising awareness this year. Through innovation and planning we have developed an exciting new initiative; **Project 200:20**.

The youth committee is driven by an amazing group of committed and passionate members who all donate their time with a hope to make a difference for the children's lives. The team includes Emma Perkins, Jess and Will Stojkovski, Deb Connelly and Will Murray.

We look forward to the year ahead and the continued growth of our current project, which Emma will detail below.

Jennifer Connelly
Youth Committee Chair

Launch of Project 200:20

For most young people these days \$20 doesn't go very far, in fact, it's only 4 skinny, decaf, frappachino's, but at Kampuchea House \$20 goes a lot further! That's why the youth committee launched their new fundraising campaign; Project 200:20. The project has been designed to help raise much needed funds for the everyday running costs of KH. The goal is to find **200** young donors to donate **\$20** a month via direct debit from their credit card. This will be communicated through an online 'word of mouth' campaign using a very emotive light hearted video made by Will Stojkovski. If you are on Facebook, twitter or Instagram, look out for Project 200:20 popping up in the New Year. If you know any younger people who would be interested in helping a cause like ours, we would love to hear from them.

Please send an email to youth@kampucheahouse.org.

You can also go to our website:

<http://www.kampucheahouse.org/20020/> to

download a form to become a donor.

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This will greatly assist us to continue to give the children in our care the food, clothing, education, medical, dental and welfare necessities that they need to grow and develop.

Our work has a powerful impact not only on the children in our care, but also on the larger local community as a whole. We are completely reliant on charitable donations in order to be able to continue to provide these services. That is why we ask you to remember Kampuchea House with a charitable gift in support of our important work during the Christmas season. Any amount you can share will be greatly appreciated and put to good use.

Donations

Tax deductible donations can be made by EFT to:

Kids Off The Kerb - Kampuchea House Project

BSB 063 157 Account No 1055 4434, Commonwealth Bank- Northcote, Vic

NB. Please include your surname/company name and 'donation' as a reference.

If you prefer to donate via credit card or cheque please use the attached form or download from our website at www.kampucheahouse.org



www.kidsoffthekerb.org



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I would like to support the Kids Off The Kerb Kampuchea House Project

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other: _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

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Bank – Commonwealth. Branch – Northcote, Vic. BSB – 063-157. Account No – 1055-4434.
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