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NEWS

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ANNOUNCING OUR NEW SITE

Exciting times are ahead for Feeding Dreams– we have just secured a 15 year lease and will be moving very soon!! The new site has major potential- just 5 minutes away from our current school, measuring an impressive 4200 square meters. The new school will be our permanent center of learning, assisting our 800 children to ‘learn their way out of poverty’.

After 18 months the impact Feeding Dreams has made in the community is insurmountable– we revel at the possibilities of what we can do in 15 years!! We now realize the full extent of the poverty and need in this area and it is much more severe than we had anticipated 18 months ago. Therefore it was crucial that we secured a long term contract for our new site so that we can further establish ourselves within the community as an organization offering support, solutions and sustainable development. This is truly a memorable time for all the team and all our supporters around the world, for **WE COULD NOT HAVE ACHIEVED SO MUCH FOR SO MANY WITHOUT YOU.**



NEW SITE DEVELOPMENT

STEP I—BUILDINGS

ADMIN WORK CENTRE needed Already there are structures on site; a building consisting of 14 rooms, but is in dire need of renovation before it is functional. Repairs to roofing and ceilings are imperative, numerous internal walls need to be removed, and building completely rewired. This building will serve as offices for each department including Reception, Administration and teacher resources, Volunteer, Community Support, Morality and Counseling, Sick room and Computer classrooms. We urgently need financial support for this renovation.

CLASSROOMS needed We propose to construct 2 new structures, each consisting of 4 large open classrooms, being 8 in total for language, math and morality lessons. We are looking for a sponsor for each classroom at a cost of US\$3,000 per room. Our existing grass and bamboo classrooms on our current site will not be wasted, some shall be transferred to the new site, serving as shade areas for the children, while others shall be recycled to provide new grass housing for poor residents living in slum areas.

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**Great Feeding Dreams Supporters,
Please choose an area of interest you would like to support**



COSTINGS

ADMIN renovation	US
Electrical, Lights, fans etc	\$2,500
Roof and Ceiling repairs, removal internal walls	\$1,500
Painting	\$1,800

BUILD A CLASSROOM	
8 large classrooms	each \$3,000
Large computer room	\$3,000

BUILD OUR OUTDOOR KITCHEN	
Open concrete structure, benches and cupboards	\$2,800
Water pump installation, electric pump, piping and taps	\$500

SITE & AMENITIES	
Fill to site and excavation	\$2,000
Electricity to site and security lighting	\$1,500
Front steel Security gates	\$1,200
Toilet renovation / water tank	\$800
Water pump installation, electric pump, piping and taps	\$500
Toilet block and septic tank	\$1,000



BUY A CLASSROOM

US\$3,000 BUYS A CLASSROOM for our KIDS

(8 language, math and morality +1 large computer room)

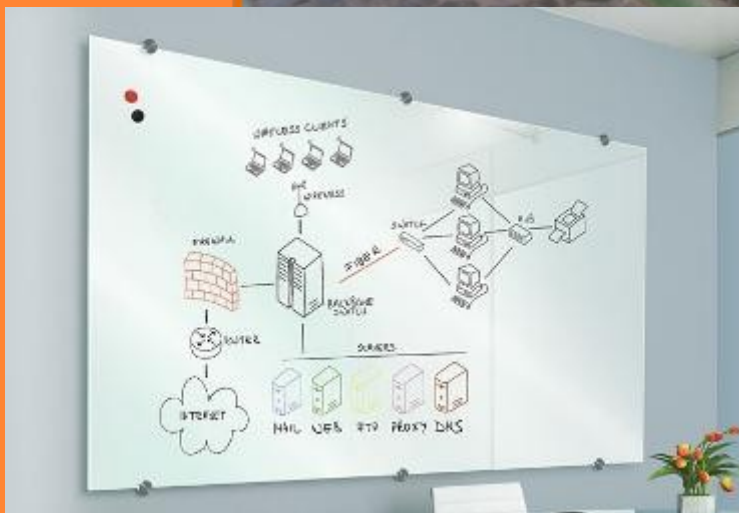
Classrooms shall be an improved version of this model of classroom structure (photo).

The open plan design ensures air flow for coolness, and cost effectiveness.

Each classroom includes concrete slab, brickwork, iron roof with large overhang for weather, fan, lighting, and latest glass whiteboard. We shall be using existing desks.

Each classroom will proudly display your individual name, or name of your group.

If you would like to build a class room please contact kerry@feedingdreamscambodia.org



STEP 2— FOOTBALL PITCH, GRASSING & PAVING OF SITE

After Step 1 is completed, because of the huge size of our new permanent site, we are able to construct our own grassed Football Pitch and expand our Sporting program for the children. Not only have sports been found to enhance brain development and raise IQ, in addition, sports build confidence, develop focus, and teach kids about emotional control. "Kids learn essential life skills, such as hard work, patience, persistence, and how to respond positively to setbacks and failure.



Guestimate US\$4,000—US\$5,000

STEP 3—PROPOSED VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

Also on site, Feeding Dreams will construct and launch
“Feeding Dreams Vocational Training Centre & Restaurant”

A one year intensive program will include a comprehensive curriculum, an emphasis on practical experience and of course essential English & Khmer conversational skills.

Many teenagers by the age of 14 have previously been forced to drop out of primary school education, or never had the chance to begin, due to poverty. Over this age it becomes impossible to gain a formal basic education. With no education, and zero opportunities we firmly believe that the Feeding Dreams Vocational Training Centre will offer young people perhaps their only chance of success.

Hospitality is one area we shall focus on — huge demand for skilled hospitality staff in Siem Reap. The province, which is a gateway to the Angkor temples, boasts approximately 450 Hotels and guesthouses, with numbers increasing rapidly. In 2013, 2.2 million tourists visited Siem Reap.

After 1 year the student will graduate from Feeding Dreams Vocational Training Centre with a qualification certified by the Ministry of Education. Due to the high standard of our program, the qualification will have great value thus enabling the graduate to gain employment within booming industries in Cambodia.

Feeding Dreams Vocational Training Centre would complement existing programs and provide career gateways to the poorest children, whom already in their short lifetime have experienced a life of heartbreak and unbearable situations.

Our ethos at Feeding Dreams is that all students, young and old, are deserving of an education, a sense of self-worth and the chance to shine. Like us all, sometimes people just need a helping hand.

We envisage construction costs at US\$27,000 and fitout and furnishings US\$9,000.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

WE ARE DELIGHTED FOR OUR STUDENTS WHO RECENTLY GRADUATED
25 STUDENTS **PRE-INTERMEDIATE ENGLISH**
& **50** STUDENTS **ELEMENTARY ENGLISH**
THERE WERE SMILES ALL ROUND AS KENNETH PRESENTED THE BRIGHT
YOUNG STUDENTS WITH CERTIFICATES.

THIS IS A NATIONALLY RECOGNISED QUALIFICATION AND IS
FUNDAMENTAL IN EDUCATION & FUTURE EMPLOYMENT.

WELL DONE STUDENTS!!

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THANKYOU KAT (Katayoun Moaven)

“Feeding Dreams could not operate without out supporters and especially our volunteers who give their time, energy and spirit to the children at school. Kat was a wonderful volunteer, her drive inspired us all and we were very sad when she left... Come back soon Kat!!

Kat’s advice to those considering a volunteering experience”

“You'll never look back. No regrets! EVERYONE needs to do international relief/volunteer work to appreciate life & connect to others. What good are you to the world if you don't make a single difference in it?”

Kat’s advice on how to fundraise:

“Determination. Never giving up hope that donations will come in. Motivating myself to motivate my friends. On my birthday, I said my one wish was for people to donate, regardless of amount. I sent an email to every email address I'd ever contacted or been contacted by. From that email, a \$3000 donation came in!”

THANKYOU Kat for all your efforts in your Fundraiser, funds raised will go far in helping to continue giving these beautiful children free holistic education, daily meals, and family support.



Feeding Dreams Cambodia NEWS

NY SOKRITH - UNIVERSITY SPONSORSHIP

Sokrith (20 years old) is a bright young woman from a poor rural area of Kampong Thom. She recently finished high school and was very excited with her fantastic news of exceptional exam results.

Sokrith desires to continue her education at University very much and says if she has an opportunity to go to University, she will commit to studying very hard and do whatever is necessary for her studies.

She wants to study the four year degree "Finance and Banking" as she dreams to work in the bank. Sokrith is the oldest of 3 children from a very poor farming family and parents cannot afford to send her to University despite teachers raving about her potential.

Her father, Yun (46) is rarely at home as he must go wherever he can to get work- normally on a farm near to the border with Thailand. Yun is illiterate and works cutting sugar cane, potatoes, and harvesting rice which he lifts onto the truck. He earns around 15000riel (US\$3.25) per day but this depends on when there is work available. Yun does whatever is needed to feed his children.

His wife Ouk (43) makes clothes. She learnt how to sew many years ago and she makes very nice clothes, she makes income of \$3 or \$5 per set of lady clothes at her local area, and it takes her 3 days to finish a set. However she does not have much work to do as most people only want new clothes during the dry and wedding season.

Sokrith's sister Kim Sraun (18) is studying grade 12 and her youngest brother Meng Choing (10) is studying grade 3. Sokrith's parents are already struggling to pay the school fees for all children to remain in school. Without a sponsorship, Sokrith certainly would never have the opportunity to pursue higher education to gain better employment and a salary to assist her family.

We are looking for a sponsorship of \$400 per year for the first 2 years, and \$450 per year for the last 2 years for Sokrith to realize her full potential and in turn help her people in the future.

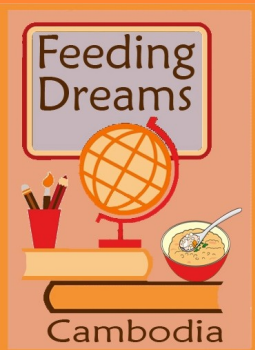
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