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”Our Mission

Cambodian Children’s Fund transforms the country’s most impoverished kids into tomorrow’s leaders by delivering education, family support and community development programs into the heart of one of Cambodia’s most impoverished communities.

We believe that with the right education and support, one child has the potential to lift an entire family out of poverty and that a generation of educated children has the power to change a whole society.

Through intensive, long-term investments in children, CCF is helping students build the skills, confidence and integrity they need to become the progressive spokespeople and leaders of change in their communities.

A WORD FROM SCOTT NEESON



There have been many milestones since CCF began in 2004.

This year, however, has seen perhaps the biggest landmark in our journey with the opening of the Neeson Cripps Academy (NCA).

This world-class facility stands on ground that was once wasteland. From the ashes of no hope has risen a building that now forms the heart of the community, symbolising the continuing regeneration of Steung Meanchey and a new chapter in CCF's history.


In a building fully funded by Velcro Companies, the flagship NCA aims to deliver the best possible quality of education to our students with a focus on STEM learning (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).

Our NCA students - of which more than 70 percent are girls - have enthusiastically embraced the opportunity. As has the local community, with the NCA staging events and opening its doors with after-school clubs.

My proudest moment came at the end of the year with our first batch of CCF university graduates. To watch the accomplishment of these 25 young people, many of whom once lived and worked on the former landfill site of Phnom Penh, scavenging in garbage to survive, was a defining moment for all of us here. I believe, however, that the best is yet to come for CCF. I hope you can join us as the journey continues.

Warm regards


Scott Neeson
Founder and Executive Director



Cambodian Children's Fund (CCF) is registered in Cambodia as an International Non-Government Organisation through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Royal Government of Cambodia. CCF is also a U.S. registered 501(c)(3) charity.

All CCF programs are based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

We have international offices with dedicated staff in: United States, Australia, Hong Kong, United Kingdom.

A young child, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, blue pants, and a blue baseball cap, sits amidst a vast sea of discarded plastic waste. The child is looking directly at the camera with a somber expression. The ground is covered in a thick layer of colorful plastic bags, crumpled paper, and other debris, stretching far into the background under bright, hazy sunlight. The child is sitting on a pile of trash, with more waste visible around them and in the distance.

Steung Meanchey was once home to one of the largest landfill sites in SouthEast Asia. It was a dangerous and toxic environment for the communities that lived around it. Since 2004, CCF has been working with those communities. We began with 45 children under our care and today, 13 years later, we have almost 2,000 students working towards a brighter future for themselves and their families. In 2009 the landfill site was closed. However the need for CCF's services remains strong as Steung Meanchey continues to be the entry point for destitute families moving to Phnom Penh from rural provinces.

2017 – IN NUMBERS

1,943

Number of students enrolled
in CCF Programs

164

CCF students now at university

30,953

kg of rice distributed to the community
and programs

12

University graduates

158,210

Nutritious meals distributed to needy
children and community people
through our leadership program

30,592

Medical treatments and consultations
at our free health centre



265k

likes



264k

followers



1x

awards

RECOGNITION

Charity Navigator

Charity Navigator is one of the world's largest independent charity watchdogs, it ranks non-profit organisations on criteria such as financial management, governance and transparency.

In 2017 Charity Navigator awarded us the highest rating of 4 out of 4 stars for the eighth consecutive year:

GreatNonprofits

We're proud to announce that CCF has been granted a "Top-Rated" award by GreatNonprofits for the fourth year running. This prestigious award is given based on reviews from those with direct experience of a non-profit organisation's work, such as volunteers, donors, and supporters.

"I've been volunteering for children's NGOs for over a decade, and have never seen an organisation with the sheer positive impact of CCF," Josh, former CCF volunteer.



Eighth consecutive year
from independent charity
watchdog Charity Navigator



Rating in Philanthropy



CCF operates 64 projects in 6 core program areas: Education, Community Outreach, Leadership, Career and Life Skills, Healthcare and Childcare. They all play an essential part in providing excellent education to children who were once thought to be unreachable.

The foundation of CCF's work has been built upon the belief that a child with a high-quality education will be able to lift themselves and their family out of poverty. But we need to provide more than just education, we need to address the barriers that prevent a child from going to school.

Families cannot prioritise education if they are without the very fundamentals needed to survive.

A hungry or malnourished child cannot study. A family that is dependent on their child to care for siblings or to help provide an income, cannot send their child to school. A family without access to healthcare, clean water or a safe place to call home, cannot put their child's education first. To ensure families can make their children's education a priority, we provide access to healthcare, housing, nutrition programs, childcare, emergency support services and loan programs. CCF strengthens the community beyond simply surviving - we create the opportunity for Cambodian children to achieve prosperity.

It is a simple, yet comprehensive program that allows us to create lasting change in the most impoverished communities.



PROGRAMS

Childcare

From young kids through to young adults living in transitional homes while they study at university, we provide high quality care and support to children in need.

Leadership

CCF prepares students for their future as leaders in Cambodian society and equips them with the tools, training and knowledge to make a meaningful, positive impact on their community.

Community Outreach

From providing assistance packages to more than 3,500 families in crisis, to building hundreds of World Housing homes, our community outreach team work on the ground to provide assistance to people in need.

Healthcare

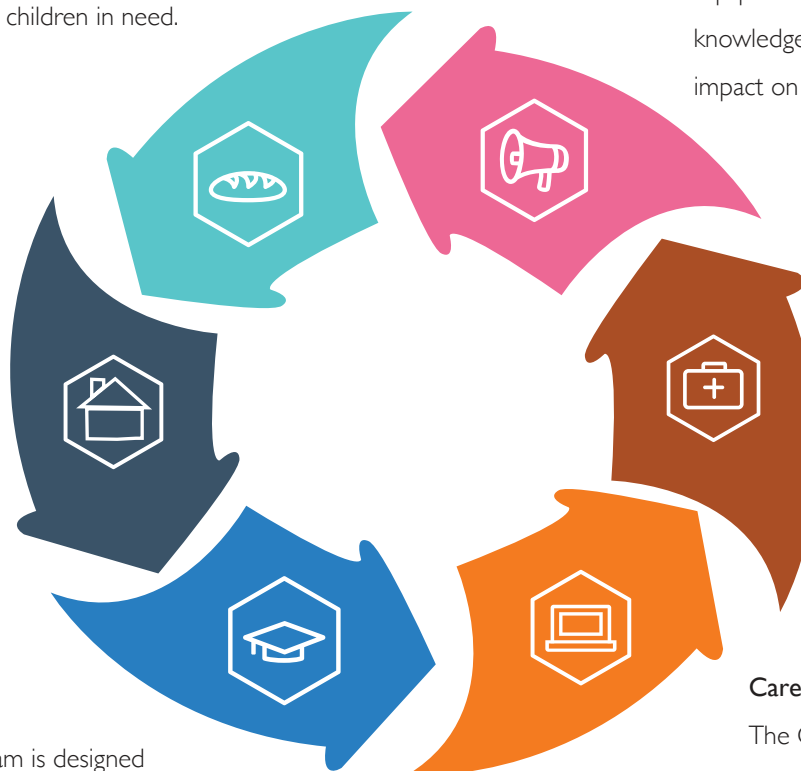
CCF provides free healthcare services to students, families and community members, including Cambodia's only fully free medical clinic serving people of all ages.

Education

The CCF Education Program is designed to serve as a foundation for lifelong learning, providing students with a pathway out of poverty and preparing them for the world beyond CCF.

Career and Life Skills

The Career and Life Skills Program is designed to enable young adults to complete tertiary education or vocational education and earn the skills the need to obtain and maintain gainful employment and independence.





Meet 14 year old Kanha, an NCA student who has been with CCF for five years. As a hard working student who aspires to be a doctor, the NCA is a great environment for her development.

Kanha's interest in science has flourished since taking part in the STEM club.

"I think STEM club will help me achieve my dream of being a doctor," says Kanha. Alongside STEM, Kanha participates in the Leadership Program. She has the opportunity to learn about the key qualities of leadership and take on an active role in the community. Being able to make meaningful impact has been the driving force behind her aspirations:

"The main reason I want to be a doctor is that I want to help poor patients because I am a poor kid. In the past when I got sick, my mum did not have enough money for me to go to the hospital. I want to help patients who do not have money for the hospital and also help my family."

NEESON CRIPPS ACADEMY OPENING

228 students participated in at least one STEM Club,

64% participants were female.

92.3% pass rate for our students attending public school.

70% of students at the NCA are female.

2017 saw the grand opening of our Neeson Cripps Academy (NCA), a state-of-the-art education facility just 300 metres from where the notorious former Phnom Penh landfill site once stood. The school, which has been fully funded by Velcro Companies as part of an ongoing commitment, is an impressive landmark in the heart of Steung Meanchey's most impoverished communities, and stands as a beacon of hope for the next generation.

With an ecologically integrated design and sustainable strategies, the NCA is a healthy and inspiring environment for learning. It provides 400 students with high quality education opportunities through enhanced learning spaces, the latest digital technologies, teacher training and a focus on STEM education (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).

In Cambodia, families are more likely to educate their sons than their daughters, subsequently females face a greater pressure to drop out of school early and contribute to their families income. At the NCA, we commit to investing in skills training and education for our girls, in an environment that is safe and inclusive.

The NCA is taking strides in removing the barriers of social exclusion, pathing the way for education in Cambodia.



Parents Sun Pun and Art Chourn live in the Divine Community.

More than **2300** people live in

461 safe and clean homes in the Steung Meanchey area.

34 new World Housing homes were built

300 people took part in a workshop to improve community living.


THE DIVINE COMMUNITY

Steung Meanchey saw another landmark transformation in 2017 with the opening of the Divine Community. Thanks to World Housing and the Divine family of Canada, over 150 more people now have a safe and clean place to call home.

The Divine Community features 34 houses, two of which have been carefully designed for our elderly community members, gardens, a nursery and a classroom. There is also a central pagoda where the community can gather for events and blessings. It has had an immeasurable positive impact on the CCF community and sets a benchmark for future projects.

Parents Sun Pun and Art Chourn live in the Divine Community. Their family of eight moved from a nearby village where living conditions were poor: "Where we used to live was so bad. Many people would be walking around drinking and they would hit our house. It was not secure," says Sun Pun. "In our old house there were many rats and sometimes snakes. In this new house there are no snakes or anything that can hurt us. We are very thankful to CCF and happy to live here."

Alongside the safety that their new house has brought to them, the Divine Community provides a true sense of togetherness. "There is good teamwork in the community and we never have any violations. We take care of each other and when we have food, we share. When I get sick people care for me and I take care of people too," says Sun Pun. "We take care of each other as one community."

A photograph of an elderly woman, Granny Sa Mean, sitting on a wooden deck outdoors. She is wearing a white button-down shirt and a patterned sarong. She is surrounded by her family and foster children. To her left, a young girl in a purple shirt and pink skirt is sitting. In front of her, a young boy in a red shirt is sitting with his back to the camera. To her right, a young girl in a red polka-dot shirt is sitting, and a young boy in a pink shirt is sitting next to her. A woman in a green hoodie is sitting behind the children, smiling. In the background, there are various household items, including a red bucket, a blue container, and a motorcycle. The scene is set in a small, cluttered outdoor area.

Meet Granny Sa Mean, aged 64 she is an active member of our Granny Program and a foster parent to two CCF children. She lives with her daughter, two grandchildren and two foster children in a small home in the CCF community.

CCF provides care and food to ensure Sa Mean can enjoy her older years in comfort and with the launch of our Foster Care Program, Granny Sa Mean saw an opportunity to give back to the community. "I wanted to share my warm heart," said Sa Mean. Her two foster children, Bopha, aged 12 and Narith, aged six came from a difficult home where their safety was at risk. "The children rarely went to school, and when they did they could not learn because they were sad. Now they live with me, they go to school everyday and they get good grades." In her small but comfortable home, fostering meant that a total of six people would be living together in one room but this doesn't deter Granny Sa Mean, "I really love them, I treat them like my relatives."

FOSTER CARE

37 children were sent to live with


21 foster and kinship families

450 students received individual counselling sessions

Officially launching this year, the Foster Care Program has been established to provide at-risk children with foster families within the CCF community.

CCF places the utmost importance on keeping families together, but when safety concerns prevent this, we seek the best solution to ensure our students are safe. The program runs alongside the Child Protection Unit and Community Outreach team to identify vulnerable children who are exposed to abuse, violence, exploitation and neglect. Foster care allows us to keep children in a family environment where they can receive love and support and ultimately improve their chance of receiving a quality education. The foster families are carefully selected and receive ongoing support so that we can work together as a community to create a brighter future for children.

The program's positive impact can also be seen in our elderly community. Many women from our Granny Program have been brought to the forefront of the community by volunteering to foster. Compelled to help, these women have provided a stable, loving environment and become role models in the community.



Meet Socheta, the 1000th baby to be born through the CCF Maternal Care Program. Socheta was welcomed into the world by her proud parents, father Tok and mother Rarothana, her two older brothers, and the entire CCF community.

Under the motto 'a healthy mother means a healthy baby,' the MCP ensured that Rarothana had a healthy pregnancy and that she received support. "CCF's staff taught me what I needed to know about raising a healthy baby and answered any questions I had," says Rarothana. Socheta will be raised, to a degree, through a community effort. Those living with and around the new mother take on responsibilities to ensure they are living in a healthy environment. This started when CCF helped to fix the new parents' house, providing them with a safe home to raise Socheta.

Socheta's parents are now able to look forward to their daughter's future: "When she grows up, I want her to have an excellent education and get the job of her choice," says Rarothana.

1000 BABIES BORN

121 births facilitated.

230

expecting parents took part in monthly prenatal and postnatal education sessions.

0 maternal deaths.

This year we had the delight of welcoming the 1,000th CCF baby to the world. An exciting milestone made possible by our Maternal Care Program (MCP).

For many women in Steung Meanchey pregnancy was once a dangerous and terrifying prospect. With almost no medical help available and many women giving birth on the dumpsite or in its perimeter, an estimated 8% of mothers died as a result.

Introduced to address the distressingly high maternal death rate, CCF's Maternal Care Program has been providing free healthcare and support to expectant mothers and fathers since 2011. The program has now seen over a 1000 babies born with no maternal deaths.

In Cambodia, a health problem or childbirth can spell disaster for a poor family. Medical expenses can plunge a family into debt for a lifetime, forcing them further into poverty. The MCP is just a fraction of our comprehensive Healthcare Program, designed to keep the whole community healthy and prevent the cycle of poverty.



Meet Sovandara, born to a poor family in rural Cambodia, she had little schooling as a child. When money became scarce she began working on the rubbish dump in Steung Meanchey. Her job was to collect wood to sell, scavenging all day and into the night.

Sovandara was 11 when Scott Neeson found her and her siblings on the dump. The children were enrolled in school and CCF helped her parents start a small business in Phnom Penh.

Nearly 11 years later, Sovandara has a degree in Business Management, and is working as an HR supervisor while saving to study for a Master's in International Relations.

"It is surreal that I've achieved what I have knowing where I have come from," says Sovandara.

"I'm not sure that I can ever repay CCF and all of the people that have supported me along the way.

All I can do is continue to work hard for my community and my family and ensure that I never take the life I have for granted."



17 students graduated university.

93% of students pursue university education.

58 students secured job placements.

14 students received a full local undergraduate scholarship.

37 new students enrolled in university,

2 enrolled in Australian Universities

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES



2017 ended with a remarkable achievement: the first group of CCF students graduated from university. Not only is this an indication of the success of our Education Program, but also of our students dedication and hard work.

The graduates were among the first children to receive assistance from CCF back in 2004. Their journey began around the old landfill site in Steung Meanchey where many of them once believed they would never have the chance to go to school, let alone to university.

Key to our students success has been the CCF Leadership Program. From volunteering in our Granny Program, to mentoring younger students, students are equip with the tools, training and knowledge to make a meaningful, positive impact on their community.

We continue to support the graduates in their careers and is proud to say that they all secured jobs with full time contracts. The students have shown their promise and become role models to the generations of CCF students to come.



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POLICE

CHILD PROTECTION UNIT

Our Child Protection Unit (CPU) - a unique partnership between CCF and the Cambodian National Police - now investigates all cases of serious child abuse. Established in 2013, the CPU has a team comprised of experienced police, investigators and aftercare specialists to tackle serious child abuse in Cambodia, including homicide, sexual assault and child trafficking.

The CPU deals with cases that are often beyond the resources of local police departments, in 2017 the CPU dealt with a total of 222 cases.

During 2017, the CPU created a national policing database to assist in the investigations of all crimes committed against children. This has all been made possible due to the Microsoft Office 365 capabilities and it is the first national policing database to offer real-time data sharing. This provides the CPU and partner law authorities to access comprehensive and continuously updated views of ongoing investigations.



OUR PARTNERS

CCF has strong working relationships with Cambodian Government ministries and departments including the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training, Ministry of Interior and the Council for the Development of Cambodia.

We also have partnerships with leading international organisations and companies such as:

Velcro Companies

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World Housing

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Thank you to all our partners for their continued support.



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KEY EVENTS



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

85%
on programs

10.5%
Administration

4.5%
on fundraising

We keep overheads low to ensure donations are spent where it is needed – on children and families living in poverty in Cambodia.

This data comes from our 2017 audited financial report.

Assets	2017	2016
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Notes B, C and E)	\$4,137,573	\$2,802,350
Accounts receivable (Note B)	\$310,615	-
Loans receivable (Note B)	\$63,877	\$59,916
Prepaid expenses	\$69,537	\$95,825
Inventory of rice stock (Note B)	\$24,857	\$11,332
Total Current Assets	\$4,606,459	\$2,969,423
Investments (Notes B, C and E)	\$3,435,679	\$2,413,215
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation (Note D)	\$10,159,172	\$9,601,412
Other assets	\$191,441	\$196,140
Total Assets	\$18,392,751	\$15,180,190
Liabilities and Net assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$627,912	\$350,659
Employee benefit payable (Note F)	\$490,717	\$416,780
Total Current liabilities	\$1,118,629	\$767,439
Total Liabilities	\$1,118,629	\$767,439
Commitments and contingency (Notes G and H)		
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$17,274,122	\$14,201,696
Temporarily restricted (Note K)	-	\$211,055
Total Net Assets	\$17,274,122	\$14,412,751
Total liabilities and Net Assets	\$18,392,751	\$15,180,190

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Revenue and Support	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	2017	2016
Contributions	\$5,720,725	\$5,178,493	\$10,899,218	\$10,221,061
Program revenue	\$57,724		\$57,724	\$160,663
In-kind supplies and services	\$273,986		\$273,986	\$1,123,315
Investment income	\$105,206		\$105,206	\$139,923
Ticket sales	-		-	\$14,000
Other income	\$4,097		\$4,097	\$23,690
	\$6,161,738	\$5,178,493	\$11,340,231	\$11,682,652
Net assets released from restriction	\$5,389,548	(\$5,389,548)		
Total revenue and support	\$11,551,286	(\$211,055)	\$11,340,231	\$11,682,652
Expenses				
Program services	\$7,225,107		\$7,225,107	\$7,663,066
General and administrative	\$881,258		\$881,258	\$873,645
Fundraising	\$372,495		\$372,495	\$362,478
Total expenses	\$8,478,860	-	\$8,478,860	\$8,899,189
Change in net assets	\$3,072,426	(\$211,055)	\$2,861,371	\$2,783,483
Net assets, beginning of year	\$14,201,696	\$211,055	\$14,412,751	\$11,629,288
Net assets, end of year	\$17,274,122	-	\$17,274,122	\$14,412,751



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