HEARTPRINT ANNUAL REPORT JAN-DEC 2019

### 2019

# THE YEAR OF HOPE



The build crew worked hard this year; an increase in all areas of our community builds as well as almost completing building the HOpE Initiative.

It wasn't only the building that grew. With the new Heartprint Hub built last year new programs were implemented to serve the community more.

More volunteers than ever before came to help and the intern program grew to include four interns, each staying with us for twelve weeks at a time.

Our board grew with new members and to help with the in-country growth, Wendy became a paid staff member of Heartprint towards the end of the year.

A Dengue outbreak hit Cambodia hard and we were called on to support a village on the outskirts of Siem Reap. Luckily, with more new donors on board and the growth of our Heart of Gold club, we were able to help out.

The children from the local community enjoyed some great times as did the Heartprint staff. they all love every new opportunity and experience they are given.

The Heartprint Board. Heartprint



## MEET THE TEAM

#### THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE HEARTPRINTS



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#### **ABOUT US**

Emerging from a compassionate action or thought, a Heartprint is that which leaves a positive impression upon your heart. As an Australian based charity dedicated to raising funds and offering ground support in Cambodia, our goal is to leave an impression on the hearts of impoverished Cambodians.

Through supporting the relief of poverty, we also support the obtaining of education and the breaking of child abandonment practices. Through fundraisers and donations, we are able to provide housing, education support and work opportunities to allow all Cambodians to have hope, dignity and the opportunity for a brighter future

#### Mission

Our mission is to eradicate the poverty cycle by providing education and support, allowing families self-sustainability to be able to provide for themselves.

#### Philosophy

Heartprint believes -The circle of poverty can be stopped by providing education and support

That everyone has the right and power to take control of their own life

Equal rights for all human beings

#### Goals

Provide housing for those below the poverty line

Aid in the set up and continuation of self-sustainability

Assist in education, helping to break the poverty cycle

Provide sanitation and clean water helping to prevent the spread of disease



## 2019 AT A GLANCE





# **COMMUNITY BUILDS**

Two duplexs, house renovations, blue houses, toilets and wells. A busy year for our build crew as well as the many volunteers that joined us.

This year to reduce our carbon footprint we slowly made the conversion over to homes made with a steel frame.

Not only did this improve the houses it meant our build crew could now add metalwork to their resume.





### **Heart of Gold Club**

Collectively our HOG group sponsors children to the local English school. None of our students are individually sponsored, this ensures all our students can continue their education without any interruption or fear of an individual sponsor being no longer able to support them.

Along with school sponsorships, the group allows for the distribution of essential items to local impoverished families; including clothing and school uniforms, rice and other staples, hygiene items, and more. Collectively, the group has provided on average three care packages a month since April 2016. However, the effects of this have spread into the community on a much bigger scale.

On top of all that, this amazing group helped us pay the rent on the Community Support Centre, topped up salaries where sponsorships didn't cover the whole amount, Paid for printing and other running costs to help us serve the community better.

### **Dental Hygiene**

Three days of Dental Hygiene.

Three schools, 1000 fluoride treatments, 1000 toothbrushes, 1000 bars of soap, and 1000 pencils. And we could have done double the numbers.

This year the kids at Heartprint House missed out (we're planning on treating them at a later date) due to lack of product and lack of funds.

The program has become so popular as people are now starting to see the results of the last two years worth of treatments. We've received nothing but great reviews and the schools are asking us to see more students in the future.



### **Girls in Sport**

With arms and a tuk truck loaded with gifts, we set out to visit the girls at West Roluos High School. Here, with the help of Kindredhouse, Heartprint sponsors their girl's soccer program.

The Kindredhouse group gave out soccer boots for the U18 girl's team, all the way from the USA thanks to the Gunnerson family and coaches who were very happy with the new game balls.

Riley Bassett took a practice session for the girls and even had some prizes to give out at the end of the session. The girls are absolutely in awe of Riley and look forward to her visit each year.

This program is doing a great job at keeping these girls in school when often at this age families expect them to leave school to help out around the home or find employment.

#### **Dengue Outbreak**

After a severe Dengue Fever outbreak here in Cambodia we were asked to visit the Balaing Health Centre as the outbreak had put a strain on already poor families that were struggling to cope.

The small health centre was overflowing with patients, people sleeping on floors, sleeping outside; the staff doing their best but more and more people were coming in every day. Already alone two young people have passed away.

You are not supplied with any food in Cambodia during a hospital stay, a member of the family must stay with you to provide you with care. The nursing staff is limited and without this family member's support, you would be on your own. This puts more strain on the family.

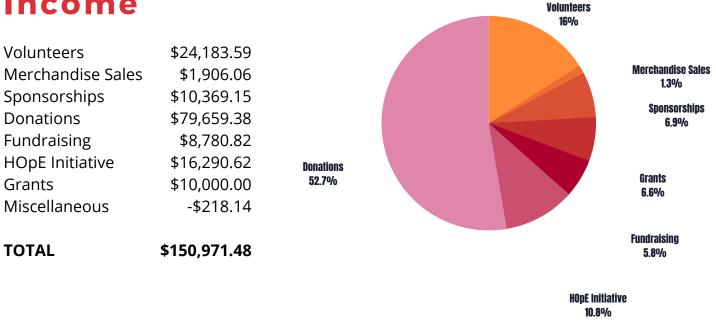
With the help of Heidi Knodle, Carla, and Adele Palmer, we were able to support 40 families with rice, canned fish, and other staple items to get them through for a little longer.



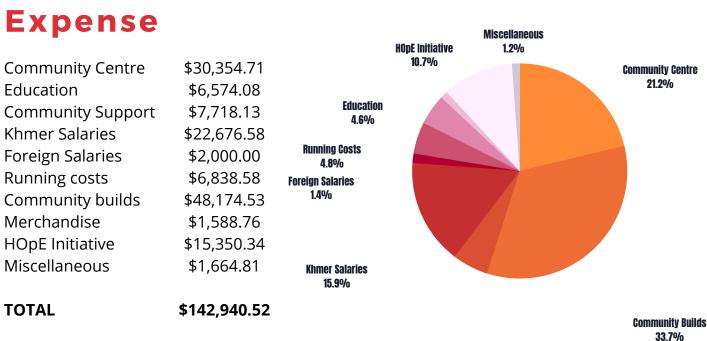


## **OUR YEAR IN FIGURES**

#### Income



#### "Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference"-Kathy Calvin



**Community Support** 5.4%

# HEARTPRINT HOUSE



With the new hub in operation, Pheap started Sunday computer activity classes working with the local kids on their speed and accuracy, Word, Excel, Khmer keyboard, and Google skills.

A library was born, with library cards in hand, locals can come and borrow one book for one week. They proudly bring their library card in each week and the older kids have taken over the running of the library on a Sunday.

The new playground has become extremely popular and screams of joy can be heard as early as 6am as soon as the gates open.

Movie nights operate at least one Sunday a month; the kids are treated to a kidfriendly movie as well as a small treat. It's a big hit, with most weeks anywhere from 45 to 70 kids showing up.

## OUR EXPERIENCES

### A VISIT TO THE Movies

Two of our magnificent intern's, Aleisha and Linda wanted to make sure their last week was special and the kids had something to remember them by.

They shouted all of the English sponsored students a trip to the local cinema. We had a great night with popcorn, soft drink and all the yummy things the movies always involves.

After what felt like 200 toilet trips to check our the toilets and poor little Song's eyes just wouldn't stay open, it was declared a great night had by all.







### WATER PARK VISITS

This year we were lucky enough to visit the waterpark twice. With the opening of a new locally owned park, we thought it was the perfect opportunity to treat the Heartprint staff to a day out. Normally on our community outings, everyone has to be on high alert so the staff don't often get to relax and enjoy the day themselves.

After testing the new park the consensus was it was safe to take the sponsored English kids once again as a reward for their hard work throughout the year. We even added a few of the kids from the community that had never been on an outing. We ate lunch together, followed by ice cream.

Two fun days escaping the Cambodian heat. Fun, fun, fun!

### THE HOPE INITIATIVE

Always looking to increase the help we are providing the families in our communities this year we started on a new project The HOpE Initiative.

Simply put, Heartprint Opportunities and Education Centre will be a place for people with learning difficulties and intellectual disabilities. The inclusive centre will provide employment and vocational training to people with special needs as well as disadvantaged people, as well as create awareness of people with intellectual disabilities.

We plan to integrate and support, allowing people to work within a controlled environment, with the aim to create a source of income to supplement schooling and training for people with learning difficulties and special needs.

The best part: the centre will provide a place for all people to come and be involved in a safe, non-judgemental environment.







#### HEARTPRINT HOLIDAY

This year we travelled over 800kms in four days. Twelve adults, five kids all travelling in a minivan, back of utes, boats and by foot. Sharing the experiences and adventures, seeing temples, waterfalls, seasonal islands in the Mekong, experiencing way more of Cambodia than we thought we ever could.Our interns Linda and Aleisha even joined us on the journey.

What started as our (Garry and Wendy) little present to the staff each year, has become so much more than that. This year the staff saved their tips to pay for their food whilst we were away. We ate local, we ate at sunset on the river bank, we ate plenty. They even had a little left and bought Garry and I a present to thank us at the end. This group of hard working individuals that form together to make Heartprint what it is, deserve this four day break away every year, they look forward to it and they appreciate it; it also means the world to us.







## **CHRISTMAS GIVING**

Christmas at Heartprint is a time of giving, it's not about religion it's simply a time to let the kids know people care. Most Cambodian kids don't even receive a birthday present so to have a day where everyone receives a gift is something very special.

This year we gave out 270 gifts thanks to all our generous donors.

Not only did everyone receive a gift, we played party games, ate food and had the best fun most of them have had all year.

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