# Kids International Development Society



# Creating Better Futures for Children and Families



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

# **Our Mission**

To create better futures for children and families living in developing countries

# Our Goals

- To focus projects directly on helping children and families.
- To create a community of caring, committed and informed donors who are directly involved in improving the lives of children and families.
- To raise awareness about poverty and the needs of children and families living in developing countries.
- To raise funds and ensure the funds go directly towards helping children and families.
- To stay flexible and open to the needs of children, families and communities and develop projects on the assessment of need.

# **Our History**

After the tragic loss of their beloved daughter, Danielle, Rick Lennert and Adrianne Dartnall decided to spend 3 to 4 months each year traveling to S. E. Asia to assist children and families living in poverty. For the past nineteen years they have volunteered in India, Myanmar/Burma, Cambodia, Nepal, Vietnam and on the Myanmar/Thailand border, helping to create better lives for children and families. The pain and suffering they saw inspired them to make a difference in children's lives.

In 2004 Kids International Development Society (K.I.D.S) was formed. As a result of much hard work, a dedicated Board of Directors and a groundswell of support, K.I.D.S became a Canadian Registered Charitable Organization in 2008. Throughout this time K.I.D.S has actively raised funds with the incredible support of friends, foundations and local schools and as a result is able to provide clean drinking water, medicine, clinics, schools, educational supplies and other much needed resources to those in need. Additionally, KIDS supports local grass root organizations that work tirelessly to provide health, education, training and housing for women, children and families.

It is the organization's belief that it is essential to work in partnership with each family, community, and organization to assess the needs and priorities that accurately reflect their perspectives and day-to-day reality. In this way KIDS can more effectively provide the necessary resources, materials and supports that are needed to improve and sustain the quality of life. The work KIDS is able to do is only possible because of the dedicated individuals we work with in these communities and the incredible generosity of our donors, board members and volunteers.

# A Message From K.I.D.S Co Founders

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are pleased to say that this was another year of growth and goodwill for K.I.D.S. Each year we see the meaningful impact and life-changing improvements together we made in the lives of others. It is inspiring to work with those that face enormous challenges and want to break out of the cycle of poverty to improve their lives and communities. We are also grateful to work with so many committed local leaders in the communities we support in Cambodia and Nepal who work tirelessly to make a positive difference for children and families.

Thanks to your support we are able to bring clean drinking water, education, healthcare and family support to thousands of people each year. It is exciting to see the young people K.I.D.S has supported through our education programs growing up and finding decent jobs. Where once they would have faced a life laboring in brick factories making next to nothing they are now living on their own, helping their families and enjoying their lives and careers/jobs. We see women, who were very poor, learning to read and write and are now acquiring skills to help them generate income for their families and themselves.

K.I.D.S works in partnership with our local schools to raise awareness about social justice and global citizenship. It is great to meet young people at schools in our community who want to make a difference and who raise funds for bicycles, bathrooms and books to assist other children and youth.

Again this year you will be able to see the difference that we as a community of caring and compassionate people are making. Thank you for your generosity and we pass on the gratitude from those you support.

We look forward to the next year and hope you join us in changing children and families lives for the better.





# Highlights From 2018/19

# **Education and Training**

Many young people living in poverty have to stop attending school so they can work. This leaves them without the literacy and numeracy skills that they need to further their education and careers. Often their children will face similar situation years later and so the cycle of poverty continues. K.I.D.S is stopping this cycle by supporting young people through our education sponsorship programs. We build classrooms, provide resources, bicycles, computers, English lessons and early childhood education. As well as building clean drinking water systems and bathrooms on school sites.

## **Smart KIDS Sponsorship Program**

K.I.D.S support hundreds of young people from extremely poor families, who work in brick factories or rice farms for a living. Through this sponsorship program, we provide students with english lessons, bicycles to get to school, educational materials and pay their school fees. Each year we work with rural schools to offer a sponsorship to the most needy families that are committed to supporting their children to get an education.





Many young people that K.I.D.S supports go on to further education, find decent-paying jobs and live healthier more rewarding lives. Paisue worked in the brick factory as a young child. KIDS sponsored him through school, English classes and a one-year tourism-training program. He went on to work and put himself through university. Paisue is now a manager of staff relations at a large hotel, where he makes an excellent salary. He is helping his family build a new house. This is just one story of many that education changes lives and the futures for generations to come.





## **Computer Labs**

Computers make a positive difference in the lives of young people in the developing world. Through access to computers, students develop skills that will dramatically improve their job prospects as well as the opportunity for further education and training. K.I.D.S continues to provide computers for high schools where there are skilled teachers to teach. We also provide computers and a teacher for a free computer-training program in Stung Treng Province for women and youth who otherwise would not be able to access these skills.



## **English Programs**

Because the education level in Cambodia is very low there are high levels of poverty and unemployment. Learning English is a powerful way to accelerate national development and create more job opportunities. Many young Cambodians looking for jobs are rejected because they speak very little or no English as the family cannot afford English language education. K.I.D.S supports English language programs to village students, ages 8-18. This opportunity to learn English allows them to obtain jobs in tourism and word processing. These students are very dedicated to learning English, often-studying evenings and weekends.

## Stung Treng Women's Weaving Training Program, Cambodia

K.I.D.S continues to support a program that improves the lives of women and in turn, changes the futures for their children. Stung Treng Women's Development Centre focuses on training women to weave silk products. The women receive a good living wage and K.I.D.S provides an early childhood/kindergarten education program for their children, as well as for poor children from the local village, along with hot nutritious lunches and snacks as well as a hygiene program.







## Women's Education and Literacy in Nepal

WELNepal supports women to learn literacy skills. K.I.D.S assists this life-changing program by supplying portable libraries and reading glasses. We also fund an income-generating sewing program where women come together to learn how to sew, making uniforms and clothing to sell to make money for their families.





## Bicycles, Books and Backpack

Many children in Cambodia have to walk long distances to get to school especially in rural areas. They often arrive at school physically tired from their commute. This is particularly true for students in secondary school as the schools are often shared between villages. Without a bicycle many students simply drop out of school. K.I.D.S provides hundreds of bicycles each year to students so they can continue their education. Other members of their family also use the bike to get to markets and clinics.





Many families cannot afford a simple uniform, backpack or books for school. We work with schools to identify students who need supplies, which the students and their family greatly appreciate.





#### Classrooms and Schools

Lack of schools and crowded classrooms in isolated areas are common in Cambodia. K.I.D.S is dedicated to improving the educational environment and the opportunity to attend school by building classrooms and schools. This year we were able to build four new classrooms for a rural school that was overcrowded. The new classrooms enable more children to attend school, as well we provided an English class and teacher. K.I.D.S also partnered with Lion's Club Norway to build a floating high school for youth on the Tonle Sap Lake. This is the first high school in this area and will give young people the chance to further their education and break the cycle of poverty.





# Family Support

#### K.I.D.S Home for Girls

K.I.D.S continues to provide a supportive home for girls who had been abandoned, abused, orphaned or neglected. Thanks to You Vath, house mother/social worker, these girls have a loving and safe environment to learn and grow. Over the years we have watched these girls turn into young women who now live their lives with confidence, education and life skills that improve their futures.









# **Family Housing**

Sadly many families who live and work in brick factory areas cannot afford to build or even fix the substandard housing in which they live.

Through our education sponsorship program we identify those most in need of safe housing.

## **Housing and Hygiene**

Many of these families also live without bathrooms and so their hygiene and health are compromised. K.I.D.S rectifies this situation by building bathrooms for the families. Needless to say they are extremely grateful to be able to have privacy and dignity as well as a place to wash their clothes.







# Health Care and Nutrition

#### The Lake Clinic Cambodia

The Lake Clinic provides floating communities on the Tonle Sap Lake and the Stung Sen River with adult and paediatric primary care. This includes vaccinations, dental services, eye care services, antenatal care, health education, and referral, with transportation, as needed, to the hospital in Siem Reap. The Tonle Sap is the largest freshwater lake in South East Asia and serves as home to some of the poorest and most remote villages in Cambodia. Over 1 million people live on and around the lake. The majority of families rely on subsistence fishing for survival and the average family income is \$2.50 per day. The team of doctors, nurses/midwives, dental hygienists and support staff travels to four floating clinics that are based on the Tonle Sap Lake and the Stung Sen River in Kompong Thom province. K.I.D.S provides support for the midwives as well as other identified infrastructure needs for this life-saving program.





# Clean Drinking Water





Clean drinking water in western countries is easily available by turning a faucet but this is not the case in Cambodia! The main source for drinking water comes from rainfall. Rainwater is collected in large concrete jars where it is stored for long periods of time. This means that many people, especially children, get sick with water borne diseases. K.I.D.S is dedicated to bringing clean water to communities by building clean water systems at schools so that thousands of children and their families are able to have access to clean drinking water and living healthier lives.

# Schools, Social Justice and KIDS helping K.I.D.S

K.I.D.S works with local schools and Child and Youth Care workers from Vancouver Island University to inspire a desire to make a difference by supporting youth to take on leadership roles, and turn their empathy into activism for global and local issues. Young people learn the difference they can make in the lives of children less fortunate. K.I.D.S ensures that these global citizens see the difference they make through group presentations and numerous updates about and from the youth they are assisting in Cambodia. Young people fundraise to help others through birthdays (money vs. presents), bake sales and busking for K.I.D.S.









# Foundations and Businesses who Generously Support KIDS

We want to sincerely thank the businesses and foundations for their support and generosity. Together we are able to bring human rights to children and families to improve their lives in meaningful ways.

Ames Foundation
Anonymous Foundation
Compassionate Eye Foundation
Cedrick's Café Crofton
Home Hardware Brooks Landing
Healthy Role Models
KKP Printing
Lush Charity Pot
Mazzei Electric
Johnston and Johnston Associates
Chartered Professional Accountants
RBC Dominion Securities
Tracy Balanik Web Design



# Thanks To Our Annual Wine and Wrap Fundraiser Volunteers and Contributors



We are grateful to have the support of so many volunteers, local artists, businesses, service providers, and musicians who come together to create an evening of kindness, caring, commitment and generosity. A great team of people doing great work for kids through K.I.D.S.

# Thanks to Our Dedicated Board of Directors and Staff

#### Rick Lennert - President/K.I.D.S. Co-Founder

Rick Lennert works for himself as a contractor and renovator. Rick has spent the past 36 years working as a builder, fisherman and a boat builder. Rick volunteers three to four months every year to assist children and families living in poverty in S.E. Asia. Rick also volunteers in his home community.

#### Robyn Kemp - Vice President

Robyn Kemp is a retired teacher/counsellor from the Nanaimo-Ladysmith school district. She has served as a board director with the Nanaimo Child Development Centre and the Moorecroft Camp Society. Over the past 6 years she has focused on creating awareness of the educational needs of children in South East Asia and encouraging partnerships with youth, teachers and schools in our community. She has worked in the field on behalf of KIDS and has been a key-volunteer in the annual fundraising events

#### Pam Botterill - Treasurer

Pam Botterill - works at Vancouver Island University as Aboriginal Outreach Coordinator. She joined the KIDS Board of Directors in 2008. Pam has completed her Masters in Professional Communication at Royal Roads University.



Paula Beltgens - Secretary Paula Beltgens has been a consultant, adult educator, researcher and facilitator in Canada and internationally since the late '80s. She has worked with community-based and government agencies, academic institutions, Aboriginal organizations, and with several United Nations programs, including the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. She has supported planning, learning and evaluation activities in a broad variety of contexts including gender equality, child protection, environmental protection, workplace safety, and mental health and substance use services. She has also worked with many First Nations communities on resource information management and traditional use studies for land use planning and educational initiatives. Paula was an associate faculty member with Royal Roads University for eight years and currently holds a position as a knowledge exchange manager with Island Health.



#### **Ashleigh Martinflatt**

Ashleigh Martinflatt has worked in the social work and child and youth care field for over 14 years in British Columbia and Ontario. She has a Bachelor's degree in Child and Youth Care and a Master's Degree in Social Work. She is a full-time faculty member at Vancouver Island University teaching in the child and youth care and social work programs. Ashleigh also works with children, youth and families in the community and is committed to the health and well- being of children locally and internationally. She is honored to be connected to the KIDS organization and being a part of this positive change.



#### Erin McCammon

Born in North Vancouver and raised here in Nanaimo, Erin has strong ties to our community. She grew up participating in the Girl Guides of Canada program from the age of 6, and once old enough, became a leader and mentored girls for a number of years. Erin graduated from Vancouver Island University in 2006 and quickly earned her Chartered Professional Accountant designation just two years later. Erin is now a partner at the firm Johnston, Johnston and Associates Ltd., as well as a mother of two young girls. She joined K.I.D.S. in the fall of 2017, and is excited to be a part of our team.



#### **Dave Frances**

Dave is a semi-retired homebuilder, developer, and investor. He has served on various boards including the Urban Development Institute, VIU Foundation and the United Way. He has also fundraised for a number of local organizations including Haven Society. He is honored to be a member of the K.I.D.S board.



#### Adrianne Dartnall - K.I.D.S Co-Founder Executive Director

Adrianne Dartnall has worked in the Human Services field for over 40 years. During this time, she has been a Counselor, Child and Youth Care Worker, Trainer, Program Developer and Practicum Coordinator. Adrianne has worked in Schools, Non-profit Organizations and at Vancouver Island University, formerly Malaspina University College, in the Faculty of Health and Human Services. Through her career she has served on a variety of Boards of Directors. For the past sixteen years Adrianne and her husband Rick have dedicated three to four months a year to assisting children and families living in poverty in S.E. Asia. At present Adrianne dedicates her time to supporting K.I.D.S

**Financial Statements** 

Year Ended March 31, 2019

(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

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## **NOTICE TO READER**

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of KIDS International Development Society as at March 31, 2019 and the statements of changes in net assets and revenues and expenditures for the year then ended.

We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, we express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

A partner in the firm is a director of KIDS International Development Society.

Nanaimo, BC September 9, 2019 JOHNSTON, JOHNSTON & ASSOCIATES LTD. CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

#### A Professional Corporation

# **Statement of Financial Position**

# March 31, 2019

(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

	2019		
ASSETS			
CURRENT			
Cash	\$ 50,917	\$	62,040
Accounts receivable	401		193
Prepaid expenses	 19,896		19,235
	\$ 71,214	\$	81,468
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
CURRENT			
Source deductions payable	\$ 3,507	\$	959
NET ASSETS			
General fund	5,776		26,334
Internally restricted - note 3	 61,931		54,175
	 67,707		80,509
	\$ 71,214	\$	81,468

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD	
	Director
	Director
The accompanying notes are an integ	gral part of these financial statements.

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# Statement of Changes in Net Assets Year Ended March 31, 2019

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	General Fund	Internally Restricted <i>note</i> 3	2019	2018
<b>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b> DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER	\$ 26,334	\$ 54,175	\$ 80,509 \$	82,492
EXPENDITURES TRANSFERS	 (12,802) (7,756)	- 7,756	(12,802)	(1,983)
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 5,776	\$ 61,931	\$ 67,707 \$	80,509

# Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Year Ended March 31, 2019

(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

		2019		2018	
REVENUES					
Donation income	\$	388,409	\$	289,353	
Fundraising income	7	80,588	_	76,270	
Interest income		16		24	
		469,013		365,647	
DIRECT PROGRAM COSTS					
Accommodation		2,678		2,309	
Airfare		3,049		4,837	
Education supplies and project costs		284,827		163,541	
Family support		24,826		37,236	
Girls home costs		36,076		43,393	
Medical supplies and support		54,304		25,479	
Program wages		20,054		15,044	
Transportation		3,185		3,593	
Water systems		16,149		27,436	
		445,148		322,868	
GROSS PROFIT (5.09%; 2018 - 11.70%)		23,865		42,779	
GENERAL EXPENSES					
Accounting and legal fees		-		1,097	
Administrative wages		28,967		21,731	
Advertising and promotion		1,780		1,256	
Fundraising costs		18,176		17,123	
Office		1,226		1,059	
		50,149		42,266	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM		(2(, 29.4)		E10	
OPERATIONS		(26,284)		513	
FOREIGN EXCHANGE GAIN (LOSS)		13,482		(2,496)	
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$	(12,802)	\$	(1,983)	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



## Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended March 31, 2019

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#### 1. DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS

KIDS International Development Society (the "society") is a not-for-profit organization incorporated provincially under the Society Act of British Columbia on November 26, 2004. As a registered charity the society is exempt from the payment of income tax under Section 149(1) of the Income Tax Act.

The purpose of KIDS International Development Society is to assist communities in developing countries to meet their basic needs including housing, drinking water, medicine, schools, educational supplies and transportation. The society is incorporated as a not-for-profit organization under the Society Act of British Columbia and is a registered charity.

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the following accounting policies.

#### Fund accounting

KIDS International Development Society follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

The General Fund accounts for the society's program delivery and administrative activities. This fund reports unrestricted resources and restricted operating grants.

The Internally Restricted Fund reports project funding commitments.

### Cash equivalents

Cash includes cash and cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are comprised of investments with maturities of one year or less from the date of acquisition.

#### Revenue recognition

The society recognizes revenues as follows:

• contributions are recorded as revenue when received or receivable if the amount can be estimated and collectibility is reasonably assured;

# Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended March 31, 2019

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#### 3. NET ASSETS - INTERNALLY RESTRICTED

A portion of the net assets have been internally restricted in order to meet project commitments to December 31, 2019 and the details are as follows.

	 2019	2018	
Stung Treng Women's Development Center preschool			
and kindergarten operating costs	\$ 26,841	\$ 23,962	
Girl's home costs	24,837	21,298	
Teachers' salaries	10,253	-	
Smart Kids rural education program	-	6,641	
Student sponsorships	 -	2,274	
	\$ 61,931	\$ 54,175	

your support made in the lives of children and families last year **THOUSANDS** of people have access to clean drinking water in rural Cambodia

**CHILDREN** who labored in brick factories now have good educations and good jobs. The cycle of poverty has been broken through KIDS education sponsorship programs

**HUNDREDS** of students have bicycles so they can get to school and continue their education

VILLAGERS living in isolated areas of the Tonle Sap Lake and Stung Sen River receive health, dental and pre and perinatal care and free medicine thanks to The Lake Clinic Cambodia, which KIDS supports.

WOMEN are learning to read and write and being trained to sew and weave and their children can attend early childhood education programs

**THOUSANDS** of students are able to access English lessons and computer skills

THANK YOU for improving the lives of so many