



NEWSLETTER 2020/21 YEAR IN REVIEW

OUR VISION

To create a ripple of growing good in the world by supporting positive change for children and families in developing countries in South East Asia



OUR MISSION

To contribute to equitable opportunities for children and families by investing in education, clean drinking water, healthcare, community development and support

WE VALUE

Caring, inclusion, flexibility, partnerships, responsiveness, compassion, transparency, collaboration and accountability





MESSAGE FROM KIDS CO-FOUNDERS



Dear Friends,

This year has certainly been a very difficult year for so many around the world. COVID 19 has isolated us from one another as well as brought loss, financial hardship and huge struggles. During these times we have also witnessed people's courage, kindness and compassion for one another. K.I.D.S has continued to work hard to assist those that have little to no resources available to them. We would also like to thank all the dedicated people we work with in Cambodia and Nepal, their commitment to improving the lives of children, families and their communities is inspiring.

Thanks to our terrific donors, we have been able to continue to provide: healthcare, education, clean drinking water, family support and some very basic needs, such as food and medicine to those living in communities where we work. We have all been very moved and grateful for your support and in the next few pages, we will give you an overview of the difference we have all been able to make in so many lives.

Adrienne Dartnall and Rick Lennert
Co-founders

Many people living in rural and fishing areas of Cambodia depend on working at brick factories as well as selling their fish and other crops. Because of COVID, factories are closed and people could not travel or sell their goods. Most of the children in our Smart Kids sponsorship programs are living in these areas and face dire situations; however thanks to KIDS, we have been able to help these families through these difficult times by providing food, medicine and funds for hundreds of people.

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CLEAN DRINKING WATER

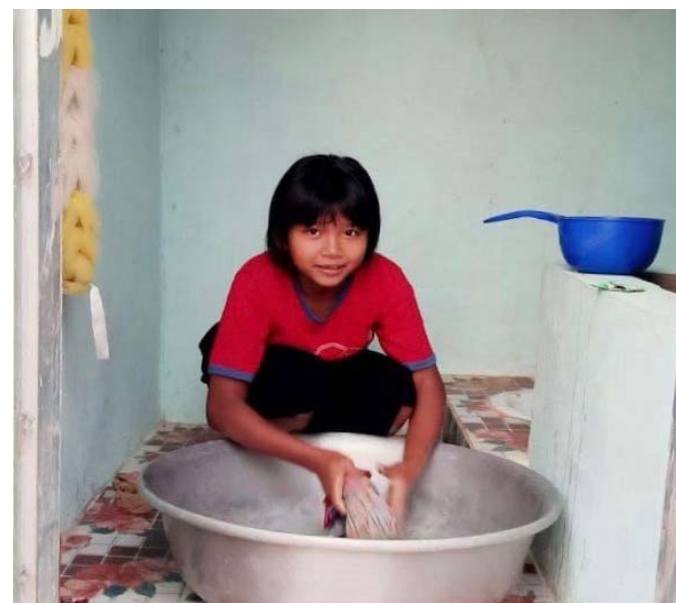


We are committed to improving the lives of children, families and communities through access to safe water and improved sanitation. Clean water is essential for hydration, and key to improving health, food preparation, sanitation and good hygiene. Unsafe drinking water causes serious diseases and even death. KIDS places our clean water systems at schools so children and teachers can access clean water daily and families can come to the school and take containers home for cooking and drinking. Clean Water saves lives and we are pleased to say that thanks to your support this past year we were able to build two more water systems bringing the total of systems to 21 and serving approximately 72,000 people!!!

The UN's sixth Sustainable Goal calls for water and sanitation for all. Safe sanitation practices are an important element of future social and economic development. Each year KIDS builds bathrooms to improve the health and lives of families. These bathrooms also bring hygiene and dignity.



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EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMS



Education changes lives and futures. KIDS also supports a kindergarten, sponsorship program, English lessons, bicycles to get to school, uniforms, school supplies, computer classes and post secondary training.



UNIFORMS, BOOKS & BACKPACKS



HEALTH CARE

KIDS works with The Lake Clinic in Cambodia to bring healthcare to the underserved and this past year, we assisted in renovating the floating clinic that KIDS built in partnership with Compassionate Eye Foundation ten years ago. We also continue to fund nurses/midwives for this wonderful organization, which brings healthcare and medicine to the underserved living on the Tonle Sap Lake and the Stung Sen River.



SCHOOL SUPPORT



Each year we provide rural schools with supplies and structural aides to assist the teachers in creating a safe and healthy learning environment for students. We also provide hundreds of bikes for students that have to travel long distances.

WOMEN'S TRAINING PROGRAMS

We are pleased to once again partner with WELNepal to provide another sewing training program for women living in southern Nepal. The program teaches women to sew and helps them to generate an income as for their families. The women form bonds, share machines and improve their lives.



THANKS TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rick Lennert, Robyn Kemp, Pam Botterill , Paula Beltgens, Ashleigh Martinflatt, Dave Francis,
Erin McCammon



KIDS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Sadly this year we could not have our annual Wine and Wrap fundraiser in our community of Nanaimo, BC. However, thanks to our great KIDS community, we did an online fundraiser. We want to thank everyone who participated, presented and donated. A special thanks to Tracy Balanik for helping to make it work!



THANK YOU TO ALL THE FOUNDATIONS AND BUSINESSES THAT GENEROUSLY SUPPORT KIDS

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We want to thank the heroes around the world, that are helping with this pandemic. We also deeply thank those that work with KIDS in the field, who never give up and work to bring relief, education, medical treatment and basic aid to those in need and facing these extremely challenging and changing situations. We are deeply grateful to all our supporters for enabling us to continue to work together and carry on saving lives and building better futures, throughout this global pandemic and beyond.

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