



Rice for Cambodia Australia Inc. June Newsletter.

Hello

We hope you enjoy this edition of RFC News, as you will read there is a lot going on, and your continued support help keep these very worthy organisations and projects going.

I am heading over to Siem Reap next month and will be spending some time at Green Gecko, going out on a LHA food drop and visiting The Sangkheum Centre for Children, so the next edition will be jam packed with photos and stories.

During our visit we will be interviewing and selecting a recipient for the 'Joyce Bower Memorial Scholarship'. Rather than flowers, family and friends of Joyce donated to a fund to send a young lady to train as a teacher. Details of the lucky recipient will feature in our next edition.

Thanks for your continued support please read on down the page.

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Italian Night



7pm Saturday 22 August 2009

Onde Fine Food Cafe,
 1 Barrett Lane (opposite Cheesecake Shop)
 Mornington Vic Australia

\$60 per person includes welcome glass of Bubbly, and 6 course Italian feast,
 Door prize, raffles, auction.

For tickets please email rfcnews@riceforcambodia.org

Sangkheum News

Since 2001 the Sangkheum Center for Children ('sangkheum' means 'hope' in the Khmer language) has been providing education, training, scholastic support and care to disadvantaged children and youth in Cambodia. We strive to provide a brighter future for orphaned, abused and neglected children who would otherwise be at risk of turning to a life on the streets.



Little Samnang was born with a major cleft lip, separating his lip in two places and splitting his tooth row in the middle. The first surgery has been done and the lip has healed well. Two more operations are coming up to finalise the surgery which will enable Samnang to both speak and eat properly. When asked what he thought about his before and after appearance, the five year old Samnang, born with the self confidence of a giant said, with a smile on his face, that he liked the old look better but the new one was ok.

This is from the latest edition of Sangkheum news [click here to download the full newsletter](#)

Life and Hope 'Family and Community Development Project'

Rice for Cambodia are proud to fund this important project for LHA

The Life & Hope Association (LHA) is an organisation founded by the monks and friends of Wat Damnak. LHA is taking the tradition of the Buddhist Wat in exciting new directions. As a form of socially engaged Buddhism, LHA is reaching out to the community to address the needs of the poor, disadvantaged, and marginalized. The Buddha taught that ignorance is the source of all suffering. LHA embraces education and various forms of instruction as the principal means of combating suffering and cultivating life and hope for the people of Cambodia. LHA's Family & Community Development Project exemplifies these efforts.

[please click here to download full details. of the project](#)



June food drop to Chong Khneas Village

Green Gecko are sending their teenagers to a "Teenagers education project" in Phnom Penh, Rice for Cambodia have covered the cost for two Gecko Kids to attend. We are also funding Women's health workshops for the mothers of the Gecko Kids to be held later in the year. More on that next edition.

TEENAGERS PREPARE FOR FLIGHT

Thanks to our generous friends who jumped at the chance to sponsor our teenagers' education program, we gratefully announce that all places have been pledged and we set off to Phnom Penh on the 27th of this month for 8 days of

eagerly-awaited learning, discovery and fun! We fully appreciate how lucky we are to have such forward-thinking supporters, as many other children's organisations sadly find it close to impossible to access important programs like this.

For this reason, we have started planning for the K&S facilitators to come to Siem Reap to **conduct 6 youth workshops**

for 100 teenagers in our area. Green Gecko is undertaking to cover all accommodation, food, living and travel expenses

for the training team and we are currently negotiating a smaller fee per child for the other organisations.

These workshops are planned for this August and September.



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