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## GRACE HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT 2014

### Summary of Year



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#### Mission Statement

**"Enabling the community to become sustainable through education, family support and health care."**

#### Vision

*In providing opportunities to learn vocational, craft and language skills families will increase their ability to earn an income or run a business, enabling them to become self sufficient. Grace House Community Centre intends to achieve this by supporting families while learning new skills and setting up new business. Offering access to health care sanitation, clean water, dry homes, safe electricity and micro loans. Educating the children in English Language and ensuring they receive a state education.*

*Encourage inclusion of children with disabilities in Siem Reap Province by enabling them to receive specialist education and a safe, caring environment for respite or long-term care*

In February charitable status in England and Wales was awarded under the name Grace House Cambodia Trust. Thanks to the work of a small group of UK supporters.

Grace House Community Centre (GHCC) is now 6 years old and has developed a strong education programme, thanks to the continuing input, advice and staff training from returnee volunteers. A major grant awarded this year from a corporate donor has enabled us to improve our services across a broad spectrum of education.

Since 2011 we have offered a day centre for local children with physical and/or intellectual disabilities, increased funding enabled us to extend the geographical area covered. The living circumstances of a little girl highlighted the plight of many disabled children and thanks to the amazing generosity of supporters a specialist residential unit was constructed in our grounds.



### Education

The education programme continues to achieve good results with many of our school leavers finding work within the tourist industry. The funding from the corporate donor has enabled us to support more students with 'extra lessons' at state school. Without studying extra lessons the students are unable to pass the exams and move up a grade or complete

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## Staffing

Staff numbers have increased with the employment of 3 additional staff in the day centre for disabled children and 5 staff in the residential home Preahkoun House. A new translator was employed for the electrician training programme. 4 staff members continue their university studies and one graduated with a degree in English Literature. Short courses on child protection issues, fundraising, costing and marketing were attended. We said a sad farewell to one teacher who left for personal reasons at the end of the year. The remaining staff group continue to develop skills and work as a strong team.



## Statistics

in the Chicks and bees (4-6 yr old) class. These children will spend 2 years in this class.

The corporate funder is supporting an expat Curriculum Developer position. This role will develop the high school students curriculum to a progressive 4 year curriculum with the aim of providing the students with the life skills to succeed in the work force or further education.

The state school year 12 exams were very strict this year and only 3 of 12 students passed. Two are studying medicine in Phnom Penh and one is studying business here in Siem Reap.

Evening computer classes for 16 - 24 yr olds continued thanks to a grant from the Jetter Fund.

## Family Support



The social workers continue to support families and work with issues such as gambling, alcohol abuse, domestic violence and child abuse. As we assess new families we find some living in extremely poor conditions. Many of the families are living beside the river, two years ago the government planned to move these families. This still has not happened but we ceased to carry out major work on these properties, just ensured they are water tight. Financial Literacy, parenting skills, health education and citizenship classes were offered with the help of the Women's Resource Centre.

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Houses Repaired or Rebuilt	1	
Safe Electricity Installed	10	
Health Care - Children	38	
Meals on Wheels to Elderly	3 a day	
Lunch Club average attendance	25	

## Youth Club

The youth club went through a period of low attendance and we reviewed the aims and objectives. Linking activities to our main programme the youth club is now more focused on leadership skills. The youth leaders attended a course run by Possibilities World to develop their skills. Huge thanks to Harnessing Opportunities through Play and Education (HOPE) a UK charity who have granted us 1 year funding for our Community Youth Leadership Development Programme.



## Electricians Course and Sparkies

In November the new electrician course began with 4 students and a new translator was employed. The students will receive 1 year in the classroom training prior to a further two years "on the job" training with Sparkies Social Enterprise.

Sparkies had a difficult 6 months due to the director's health problems which caused a prolonged stay in UK. The team leaders were not sufficiently experienced to give quotes and Sparkies was still building its reputation. Once the director returned contracts were secured and the enterprise started to make a small profit.



## Grace Gecko Vocational Centre for Women

The number of women employed by Grace Gecko fell slightly due to the higher wages being offered by the massage parlours in Siem Reap town. Although Grace Gecko hourly rate is higher the working hours are longer in town. This has caused problems meeting production figures.



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market helping with sales figures. A new sewing machine was purchased to replace an ageing one.

The Open Skies grant ceased and all overheads are now covered by Grace Gecko with the exception of the manager's salary which is covered by GHCC general funds.



### Disability Programme

The past year has seen a major step forward in our services for children with physical and/or intellectual disabilities. Funding from our corporate donor has secured the day centre programme, enabling the recruitment of a special needs teacher to develop the curriculum, write individual education plans and train staff. Funding was granted for soft play and sensory equipment, though the sensory room is yet to be built due to structural problems.



In late 2013 the need for a residential service for disabled children was identified, no facilities currently existed in Siem Reap province. Research showed a small group home providing respite and transitional care would meet the need. The longterm aim will be to establish a foster family network for the children to move on to once ready.

Thanks to amazing funding raising efforts from supporters, in November we were proud to announce the opening of Preahkoun House, a purpose built, wheelchair accessible 4 bedroomed home.

Preahkoun House will provide a safe caring environment for up to 8 children. The children will attend the day centre programme during the day and enjoy recreational activities at the weekends. As with the day centre each child will have an individual care programme identify their needs and aims.

GHCC is now registered with the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veteran and Youth Rehabilitation who register and oversee residential care.

### Finance Overview

2014 was a roller coaster year for finances, our major individual donor did not transfer funds and in June we learnt he was no longer able to support us due to personal reasons. Although we were able to continue without cutting any of the programmes or staff numbers we did not take the children on educational outings and were selective in the events we participated in. Staff training was kept to the minimum.

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/ vocational Training scholarships. Funding commenced in August and these funds were later adjusted to cover the basic running costs of teachers' salaries and rent. The major expenditure was the construction of Preahkoun House thanks to the amazing generosity of many supporters.

### Summary

Cambodia		UK	
Opening balance 1/01/2014	\$71,908	Opening balance 12/06/2014	Â£1000
Income in 2014	\$224,850	Income in 2014	Â£512
Expenditure in 2014	\$221,569	Expenditure in 2014	Â£0
Balance carried forward 31/12/2014	\$75,189	Balance carried forward 31/12/2014	Â£1512

## Grants

### Awarded By:-

Corporate Donor

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Bettina and Michael Jetter Fund

HOPE

### For

Day Centre for Children with Disability

Life Skills

State School Drop-out Prevention

Teachers' salaries and Rent

University &amp; Vocational Training scholarships

Computer Classes - Vocational Training

Youth Club

## Where the funds came from and how we spent them

### INCOME



### EXPENDITURE



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### Individuals

Susan Barbettia and friends, Sally Baughan, Ann Brownlie and parents  
 Lynn Cadby and family, Mary Carter, Nancy Charlow and friends  
 Nicki Clive, Cordory Family, Lynn Cummings, Tim Ellis  
 Kate Geoghegan, Cecilia and John Glossop, Paul Goeld, Alan and Alison  
 Golightly, Sonia Greaves, Aleshia Haslemore, Howard Hedinger, Jill Hobbs, Tok  
 Iwabuchi, Bettina and Michael Jetter, Jenny Jones, Jenny Knight and Family, Keith,  
 Paisley and Craig Mathieson, Marilyn Mayall, Aaron Meyers, Gillian Meyers, Cathy  
 Millar, Mikkel Petersen, Marianne Richards, Lenore & Paul Robertson, Kathy  
 Rose, Rob & Tina Setchell, Rachel Tarr, Clare Watson, Tim Watt, Godfrey Weir  
 and  
 everyone who sponsors a family

### Schools and Universities

Audubon School (USA), Cedar Road Primary School (UK)  
 Chapman University (USA), Chosen Hill School (UK)  
 Claytons Primary School (UK), Lake Bonavista School (Canada), Notre Dame  
 University (Aus), Redlands University (USA), Unity College (Aus), St Ursula's  
 College (Aus)

### Organisations and Businesses

Amansara Resort, Angkor Hospital for Children, Antipadeans Abroad, Belviour -  
 Wodonga Rotary, Clowns without Borders  
 ConCert, Frankston Long Island Rotary, Globalteer  
 Green Gecko Project, Hesse Ragle Foundation, Interweave  
 Miss Wong, Pauluschurch, People and Places, Possibilities World, Sister Srey  
 Cafe, Shinta Mani, Soria Mora, Tynemouth Rotary, Whitney Bay  
 Rotary, Women's Resource Centre

AND ANYONE WE FORGOT!

**Huge THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered in 2014, without you  
 Grace House could not deliver the services we are so proud of.**

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- Pass day to day management responsibilities to local staff.
- Secure long term funding for all projects.
- Enhance the lives of children with disabilities in Siem Reap Province through our day care and residential programme.
- Continue to review and improve our education programme.
- Build stronger leadership skills into our young peoples programme.
- Improve leadership and business skills of Sparkies team leaders and apprentices.
- Improve the working conditions and profit margins of Grace Gecko.
- Improve our marketing and fundraising .

**How You Can Help**

You can help in small ways by fundraising for us and encouraging your company/organisation to support us.

**Volunteer** - share your expertise and enthusiasm - we need teachers, special needs professionals, electricians, marketing and IT

**Sponsor** - a family, a class, university student or a bed in Preahkoun House

**Become a Trustee** - help promote GHCC in England and Wales

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**Cambodian Bank Account**

ANZ Royal Bank, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Account - Community Center of Grace House

Swift Code - ANZBKHPP

Account no - 11771711

tel 092207852

**UK Bank Account**

CAF Bank

Account - Grace House Cambodia Trust

Sort Code: 40-52-40

CAF Cash Account: 00024658

**Thank you** for reading our 2014 Annual Report

Bridget Cordory - Project Director, Dani Chan - Executive Director, Alan Cordory - Vocational Director and Cambodia committee members Jim Elliott, Mai Momnet and Sonn Cheanet

UK committee trustees - Alan Golightly, Alison Golightly, Jennifer Jones, Mary Carter, Bridget Cordory and Sonia Greaves,

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