

## CORAL TREE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Fighting Poverty Through Education

#### Our Impact



#### In just four years...

We have taken under our wings 600 children grade K-6 from very poor villages.

We have sent 50 impoverished women to college.

We have reconstructed two school buildings in areas where most children had no real access to education.

We have supported two villages by providing food money and medical care to families with small children living in extreme poverty.















#### **Our Country Team**

Our government-employed teachers and principals come from impoverished backgrounds.

Some of our staff were orphans, and some were homeless.

All are dedicated individuals from the village, who want nothing but a good school for their students and their own children to attend.

#### **Our Students**



Young girls are primary caretakers for their younger siblings – by lifting them up, we lift up their entire families. Cambodian village children very often have a primitive living standard, and are practically homeless...

- Some must travel on foot or bicycle one hour each way to reach school.
- Parents often work in other villages or cities. Some have even left the country to find work.
- Many are orphans living with aging grandparents that struggle to take care of them.
- Girls are being pulled out of school at young ages so they can take care of their families or work to support them.
- Many are malnourished and suffer regular bouts of food poisoning, bacterial infection, or other illnesses.







#### **Our Communities**

Families live in tents or huts with sheet metal roofs and no walls.

Bare minimum to survive for generations.

Parents leaving home to find work.

War and genocide have pushed more into poverty.

Without education, the cycle of poverty will continue for generations.















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  - Many are coming to school hungry. They live off rice and pieces of dried fish as their basic meals.
  - Simple colds and flu are life threatening due to lack of medical care.
  - Many other village schools are deteriorating due to poor construction and lack of maintenance.
  - Families live in dire conditions, housed in tents or sheet metal huts with no basic medical supplies or electricity.

#### The School Buildings – *Before*

For more than a decade, these school buildings had been falling apart, creating safety risks.

No shelter from rainy seasons.

Parents stopped sending children to school due to lack of faith in the education system and fear for their safety.







#### The School Buildings - After



• Our new school buildings have electricity, internet access, computers, and smart TVs in each room for educational videos.

• They have restored parents' faith in education and made the children excited to learn.

 Most importantly, they have restrooms and handwashing basins, handy to finally help fight infectious diseases.



#### College Scholarship for Women

Our graduates get their degrees and work on strong careers, when they likely would not have had any career otherwise.

Many are now assimilated fully into the workforce and society.

Some have even started their own businesses.

Some have joined the international women's soccer team, with confidence achieved through an education and the ability to speak English.



Through education, these women have escaped poverty...









#### The Success Story of...

Chakrya, the girl who rode her bike through the mud to get to school since she was in first grade.

With just a little help, the girls can excel very quickly...

Chakrya has learned to read and write in both English and Khmer.

Her father has a disability and is unable to work. Her grandparents were genocide survivors.

She was able to help mother, who cannot read or write, fill out a bank account application and receive funding.

She is the first in many generations, and under our watch she will go to college.











#### The Success Story of...

Sovanna, the girl who loved to play soccer in the mud with the boys.

Sovanna loves to play soccer and not afraid to compete with boys.

She was interested in competitive soccer after we started a small team at our school.

She won many trophies and even won one at the provincial competition.

She wants to be a professional athlete when she grows up to be a role model for other girls.

With just a little help, the girls can finally chase their dreams...



#### The Success Story of...

Reatrey, the young girl who was alone and watched her mother die of untreated cancer.

With just a little help, the girls can go from impoverishment to financial success.



Reatrey and her mother were living in poverty.

She received the college scholarship and finished her Bachelor's Degree in Accounting at age 19.

Immediately after she finished her last exam, her mother died. But she did not give up.

Now, she and her husband have started a business together selling motorcycles.

She and her family will never have to live in poverty again, like her mother and grandparents did.

### Thank You to Our Corporate Partners





• We are grateful for the continuous support from our corporate partners who believe in our efforts.

• Together we have made significant impacts in the lives of so many Cambodian youth.

• We look forward to growth and expansion to help get more children, women, and their families out of poverty. We could not do without your support!!!

Together we are the Coral Tree Family for the children!

We Thank You!!!!

### Thank You to Our Friends



We collaborate with our friends whose organizations focus on fighting poverty with education.

We are ever grateful for the continuous support from those who believe in our efforts.













# Your contributions will go toward...

- Sustaining our current school programs which aid 600 children.
- Expanding our programs to include nearby village schools.
- Sending even more women to college.
- Supporting poor families with basic needs such as food supplies, medicine, and doctor visits for common illnesses that threaten their lives.

TOTAL IMPACTS of potential expansion:2,604 students (1,371 girls)





## We thank you for your support!

Wishing You and Your Family Great Happiness, Success, Peace and Love! With a Special Wish for Good Health and Safety!!!

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#### Who We Are

**Coral Tree Education Foundation, Inc.** was founded in 2015 by Chenda Chhi, a Cambodian-American woman who is a Khmer Rouge genocide survivor and includes a team of volunteer professionals in the U.S.A. and Cambodia.

Coral Tree Education Foundation, Inc. is a California Public benefit corporation and is recognized by the United States as a Section 501 (3) (c) tax exempt charitable organization.



To foster an educated and compassionate new generation of young Cambodians who will use their education to improve their lives, help their people, rebuild their country, and contribute to the world, to help foster peace and prosperity for all.

We will focus on educating girls and educating their families and communities and improving their support systems.



#### Our Vision

Our vision is a network of educational faculties and programs throughout Cambodia. This network of education centers will serve as a foundation for rebuilding communities fostering a new generation of educated and productive societies that will support higher living standards for all its citizens.















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