Things are Better than Ever Please Help us Keep it Going!

Last year we issued a desperate plea for help to keep the doors open for 2011 at the CCPCR Rescue Shelter, which at the time was home to 23 young girls rescued from human trafficking, violence and abuse. As a result of kind and generous donations, 2011 was an amazing year for the Rescue Shelter!

Here are a few highlights of the tangible progress made. This does not include all the love and care – which is really the most import thing - that was poured into the children, and the many hours invested in their training and schooling, counseling and supplying their needs.

- 15 more girls were taken on a resident basis,
- 50 girls were rescued and reintegrated to their families.
- Security guard, sewing teacher, reintegration officer, nurse and new shelter manager were hired.
- 26 of the girls enrolled in public school
- In house English, computer, sewing, weaving, dancing, and art classes were provided.
- 2 girls graduated from high school and have now begun university!
- A library- reading room was set up and stocked with a variety of Khmer and English books
- All girls participated in regular excursions and visits to their homes/families.
- The food standard has been raised.
- The property level was raised to prevent flooding and a drainage system installed. Although Cambodia is experiencing severe flooding, the Shelter remains dry and flood free.
- The sewing and weaving room was extended to double its former size, enabling more girls to receive daily training and participate in income generating projects.

- The ground floor was partitioned to provide for a counseling room, an infirmary and staff office.
- Kitchen and pantry have been upgraded for a higher level of sanitation
- Four bathrooms have been upgraded
- Extended the lease on the property for another three years
- A team from Australia will come and landscape the yard with a vegetable area, shading and a play ground.



Exciting, isn't it?

The Cambodian government recently issued a standard requirement for all shelters and homes for vulnerable children. This means that our shelter's costs will increase with double the number of resident girls, double the monthly property rent, coupled with the rise in local food prices, and some major improvements needed.

We need **\$105,000** to sustain operations for the coming year. This breaks down to **\$175 per child per month** (based on our target of accommodating 50 children).

Can you help us keep changing young lives for the better? The long term impact for these young girls is immeasurable!

Any donation, of any amount is greatly appreciated. Please help if you can and spread the word to your friends and family. You can donate by credit card through our <u>partners website</u>.

Gratefully, CCPCR Team