

ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2016/17

YEAR ENDING JUNE 2017



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children's trust

Ongoing success in Andong...

The 2016-17 year centred on consolidating our thriving programs in Andong. We are now firmly established as the go-to charity in the community, and our presence in Andong ensures families who are at-risk have somewhere to turn.

A huge success this year has been our Monthly Events for children and parents, with many of these events attended by upwards of 100 children and 60 parents. In addition, we welcomed a full time Social Worker, Vireak, to our team. Vireak established self-help groups that have been very well attended from the outset.

These events and programs demonstrate the self-efficacy of community members, who are working hard to create opportunities for themselves and their families. There have been many positive outcomes from these meetings, including a strong sense of community, opportunities for people in Andong to have their voices heard by authorities, and an increase in families in education, employment, and industry training.



Our Early Literacy classes remain a vital service for this community. Attended by 125 children, these classes provide vital early support to students in their first years of school. Our three full-time teachers, weekend teacher, library officer, and English teachers are dedicated to providing an excellent standard of schooling, and have developed strong relationships with the children and their families.

Another great story from this year comes from the hard work and success of 19-year-old Srey Roth. Srey Roth has worked as our weekend teacher for 18 months, using the money to support her family and pay for the essential extra classes that enabled her to graduate from high school and pass her university entrance examinations. In January 2017 we supported Srey Roth to enrol at the Australian Centre for Education English School. Here she has had ongoing success, achieving academic excellence scholarships each term since her enrolment. Recently, Srey Roth sat the entrance examination for medical school and passed! We are so proud that we have been able to help this dedicated student to find a pathway to fulfilling her goal of becoming a doctor.

Our School Building Project at Kork Rokar Primary School has received a major boost, with full funding secured from the Cambodian Government. Construction is scheduled to begin in the upcoming months. The additional 10 classrooms provide essential space for students in this growing area of Phnom Penh, and will ensure that all Primary School aged children from Andong will have a place in school. The Government has also committed to the funding of ongoing staffing and operational costs. This was a huge win for our organisation, with negotiations led by director Chhoun Mengsry.

Stellar Children's Trust has received ongoing support from our Australian partner school, Perth Modern, with 16 students travelling to Cambodia for their inaugural volunteer trip in December 2016. Students ran workshops in our Early Literacy Classes, painted our classrooms, and installed new play equipment at Kork Rokar Primary School. The Perth Modern students also worked hard to fundraise for all of their projects, as well as a scholarship fund that enabled Srey Roth to further her education. I'd like to thank the students and school for their ongoing support, and look forward to welcoming the second trip in January 2018.

Thanks to all of our donors for making this possible!

Nakita Kitson

Director, Stellar Children's Trust

REGENERATION Andong

Stellar Children's Trust was established to fund the Stellar Child Care Organisation Cambodia in conjunction with Dara Children's Trust and Dara Europe. SCCO aims to aid the development of a self-sustaining Andong community through improving education, employability and well-being.

Key Issues

An Dong village is home to approximately 6000 people who were displaced from their homes in 2006, and who continue to wait for promised housing. The community has been aided this year by a large building project completed by PCL; however this has not resolved crippling social issues including inadequate provision of education and employment opportunities, no access to medical care, and poor sanitation and diet.

ReGeneration Andong Strategies

Through our Community Development project, we work closely with the local public schools, community leaders, and families to implement strategies that enable underprivileged children to access quality education. We also offer family support through provision of emergency care, medical treatment, income generation, and counselling.

Central Coordination

The key to our ReGeneration Andong Project is our experienced Community Development Officer, Niev Mai. The CDO works closely with Community Leaders to identify families at risk, then implements a range of strategies to ensure these families receive the support they need to become self-sustaining. Mai is a leader in the community and is committed to providing long-term support for families.

Community Classrooms

Our Community Classrooms employ three full-time teachers, and two local high school students who run Saturday classes. The three classrooms have differentiated focus areas; one is designed to get students 'school ready' by fostering early literacy and numeracy and helping



Training in the Sewing Centre



Srey Roth enrolling at ACE School



Children in Grade 1 Early Literacy Class



Sewing Centre Products

students to learn the correct behaviour to support their learning, the others provide extra classes for students enrolled in their first years at Kork Rokar Primary School, a vital service for students who cannot access help at home, and who often have poor literacy levels. As well as this, Stellar provides a school 'bus' service to allow young students to travel safely to school. This initiative is funded by the Rotary Club of Kojonup.

School Support

Stellar continues to support Kork Rokar Primary School by providing resources, advocating with local officials, and planning a classroom building project which will provide the school with sufficient space to offer places to the students in their catchment area. We also help families with the difficult process of school enrolment, removing this frequent barrier to children's education. Students enrolled in our programs are provided with their first school uniform, a school bag, and essential materials.

Sewing Centre

Established in 2016, our Sewing Centre provides much needed employment opportunities for women in Andong. This is the first skilled employment opportunity in the community, allowing mothers to provide adequate care for their children while they earn a fair wage. The mothers employed at the Sewing Centre all have children enrolled in our education programs, and the families are thriving with the backing of this support mechanism.

Family Support

As well as our education and income generation initiatives, families receive support for medical care, counselling, employment, clothing and hygiene, and emergency assistance with housing and food. These measures are delivered on a case-by-case basis with a goal to getting the family back on their feet as quickly as possible. The success of this support lies in having a close relationship with the community, so that we are able to intervene before families hit crisis point.

Residential Care + Education Opportunities

Our home in Cambodia is the Stellar Child Care Organisation in Steung Meanchey, Phnom Penh. The residential centre provides full time care for 12 children who can not be supported in the community for a range of reasons. These children are cared for in a family environment and attend Northline International School in Phnom Penh. All of the children receive additional tutoring in the centre from our full time teacher, and participate in a range of extracurricular activities including soccer and regular excursions to local pools, libraries and the cinema. We also have one student who won a place at the prestigious Kate Korpi Salon, a beauty training NGO, which she attends full time, and another who won a scholarship to the Australian English School. The residential centre employs 6 staff; the SCCO Director, Board Liaison and Accounts Administrator, Teacher, Caregivers/Cooks and our Driver.

At home

Our Australian board has run several successful fundraising events, and broadened our network of support. We have maintained our relationship with Perth Modern School, whose students are preparing for their second trip to help out Stellar's projects in Cambodia. This trip will consolidate the partnership between Perth Modern School and SCCO; including fundraising to provide university scholarships for Andong students, collection and provision of donations, and delivery of projects to improve school grounds and buildings. It is hoped that this model will provide guidance for other Australian schools looking to complete overseas service learning trips.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2017

| ASSETS | Jun 30, '17 |
|---|------------------|
| Current Assets | |
| Current/Savings | |
| ANZ Business Extra | 12,835.79 |
| Total Current Assets (Sewing Centre Products) | 461.35 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 13,297.14 |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| Equity | |
| Retained Earnings | 3456.27 |
| Net Income | 9840.87 |
| Total Equity | 13,297.14 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 13,297.14 |

PROFIT + LOSS

Profit and Loss July 2016 through June 2017

| Ordinary Income/Expense | Jul 16 – Jun 17 |
|--|------------------|
| Income | |
| Gifts and Donations Income | 14,611.58 |
| Grants | 19,430.16 |
| Fundraising Event Proceeds | 9834.45 |
| Sale of Goods from Sewing Centre | 3074.41 |
| Total Income | 46,950.60 |
| Expense | |
| Running Costs Stellar Child Care Organisation Cambodia Residential Centre and Community Project | 33,042.54 |
| Fundraising Event Expenses | 1470.72 |
| Total Expense | |
| Net Ordinary Income | 9840.87 |
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

In my opinion the financial statements, defined above give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30th June 2016 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure and the group's cash flows for the year then ended;

I also believe the information given in the Annual Report, including the Strategic Report, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.



Jeremy Cole, CPA
Independent Auditor

PRINCIPAL RISKS

| Potential Risk | Management |
|------------------------------|---|
| Sustainability of funding | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Targets established for securing local funding• Tax deductibility application in process |
| Child protection in Cambodia | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Established MOU with Cambodian Government• Strict Adherence to Child Protection Policy• Staff training and experience |

QUALITY STANDARDS

Stellar Children's Trust aims to work to the highest possible standards with integrity and transparency. We have identified a set of Quality Standards in support of our vision and the delivery of our strategy, which are in keeping with the organisational characteristics we aspire to and which summarise all of the relevant external and internal accountability and quality standards, codes, guidelines and principles to which we are committed.

Values: living out our core values through our volunteers and with our partners

Impartiality and targeting: reaching the most vulnerable and marginalised people, selected on the basis of need alone, regardless of their race, religion, gender or nationality

Accountability: being fully accountable to project participants, communities, partners, supporters and donors for the work we undertake, and for the resources entrusted to us

Sustainability: empowering staff and partners and ensuring that the work we support has a lasting impact, being built on local ownership and using local skills and resources

Advocacy: influencing key decision-makers to make and implement policies and practices that work in favour of people who are poor and vulnerable

Children: the development and protection of children carrying out activities that are child-sensitive in their planning, design and implementation



Stellar Children's Trust Board

Director and Trustee: Nakita Kitson
Trustee: Mark Kitson
Treasurer: Diane Cole
Board Members: Kerry Kitson, Tori Jurilj, Amy Jurilj, Peter Hinson, Vivienne Somerville, Julia Mary, Quintilina Evangelista, Deborah Swindell

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Last Annual General Meeting held 20th May 2017

The Board, which holds formal scheduled meetings four times a year as well as a number of other ad hoc meetings and events, is responsible for ultimate strategic decisions. Directors are appointed by the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

Board committees meet regularly to monitor the following areas:

- International activities and volunteer projects
- Marketing and Fundraising
- Audit, risk and finance
- Day-to-day operational decisions are delegated to the director who coordinates and directs Stellar Children's Trust's work in Cambodia

The Members constitute the ultimate authority within the Stellar Children's Trust governance structure. They are entitled to attend all general meetings, including the Annual General Meeting (AGM). They receive the Annual Report and Accounts, elect or re-elect Directors, appoint Auditors and fix the remuneration of the Auditors. Regular contact is maintained with Members through quarterly communications and informal contact with the director and trustees.

All Directors and Board Members work on a strictly voluntary basis.

Annual Report Prepared by



Nakita Kitson
Director + Trustee
15th November 2016