



AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

We are celebrating our 10th anniversary this year! Over the past decade, we have empowered over 700 young women to leave the sex industry!

3 months ago, we decided to increase our intake from one to two new girls each week! We want to give to as many precious girls as we can the opportunity to start a new life. We run a new client group for the new clients, to give extra support to them in the first few months at Daughters, as we find that 50% drop out within the first three months, due to a chaotic lifestyle and short-term decision making. Thank you to everyone who sponsors individual girls, this helps us accept more girls each week, and we appreciate all your prayers for them too.



"I have two daughters and a husband who drinks alcohol a lot and uses illegal drugs. He beats me hard all the time. Because of so much physical trauma, my brain does not function well. We first lived in the province but my husband sent me to Phnom Penh and sold me to a Chinese man. He told me I will just cook for the Chinese man but after cooking, the Chinese man demanded me to sleep with him and told me that I was sold by my husband. My husband took the money before I came to Phnom Penh so I was forced to live with the Chinese man. After a month, I ran away from the Chinese man, but I did not know where to go. I was so ashamed of myself. I started selling myself for one month so I could earn money to go back home. But when I arrived home, I saw only my children. My mother said that my husband ran off with someone else. My neighbors in the province looked down on me so much, so I decided to go back to Phnom Penh but I could not find a job, so I started selling myself again because that was the only way to get money. One day, my neighbor encouraged me to stop doing sex work and that she knows an NGO that helps women like me. She brought me to Daughters. I saw many women and the staff assisted me. I never saw people that care for me until that day. At Daughters I feel so loved by everyone, they helped me a lot including giving me clothes and food because I had none, and taking care of my children in daycare whilst I am working. They counsel me and listen to me, especially the staff in medical clinic, she takes care of me so much, and my daughters too. I only started at Daughters one month ago, and soon I will get my first salary. The social work staff taught me how to use money wisely and save for my children. Daughters is like a family to me already, I cannot imagine myself without their help and love and care." - YSR, New Client



Christmas is Coming!

It's that time of year again, when our sewing room is filled with red and green and a rather festive atmosphere. YES, we've commenced our countdown to the launch of our Christmas season! Available in our Visitor Centre in late October. We also have some Christmas wholesale stock in the UK if there are any wholesale buyers

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Medical Clinic

In our medical clinic, one of the ongoing issues we face is the lack of health knowledge among the clients. This stems from a lack education and literacy, but also a focus on only treating disease, rather than prevention. We regularly conduct health ed workshops, and have recently taught on these topics: Bacteria, Immunization, Disease Prevention, and First Aid. Thanks to our hardworking medical staff and our dedicated donors and sponsors, we have held over 1,380 appointments and 22 external referrals in the last 12 months.

Workshops

This quarter we've held some great workshops, to raise our clients' capacity for making positive choices, including:

- Self-esteem
- Good Touch & Bad Touch
- Body Image
- Stress Management
- How to Choose a Life Partner
- Goal Setting

"Before I attended goalsetting workshop, I never thought I had any strengths. I never thought how I can use strengths I already have. I learned a lot, to understand myself more, and realize that I have strengths in my life." – SN



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daughtersofcambodia.org

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Cambodia – tenth.ca/Cambodia

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Staff Training

We were very blessed to have Dr Scott White again this year to train our social work team and raise their skill levels. This year he conducted trauma treatment courses, training our team in how to treat trauma symptoms. Dr Scott is a Psychology Professor from the USA, and his partnership is a great blessing.

Testimony from a Former Client Who Has Been Recently Promoted to a Leadership Role:

"My dad he was addicted to alcohol, he got drunk almost every day and he cursing people in the family and neighbourhood. I felt shameful and depressed everyday because of what he has done. I thought that no one loved me, no one liked me, and felt broken hearted with my family. I feel so much shame, I couldn't talk with people. Some time I sat and cry alone. Every day my father was cursing so bad and drunk, I got to the point that I tried to hang myself with a rope. People came to help me and my father said to me, 'If you wanna kill yourself, go away from my house somewhere else to die'. I was so broken-hearted. My life since coming to Daughters is so much better in my feelings and emotions. I have no more suicide thoughts, I just thinking about my future now. First in Daughters I learnt how to sew. Then I began studying accounting in University and now I'm in my final year. I got promoted to cashier last year and in December I got promoted again to be an Assistant Manager. This is a challenging job and I not learned it fully yet. At Daughters, I like the program like Teaching English and counseling services. The program that help me to grow the most is worship, prayer time, and Bible class. After I came to know God in Daughters my life get healed a lot."



Welcome to the Team!

Please join us in welcoming some new team members:

- Amy, Visitor Centre Director
- Chamroeun, Screen Print Manager
- Diane, Design Director
- Jenna, PR Manager
- Lino, Medical Assistant
- Samy, Graphics & IT
- Sokhom, Bookkeeper
- Srey Mom - Accountant

Some Words of Praise for our Visitor Centre:

"In a country of contradictions and recent tragedy it is great to see people who may have been perceived as victims are coming out and finding a new and rewarding life. The goods offered for sale are charming and have a real sense of a "personal touch" to them and knowing the history behind the hands that produced them makes them all the more appealing and valued. Hats of to all involved in this outstanding project from the people who conceived the idea to the people who had the courage to not be a victim any more. One word of warning when visiting this place the Chocolate Brownie and Ice-cream served in the upstairs café is truly dangerous if you are even a little bit diet conscious. It was soooooo yummy!" - Recent Review from Trip Advisor

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

- A Cambodian Director for the Visitor Centre, to learn the role from her expat counterpart.
- For a partnership with a maternity hospital, as we are trying to develop a plan of care for our pregnant mothers. We usually have 10+ clients who are pregnant.
- New Filipino staff for Daughters of the Philippines, following the unexpected departure of one Filipina trainee staff recently for personal issues. We are looking for a Country Director in particular. We are also still looking for a Filipino Business Manager.
- Indonesian staff for Daughters of Indonesia, a Country Director, an Administrator, and a Business Manager.
- We praise God for sending us Intercessors this year and we pray for more of these, to replace those who will leave in November this year.
- A few overseas wholesale buyers to buy our products
- We Praise God for Diane, our new Design Director. We have been praying for the right person for this role for two years!

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR AMAZING SUPPORT!

To support Daughters of Cambodia, please purchase items from Tenth Church's Fair Trade Christmas! Tenth.ca/fair

