



🌞 Aziza's Place Newsletter 🌞

Welcome to Aziza's Courtyard Q3/4 2025 edition

We are incredibly grateful to all our supporters for your unwavering support. We are thrilled to share our activities at Aziza's Place and update the progress of our Beneficiary children between July and December 2025.

💛 Appreciating Our Volunteers and Intern 💛

In August, we bid farewell to our third set of volunteers from the **German Red Cross (DRK)**, continuing our partnership that began in 2022. **Lina Hafenbradl** from Cologne and **Judith Brömse** from Minden served as English Teaching Assistants for 11 months, infusing Aziza's Place with their warmth and energy and are deeply missed. We are forever grateful for their invaluable contributions and will always cherish their time with us.



Aziza's Place also had the honor of hosting **Ana Maria Gaston**, a graduate student from **American University, School of International Service (SIS)**, in Washington, DC.

Ana spent three months on critical tasks including, grant applications, 2025 newsletters and child spotlight narratives for our **Westline School** enrollees, as well as transitioning our communication network over Google Workspace, digitizing database folders, and developing metrics for program impact assessments. We already miss you and thank you, Ana!!

Celebrating Our Beneficiaries' Academic Achievements!

We are proud to recognize each of our Beneficiary children who successfully passed their respective milestone exams for the Academic Year 2024-2025 !

Primary School Graduates

Reaksa, Sophany, Yud, Kanchana, Dary, and Thary all completed **Grade 6** and are now moving on to **Secondary School**. Congratulations to all! Keep up the good work!



Secondary School Graduates

Theara and **Nathan** passed their Grade 9 examinations and started **Grade 10** in early November. We are proud and excited to see them take this next step in their educational journey.



High School Graduates

Ouch Horn and **Vandy Sao**, both long-term AP beneficiaries, recently graduated from the **Academy of Careers and Technology (ACT)**, passing the **Grade 12 State Exam**, and are contemplating working or pursuing further educational opportunities.

Vandy and Horn's three years at **ACT** (our long term collegial private school) were made possible by the steadfast financial support from **Laura Mountcastle** and **Tony Morrow**, both long-term supporters of Aziza's Place who knew and loved Aziza. Thank you, Laura and Tony! Your support has truly made a lasting and meaningful impact on their young lives.



End-of-Year Learning Trip to Takao Province

As the school year drew to a close in October, a learning trip was organized for all our Beneficiary children to Takeo Province. During the trip, they visited a temple, explored the zoo, and enjoyed a refreshing swim in the pool.

This special day provided them with the opportunity to engage in various activities such as swimming, exploring their Khmer cultures, and strengthening their bonds with friends and staff in a picturesque setting, away from the hustle and bustle of Phnom Penh.





Nurturing Our Beneficiaries’ Talents

A group of our exceptional dancers, **Dary, Rachana, SreyLeak, Laika and Chita**, recently performed a traditional dance brimming with confidence and joy at a local talent show, earning warm accolades from the audience. Their achievement reflects their hard work and the weekly dance training at Aziza’s Place. We are truly proud of their growth, talent, and courage to perform on stage.



Phoumy’s Memorable Trip to Germany

Phoumy, our Executive Director, spent two weeks this past August in Germany enhance Aziza’s Place’s relationships with the **German Red Cross (DRK)** and to connect with the strong support network of former DRK volunteers and their families. Her trip included fundraising efforts organized by **Sophia Ci** (one of our first DRK volunteers) and meetings with the DRK Coordinator who manages the Aziza’s Place relationship.

This trip enabled Phoumy to express gratitude, strengthen significant connections, and celebrate the generosity that makes our work with children and families possible.



MOU Renewal with the Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation



We are very pleased to share that Aziza’s Place has officially renewed its **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with the **Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation** for another three years. This renewal marks our third consecutive MOU with the Ministry and represents an important milestone and endorsement of our ongoing commitment to supporting a group of vulnerable children and their families through our programs.

The MOU reaffirms our shared dedication to child development, education, and holistic support services in Cambodia. We are deeply grateful to the Ministry and its leadership for their continued trust, guidance, and collaboration.

The MOU also confirms endorsement of the partnership network with community partners and families to build brighter futures for the Beneficiary children we serve.





★ A Heartfelt Thanks to Our Sponsors! ★

We want to express our deepest gratitude to our sponsors for their unwavering support in enabling four additional Beneficiary children to join the half-day English program at **Westline School**.

In November 2025, **Rachana and Laika (sponsored by Gene Gomes)**, **Nita (sponsored by Mansoor Ghor)**, and **Mayura (sponsored by Hirath Ghor)** embarked on their English study journey, joining seven Beneficiaries already thriving in Westline School's nurturing environment.

English proficiency is one of the key pillars of the Aziza's Place Supplementary Education Program, and we firmly believe this opportunity will ignite a passion and foster a positive attitude for mastering English and empower them to excel.



New Program Launch: Front-End Developer Course with Above & Beyond School ✨

Aziza's Place is excited to launch our new **Front-End Developer Course** in partnership with **Above & Beyond School**.

Starting in November 2025, this program provides advanced computer and coding training for our Beneficiaries in Grades 8, 9, 10, and 12.

This initiative gives our youth an important opportunity to build essential digital skills and prepare for future education and career pathways.

We sincerely thank the Above & Beyond School team for their strong cooperation and support in making this program possible. We are eager to see the impact of building this critical skill set among our Beneficiary children.



Thank You for Supporting Us

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