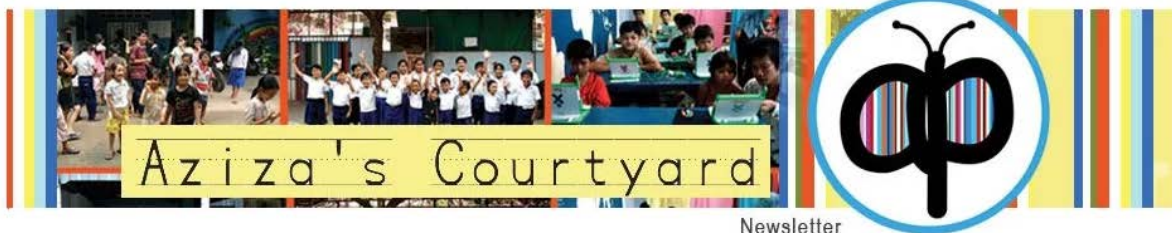


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Dear Friends, Partners and Supporters of the Aziza's Place family,

Welcome to our February-April 2020 Newsletter!

As with the rest of the world, Aziza's Place was forced to shut down operations in mid-March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Recognizing that the lock-down would adversely impact our Beneficiary children and their families, AP's leadership team agreed to implement a set of initiatives that would continue to keep our staff engaged and to alleviate the impact of the lock-down on our Beneficiary children and their families, including the additional burden of many of the parents being unable to work as a result of the crisis. We asked.....and received a tremendous outpouring of financial and non-financial assistance from the AP family of friends, donors and supporters that is allowing us to provide critical services (highlighted below) to our Beneficiary children and their families. When we will reopen is anyone's guess but in the meantime, we plan to do everything feasibly possible to continue serving our Beneficiary children and their families.

The Aziza's Place team

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## Welcome Simonetta Tami to AP's Board of Governors!

On February 27th, we officially welcomed Simonetta Tami as a member of AP's Board of Governors. Hailing from the Italian part of Switzerland, Simonetta has been living in Phnom Penh with her family since 1993 and is involved in various philanthropic and social enterprise organizations, including the Women's International Group ("WIG") which supports Cambodian community development through grants to select local NGOs and the Academy for the Culinary Arts Cambodia ("ACAC") which provides training in the culinary arts to young Cambodians. Simonetta's long-standing experience in Cambodia and working with NGO's will serve as a valuable resource for AP's dynamic All Female Management Team who plan on leaning on Simonetta for advice and guidance.

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## Remembering Nader Ebrahimi.....



Our family at Aziza's Place would like to remember Nader Ebrahimi, Aziza's Place co-founder, who is no longer with us, who helped make Aziza's Place possible. His contributions continue to be seen in AP and his spirit most definitely lives on in our beneficiary children. One of the many lives that he touched is Channy, she wrote the following in memory of Nader and his amazing impact in her life.

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If someone ask me who is my role model? My answer would be Nader, who was a talented and multi-skills person. You chose to come to work with vulnerable kids like us and believes that, (us) deserves a better future. We are all grown up so well.  
Have a good rest. You are in our heart always!

Love,  
Ny

## Supporting 32 Families through the Covid-19 Pandemic....



## Family Assembly for Distribution of Provisions

As soon as the Cambodian Government announced measures designed to stop the spread of COVID-19 and all schools were required to close, Aziza's Place convened an emergency family assembly in mid-March to inform parents of the situation and to confirm our plan to continue supporting them throughout the suspension of AP center activities. An unfortunate repercussion of the Coronavirus means that parents and guardians have the added burden of trying to support their children's learning, health and well-being while struggling to make ends meet. By implementing the following activities, Aziza's Place hopes to alleviate at least a small portion of the additional hardship that our 32 families are facing.

- Initiated a meal package delivery project, as of April 20th;
- Organized home learning activities for all our Beneficiary children;
- Continued to provide the monthly basic support package, including additional provisions of hygiene supplies; and,
- Facilitated the distribution of supplies from individual donors to beneficiaries.



### Meal Packs Program

To serve our communities and keep our staff engaged throughout the Covid-19 crisis, AP has implemented a meal delivery program, which provides for one meal per day, five days per week for our 50 beneficiary children and their families. Our chef and house mom prepare a food package consisting of highly nutritional meals along with a snack (fruit, juice, milk) that is then delivered by our staff to beneficiaries. AP is especially thankful to WIG Cambodia and former volunteers Joe Evans and Merle Streck, for their generous financial contributions that have made this program a reality.

### Homework Assignments

Amidst school closures throughout Cambodia, AP wanted to ensure that our Beneficiary children remain academically engaged and asked our tutors to create a set of learning exercises for the

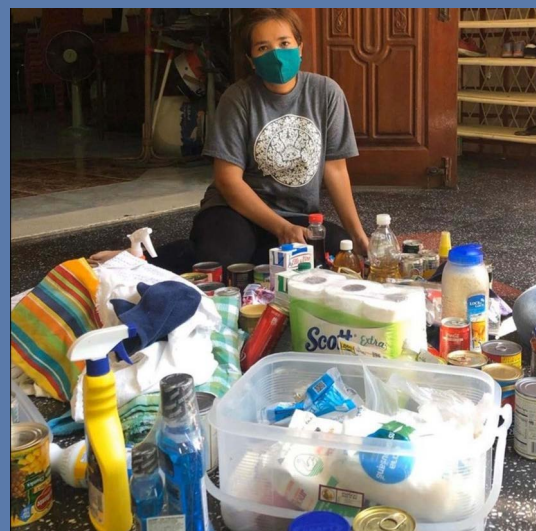




children to work on during the week. The "remote" lessons and learning activities in Khmer Language/Math, English and Art, are dropped off with the children at the start of each week by our resident social worker, Marady and the completed assignments are then collected at the end of the week for the tutors to correct and mark and track the children's progress.

### Facilitating Donations by Individuals

Given our daily contact (taking all the necessary safety precautions) with our Beneficiary children and their families, AP is also acting as a conduit for the delivery of vital provisions and hygiene products donated by concerned supporters and friends of Aziza's Place for distribution in the Communities where our Beneficiary children and their families reside. We want to make a special mention and Thank You to Mr. Saroeun Bou (partner of Bike for Education), Ms. Sothida (AP's Landlady's daughter) and Sally Meisenhelde (WIG member), in addition to sending our thanks to several other wonderful individuals and partners who donated their time, money and supplies for this effort. The pictures below show the many provisions and items that were welcomed by the families of our Beneficiary children.



### Key Collaboration

We are incredibly grateful to "Golden Sea," AP's regular seafood supplier, which has continued to deliver their weekly donations of fish. These donations complement our meal packs program wonderfully and aid AP in meeting our goal to provide 1 nutritious meal per day, 5 days per week to 50 beneficiaries, during this crisis.



## Pre Covid-19 Activities

Celebrations, smiles, games and fun.....in happier times!



Happy Valentine's Day and Aziza's Place birthday on February 14th! Celebrating another fantastic year at AP!

Happy 13th Anniversary Aziza's Place!

Welcome Back Freemed!





On February 6th, Aziza's Place was thrilled to welcome back a team from Freemed to conduct workshops on health and hygiene with beneficiaries and staff members. This was the second time these wonderful people have visited us to provide critical hands on learning experiences for our beneficiary children. Through this amazing group our boys and girls learned about the importance of maintaining a healthy diet and the role that food plays in our health. We sincerely look forward to future collaborations and visits from Freemed once the pandemic is under control!



## Special Guests



The Aziza's Place family was especially delighted to have Amina Ghori (accompanied by her Mom and Dad) visiting her sister's namesake NGO for the first time on February 24th. Our community of staff and Beneficiaries felt such an incredible connection with Amina who reciprocated by throwing herself into the daily fun activities and fitting seamlessly into life at AP. We look forward to more such wonderful visits once the Covid-19 pandemic has been resolved.

Our team at AP was delighted to welcome James Erwin, a childhood friend of AP's Founder Amjad Ghori for a visit in February. His amazing donation of computer equipment was most welcomed by our Computer Skills teacher and especially by our boys and girls. As thanks for James' thoughtful donation, the Computer Room has been named in honour of his Parents -William I. and Mary J. Erwin .....







Aziza's Place team was pleased to welcome a visit from former volunteers Joe C. Evans and Merle Streck. These lovely people spent an eventful 6-months at Aziza's Place in 2019 and continue to remain very deeply connected by helping fundraise for the vital service we are providing to Beneficiary children and their families.



### Bus Update.....



After preliminary maintenance, acquiring proper license plates and registration, and affixing our AP logo, the new bus began transporting AP's Beneficiary children in early February! This bus has been invaluable in providing safe transportation for AP beneficiary children and we continue to be incredibly thankful to those whose generosity made this new vehicle possible...especially a certain group of close friends from Kent School!

With a new vehicle comes a new staff member. Welcome Mr. Sam Ath to our AP family! Mr. Sam Ath will be our resident bus driver and is responsible for picking up Beneficiary children and dropping them off at school and extracurricular activities.

**We need your help.....**

During the worldwide crisis associated with Covid-19, countless poverty ridden communities are hit the hardest due to poor living conditions, inadequate nutrition and lack of access to quality healthcare. Aziza's Place is in need of contributions that go towards monthly basic food support for our 32 families, hygiene and stationary supplies as well as to further assist AP in maintaining our amazing local staff base. Additionally we ask our friends and supporters to partner with us in supporting our meal packs program so that Aziza's Place can continue providing healthy meals to our 50 boys and girls, during the current pandemic. If you would like to donate towards AP activities, please follow the Aziza's Place website link below to offer your support.

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Until Next Time: from the AP team!

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