

AZIZA'S PLACE

NEW YEAR | SCHOOL | AWARDS

WINTER-SPRING 2024



Exams Passed!

Aziza's Place is proud to announce that three of our Beneficiaries passed the state Secondary School Exam in November and are now enrolled High School! Congratulations Theary, Sokea & Rotha!



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Thank You!



Welcome! We've Been Busy!

Please check our [AP Facebook](#) page for lots more photos!

Juliette Gimon Courage Awards AP Named Finalist

Established by the Global Fund for Children, the Juliette Gimon Courage Awards are awards given annually to organisations around the world that positively impact the lives of children in challenging circumstances. We are extremely proud to have been named a finalist again in 2023 and hope to go one step further this year!

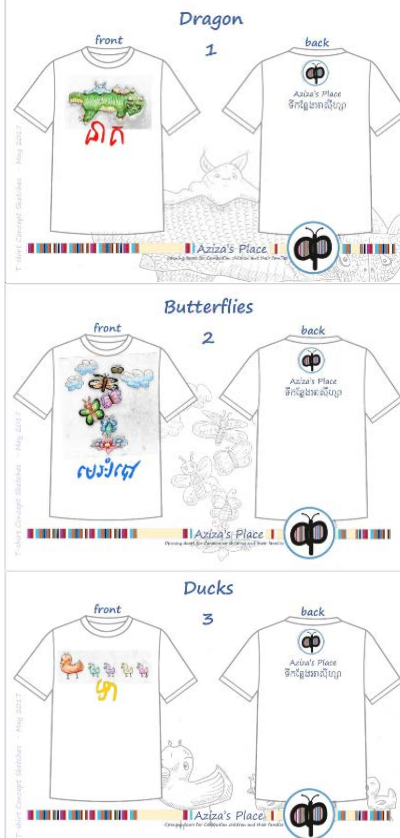


Opening doors for Cambodian children and their families



Children-Designed T-Shirts

- Every day our children draw beautiful pictures both for themselves and for our staff.
- The designs on these T-shirts were created for holiday fairs from our children's artwork.
- Both the drawing and the Khmer script were traced from their pictures to render the composition for printing.
- We hope you like the results, let us know! (We might have some for you!)



AP Karate 3d Generation

- Congratulations to Van Srey Toch, our 3d generation of national level competitors from our Karate-Do Club.
- Srey Toch won silver in the National Karate Championship 2023, held 11-14 January 2024 at Phumin Phnom Penh University.
- 1st Gen AP Sreypha (in red) stopped by with the AP team to support. Sreypha competes and medals internationally with the National Team.



Volunteers and our Partners at Deutsches Rotes Kreuz (German Red Cross)

We said goodbye in late 2023 to beloved DRK Volunteers, Sophia Cirkel and Jara Nebel from the Weltwärts program (of the German Red Cross). They devoted their year teaching at AP. Thank you Sophia and Jara, and Weltwärts, for your treasured partnership, mentoring and support.

We also said goodbye to Kent Davis, who helped us with primary and secondary school English; the AP website; and, of course, playing games and adventures during his three months with us. Thank you Kent, we'll miss you.



Von Naween

Von Naween joined Aziza's Place in 2011, at age eight (8).

We are proud to announce Naween recently completed his second year of a five-year Civil Engineering degree, a milestone that enables him to work as an intern-engineer.

Naween is highly motivated in pursuit of his dream of becoming a licensed Engineer.

Naween (21) is our last active direct beneficiary of the 1st AP Generation, and was among its youngest.



We are looking for sponsors to support Naween through the last stage of his education.



Volunteering Opportunities

Aziza's place is looking for two volunteers: (1) a Volunteer to support our English curriculum; and (2) a Volunteer to help us manage English language social media and other communications.

Please visit our website (www.azizasplace.org) for further details on these opportunities. Please feel free to reach out to friends and colleagues so they can join our vibrant community and make an impact in the lives of our children.

KEYS FOR SUCCESS: FINDINGS FROM THREE BENEFICIARY GENERATIONS AT AZIZA'S PLACE

STRENGTHS

Our long-term highly-focused approach has proven *more* beneficial than short-term broad programs:

(1) EARLIER IS BETTER: Children benefit more from AP's Programs when starting at a younger age.

(2) SPECIFIC NEEDS MATTER: Individualized care has proven most effective. Individualized care delivers depth and works from our Beneficiaries, adding breadth as we guide and support their families, helping them to build progress across their communities.

(3) SUSTAINMENT EMPOWERS: Sustained successive opportunities with individualized support transformed futures for our direct and indirect beneficiaries, building a remarkable record of success over three AP generations.

CHALLENGES

For our 3rd Generation Beneficiaries (and their successors), this means the best approach is to *secure sustainable funding* to support them through High School (pre-University). **PLEASE HELP US GET THEM THERE!**



Westline School

Aziza's Place is very proud to announce that Westline Education Group offered scholarships to nine of our Beneficiary children to enroll in the YOUNG LEARNERS PROGRAM to study English.

Westline has generously offered scholarships of up to 50% of the \$984 needed to cover a year of tuition, books and uniforms.

Westline has been a key partner in AP educational success in getting our children closer to mastery in core areas like English, a key to successful transitions to higher education.

Thanks to our donors, AP managed to secure funding for a few of our high performers but we still need multi-year support for a few.

Pchum Ben

Back in mid-October 2023, we celebrated Pchum Ben, also known as Ancestor's Day.

Pchum Ben is a Cambodian religious festival that is a time for families to reunite and remember family members who have passed on by leaving offerings at Temples to receive blessings in return.



In Cambodia, these remembrances have particular resonance. The last three days of Pchum Ben are public holidays where families gather together for social ceremonies.

Most of the children at AP and their families travel to the provinces to visit relatives during this time.

Welcome to our new Board Members!



Simonetta Tami

Vice Chair

Simonetta Tami, affectionately known as “Simo,” is a 30+ year resident of Phnom Penh and a mentor to many in the philanthropic sector.

Simonetta has previously worked with non-governmental organizations and small businesses. Her passion is to provide opportunities for women from underprivileged backgrounds.

Simonetta's primary role on the Board is to provide strategic oversight, governance, and advocacy for our organization's initiatives.



Eugene Gomes

Member

Gene is [Managing Director] of Hillcore Group, a private equity company with investments in social and energy infrastructure based in Toronto, Canada.

Gene Gomes, is a life-long friend of Aziza's Place Founder, Amjad Ghori.

Gene's primary Board role is to spearhead international fundraising efforts to deliver sustainable funding and ensure Aziza's Place continues to serve our Beneficiary children and their families.



Vutha Mao

Member (Secretary)

Vutha Mao is a prominent business entrepreneur in Phnom Penh. In addition to logistics firms, Mao is the owner of Salmon House, a restaurant featuring local cuisine in center of Phnom Penh.

Mao is a long term colleague of Chanphoumy Choeun, Aziza's Place Executive Director.

Mao's Board roles reflect his interests in marketing, trading, logistics, restaurants, retail and his CSR activities.

