



Dear Friends,

It was a bittersweet end to the academic year as Roth sat his national high school exams, we were finalising the move of our first "residents" back to the community, one of house staff was about to give birth and 6 new youngsters started at Aziza's Place. Now we're able to look ahead at a new academic year with a fresh start and share some exciting news about the children, staff and the organisation's progress. Thank you once again for all your incredible support!

Pass, Pass, Pass!

All the students from primary school and high school have successfully progressed to their next grade for the new academic year. Srey Ne who started with AP last year starts high school this term so it's a big step for her and we wish her luck in her new chapter! We now have 6 students in high school, 21 students in primary school and 4 at university. That's a total of 31 beneficiaries now!



Roth Looks Ahead at University

Roth, our Grade 12 high school student has successfully passed and graduated from high school! Results were out in September and he has been accepted to the Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP) to study a Bachelor degree in Information Technology. Roth is also securing a part-time job with Digital Data (DDD), a social enterprise providing IT jobs for underserved students during their university studies. This is a great opportunity for Roth to have real experience providing digital content to worldwide clients. DDD is an "Impact Sourcing" organisation and is ranked as one of the Top 100 NGOs in the world.

AP's 8 New Little Faces

This summer, 8 new children started at AP and have started to participate in all the programs we have on offer. They shall be starting primary school next month. For all 8 children, this will be their first time going to school so they are eagerly awaiting enrolment to start their first day!

The children come from varying backgrounds and circumstances, and all are underserved in the communities. We have also expanded our outreach to other communities in the city to ensure we serve as many communities as possible. Please meet our newcomers:



AP's Acceptance Criteria

Many people ask "What is AP's acceptance criteria for children to join your program?". We have a framework which we work from, however it is certainly not black and white as we have to assess on a case-by-case basis which is why engagement with the communities and families from our social work team is so critical. The framework we use includes the following considerations:

- Children who are between 6 and 9 years old;
- Children who are not currently attending school;
- Children who are not currently being supported by an NGO;
- Consider the number of people in the household with the number of income-earners within the household;
- Children who are victims of child labour, e.g. work at the dumpsite instead of attending school;
- Children who live with a single parent or caregiver;
- Children from households where there is domestic violence;

Reintegration – A Big Step!
Aziza's Place are pleased to share that we have completed our first major milestone in our Reintegration Program and we now fully operate as a day centre. All previous "residents" of Aziza's Place have been reunited with their families and live in safe and stable conditions in the community, all arranged and supported by our social work team. They all attend AP's programs daily and now their families have a more active role in their children's lives and future. The Reintegration Program has been in progress for 2 years which gives an idea of how slowly we must implement changes and to manage all the stakeholders involved, including the children, their families, the communities, our staff and different levels of government officials. To read more about Reintegration and its importance, we have a dedicated page on our website [here](#).



AP Family Grows by 1!

Our house staff Mom Bop has given birth to a lovely baby boy! Prek Mongkol Vreok was born on 28th Aug weighing at a healthy 4.5kg. Both mother and baby son are doing very well. Currently on maternity leave, Mom Bop plans to return to work at AP in December.

London's City Giving Day & Recycling Plastics Initiative

Credit Agricole CIB (CA CIB) in London have been loyal supporters to AP for many years. As part of the annual City Giving Day event, CA CIB London was raising funds for AP's new social business initiative. Aimee, our Director of Development, was invited to present and share about the Recycling Plastics initiative. This new initiative involves developing new devices to melt plastic bottles collected from Aziza's Coffee, and mould into plastic buttons to sell to the ethical garment industry. Updates will be provided as technical development progresses!



Marie Leonard (far left), Denise Puyt (centre left) and Kristina Kobay (far right) from CA CIB London with Sheriff Christine Rigden (centre right)

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