

Sponsor a child, secure the future: WFP Education Project in Cambodia

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In the midst of a busy holiday season, an intimate group of local WFP ladies met at the restaurant "Noches De Colombia" in South Hackensack, New Jersey, for an end-of-year gathering on December 22nd, 2019. Cynthia Nakai, chairwoman of WFP Hackensack NJ, held the meeting to share about the Cambodian education project which WFP NJ has supported since 2015 (read about how it all got started [here](#)).

This project, which has been managed by WFP Japan for many years, supports the education of children in rural Cambodia, in a region where not many people have access to school. Cynthia shared how WFP finds sponsors to support a particular child. For \$150 annually, they can pay for the child's tuition, books and uniform for the entire school year. An ongoing relationship is established between sponsor and child, as they exchange letters and receive pictures from the students.

Through these letters, WFP sponsors can feel how they are making a tangible impact in the life of a young person. Cynthia read out loud a letter from a student she personally sponsors, a 14-year-old young lady who writes about the close relationship she has with her mother, who is a farmer. A formal education will open the door to many opportunities for her in the future.

Cynthia also showed other letters from students and little gifts they had sent from Cambodia. At the end of the meeting, some of the ladies offered donations to support the project on the spot and \$35 was collected.

The pictures below feature some of the students that have been supported by WFP members in New Jersey. If you are interested to find out more or become a sponsor yourself, please contact Hiroko Nitro at Hirokonitro@hotmail.com.