

WFWP NJ USA: Day of Art and Gratitude: A Cambodia Project Update

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Visiting Report from Takeo, Cambodia Oct. 17, 2021



I recently visited the sponsored school in Takeo, Cambodia. Currently, only 9th graders and 12th graders attend and study in the school facility, while the other students take online classes. If the students do not have access to learning devices, they are instructed to pick up their assignments from school and work on them at home. Once they finish their assignments at home, they are to bring them back to school.

Since we had more attending children, we were able to create new name cards with them. The students designed the name cards with such creativity; we could tell that many of them enjoyed the activity since they used an assortment of colors to decorate their artwork.

I invited all graduating 12th graders to lunch. They wrote many grateful messages to their supporters. Students who are preparing for college will take a test this December, so they are all studying hard for it. I want them to do their best for their bright future!

Visiting Report from Kratie, Cambodia October 9th, 2021

During our latest visit, the children created and designed their own name panel with an assortment of

colorful pens and markers. In Kratie, there are no art classes or affordable access to art materials for students to enjoy in school or at home.



An overwhelming joy fills me when the children get to gain more beautiful experiences; I thought art activities were a perfect way for them to creatively express and enjoy themselves. It was exciting to see everyone bring their artistic abilities to life! All of the finished artworks were lovely; by the end of the activity, the room was with vibrant colors and delightful smiles.

Now that schools are back open after the global shutdown from Covid-19, the children can finally go back and learn! To congratulate them for this feat, I provided them with new notebooks and pencil cases. I hope that they can enjoy their school year in good health and happiness.

To read more about how the Cambodia Project click [here](#)

If you are interested to find out more or wish to support this project, please contact Hiroko Nitro at hirokonitro@hotmail.com.

Since 2015 the WFWP NJ Chapter has supported children in Cambodia, in partnership with WFWP Cambodia. Foster parents sponsor a student's yearly education, books, and more. In exchange, the foster parents receive letters and school reports from the children. Excerpts from two reports written by Mrs. Yuka who lives in Cambodia and works for WFWP Cambodia, and personally visits the children.



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November 3, 2015 · Denneze Nelson



Yumi Tanaka & Tomomi Ueda speaking about fostering children from Cambodia

One Sunday after church service, Mrs. Tomomi Ueda, a WFWP member in New Jersey, decided to make a bold move to share about a WFWP International project that she has been supporting for many years. Mrs. Ueda has been a foster parent for students in Cambodia and fosters three children by providing for their school education, school meals, and books for only \$150 a year. Mrs. Ueda had long been asking herself if there was a way for WFWP USA to join her in supporting this project that so desperately needs more foster parents. She brought this project to New Jersey Chairwoman, Rev. Denneze Nelson for consideration. After discussion with WFWP National President, Mrs. Angelika Selle, the NJ Chapter launched the project on September 6, 2015.

The Cambodia Foster Parent project is a project that WFWP Japan initiated and has managed for many years. This amazing initiative gives people the unique opportunity of making a child in Cambodia part of their extended family, as they sponsor their educational and, to a large extent, their moral wellbeing. Each foster parent is updated on a regular basis on the grades, growth, and overall performance of the

children they are sponsoring. Cooperation between WFPW Japan and local Cambodian schools and teachers is one of heart and familial engagement which truly embodies the meaning of “it takes a village to raise a child.” Tours are also arranged for foster parents to visit the children at certain times in the year.

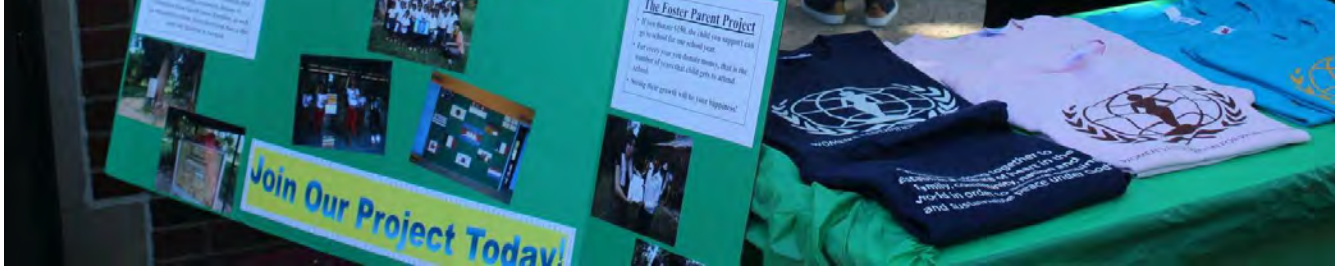


The New Jersey Audience

Eighty percent of the Cambodian population is under 40 years old; so it is a very young country. Photos of 4-year-old children with babies in their arms, standing on the street and begging, are commonplace and a heart-wrenching sight in Cambodia.

Mrs. Ueda’s sister, Mrs. Yumi Tanaka, is one of the wonderful WFPW Japan volunteers who is responsible for the Cambodia Project and frequently goes to Cambodia. When Mrs. Ueda and Clifton Chairwoman, Mrs. Hiroko Nitro, told her they were planning to introduce the project to New Jersey, she flew from Japan to New Jersey to speak at the launching of the Cambodia Project. Mrs. Tanaka gave a riveting presentation which inspired many. As a result, 25 out of 70 attendees signed up to become foster parents with others promising to sign up before the end of the year. High School students who attended this event became foster parents and volunteered to sell T-shirts in support of WFPW on that day.





T-Shirt Sales

Mrs. Ueda and Mrs. Nitro planned and executed an outstanding launch of the Cambodia project. Overall, the event was spiritually stimulating and moved participants' hearts and minds. WFWP asserts that women stand in the position to restore the problems of the world and comfort the heart of God. When our spiritual selves can acknowledge that we are truly one family under God, we live by the logic of love through serving those less fortunate. Moreover, we heal the pain and suffering of the children who are the future leaders of their countries. At the same time we are teaching them how to have hope, and to also live for the sake of God and others through the example of service and love. WFWP New Jersey feels very grateful for this opportunity to foster the children of Cambodia and hope that a blessing can come to the children of New Jersey because of this venture.

Are you interested in The Cambodia Foster Parent Project? WFWP New Jersey Chapter will continue to collaborate with WFWP Japan to support the Foster Parent Project in Cambodia.



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