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Hello from all of us at Hope for Cambodian Children Foundation, Battambang.

Graduation Students under the University Scholarship Program

We are delighted to present Group 3, a committed and hardworking group of four graduates who earned their bachelor's degrees in late 2024. Each member has begun their professional journey, making a positive impact in their field. Their success reflects their dedication, education, and the valuable opportunities made possible by your support.



Chamroeun SUON

Agricultural Engineering Graduate

Living in hardship with a disadvantaged family and a widowed mother, Chamroeun faced substantial challenges from an early age and saw little hope for his future.

On April 4, 2007, his life took a positive turn when he was accepted into our community centre, where he received care and educational support. This opportunity provided him with stability and access to quality education, allowing him to dream beyond his circumstances.

However, following government regulations that required children to reintegrate into their communities, Chamroeun returned to live with his widowed mother. Despite this transition, the Hope for Cambodian Children Foundation (HfCCF) continued to support him, ensuring that he had the necessary resources to continue his education.

With his perseverance and support from HfCCF, Chamroeun graduated from high school successfully. He was awarded a full government scholarship, supplemented by additional support from HfCCF, to pursue higher education. Motivated by his desire to help his community, he chose to specialize in Agricultural Engineering. Today, Suon Chamroeun is an Agricultural Officer in his hometown, dedicating his knowledge and skills to serve his community.

Through his role in the local government, he actively promotes sustainable farming practices and contributes to community development. His work involves conducting agricultural research, advising farmers on best practices, and implementing policies that enhance productivity and sustainability. He plays a key role in projects related to soil conservation, irrigation systems, and organic farming techniques, ensuring long-term benefits for local farmers.

Chamroeun's choice to return and work in his hometown reflects his strong dedication to giving back. His story shows that education, along with support and perseverance, can drive positive social change and economic growth. He is a symbol of hope, demonstrating how investing in education can change lives.

On behalf of Chamroeun and many others like him, we extend our deepest gratitude to our sponsors and supporters. Your contributions have made a profound difference, empowering young individuals to overcome challenges and create meaningful change in their communities. Together, we continue to build a future filled with hope and opportunity.

Borey BORN

Marketing Graduate

Born Borey grew up in a poor family with a widowed mother, facing many challenges from a young age. Life changed for her on February 2, 2008, when she joined our community centre. There, she received care, education, and support, giving her a chance to hope for a better future.

Later, due to government regulation, Borey had to return to live with her mother. However, the Hope for Cambodian Children Foundation (HfCCF) continued to support her, ensuring she had everything she needed to stay in school.

With hard work and support from HfCCF, Borey successfully finished high school. She earned a full scholarship from HfCCF, along with extra support, to attend university. She chose to study Marketing because she was interested in business and communication.



Today, Borey works full-time at a private company in Poi Pet, Banteay Meanchey Province. She is an Online Customer Service Representative, where she helps customers, processes transactions, and ensures smooth communication between the company and its clients. Her job requires attention to detail, problem-solving, and good communication skills.

Borey is dedicated to improving her skills. She attends training programs and workshops to learn more about marketing and customer service. Her success shows how important education and support are in building a better future.



Sreynou NHOEK

English for Education Graduate

Coming from a disadvantaged background, Sreynou faced numerous challenges growing up. After her parents divorced, she lived with her grandmother, who struggled to support her. With financial difficulties and little hope of continuing her education, her future seemed uncertain.

Everything changed when she was selected for our community education and university scholarship program. This life-changing opportunity provided her with full support, including tuition fees and additional assistance, allowing her to pursue higher education without financial worries.

Sreynou worked hard and successfully graduated with a degree in English for Education. Today, she is an educator at a private school in Pailin Province, where she inspires and empowers young learners. As an English teacher, she focuses on improving students' language skills, creating engaging lesson plans, and fostering a positive learning environment.

Committed to her growth, Sreynou actively participates in workshops and training sessions to enhance her teaching skills. Her journey highlights the transformative power of education, not only in shaping her future but also in making a meaningful impact on her students' lives. Through her dedication and passion, she continues to prove that education can break barriers and open doors to a brighter future.

Her transformation from a young girl with limited opportunities to a successful educator is a powerful reminder of the impact education can have on individuals and communities.

Your generous support has played a crucial role in making success stories like Sreynou's possible. Because of you, young individuals like her can overcome challenges and build meaningful futures.

On behalf of Sreynou and many other students striving for a better life, we extend our deepest gratitude. Thank you for believing in their potential and for being part of this incredible journey of change.

Davy HONG

Accounting Graduate

Coming from a challenging background, Davy grew up with limited resources and opportunities. Her parents worked in another province, leaving her and her younger siblings in the care of their grandparents. With financial struggles and little hope for higher education, she once felt unmotivated and uncertain about her future. The possibility of pursuing a career seemed distant, and dreams of professional success felt unattainable.

However, with the encouragement and support provided through our programs, Davy found renewed motivation. She pursued a degree in Accounting and successfully graduated, opening doors to new opportunities. Today, she is employed full-time as a Salesroom Customer Service representative at a car company in Battambang Province. In this role, she applies her financial knowledge and customer service skills to assist clients with vehicle purchases, process financial transactions, and provide valuable insights into products and services.

Davy's journey reflects her resilience and adaptability in a dynamic work environment. She has quickly established herself as a vital asset to her company, ensuring excellent customer service and efficient financial operations. Her commitment to professional growth continues as she expands her expertise in financial consulting and sales, aiming for even greater achievements.



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CHILD PROTECTION POLICY REVIEW

Hope for Cambodian Children Foundation is a community-based care Organization. Child Safety is our priority. HOPE has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Social Affairs Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation (MoSVY) to support vulnerable children and poor families who are under the care of the HOPE Community Centre.

According to the procedure of MoSVY, the HOPE Community Centre needs to review about Child Protection Policy with staff at least two times per year to ensure that staff has read understood, and obeyed the policy while they work with the children even in the HOPE Community Centre and the Community.

Miss Sokhoum, the Social Welfare Manager reviewed the Child Protection Policy in each department with a different schedule. Most of the HOPE staff understood and they obeyed the policy every time they went for a home visit or even to the HOPE Community Centre.

Thank you so much Miss Sokhoum for taking your time for this very important review.





Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National University of Battambang (NUBB)

This is very pleased that in early 2025 Hope for Cambodian Children Foundation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National University of Battambang (NUBB).

This is a very good opportunity for the HOPE Community Centre and also for the poor families who have completed grade 12 education to help them continue their university program at NUBB. This is a very important step for them to challenge their gold and start up their walking on the bridge to success in their higher education and achieve their gold in the future.

This partnership allows us to offer scholarships for students with financial issues from poor families or families from rural areas in Battambang Province.

The MoU is a key part of our commitment to making higher education accessible to all, ensuring that talented students can pursue their goals regardless of their financial background. Through this collaboration, we are helping to create a more educated and equitable society.





Cambodian Advisory Committee (CAC)

The Cambodian Advisory Committee plays a very important role in assisting the HOPE Community Centre. Mr. Try PUTH, Chair of CAC, assisted with processing HOPE's land title and Ra RY's title and attended the HOPE Community Centre event.

Dr. Sanith SOU former deputy director of the Battambang Department of Health now is the Director of the Provincial Doctor Advisory Committee. He is now a member of the CAC of HOPE Community Centre advises HOPE and acts as a consultant in the Foundation's Prevention Mother to Child Transmission Program.

During the Cambodian Cycling Federation (CCF) riders' event, Mr. Try PUTH, Dr. Sanith SOU, and Mr. Sambath CHEA came to the HOPE Community Centre to welcome 84 riders.





Cambodian Cycling Federation (CCF) event

The HOPE is very pleased to share that, in February 2025 the HOPE Community Centre welcomed the Cambodian Cycling Federation (CCF) Riders, the government institution located in Phnom Penh rode 293 km to Battambang with over 84 riders from 9 provinces for the first time.

500 kids and community students participated, and Mr. Sothoeurn THY, the HOPE's Director gave a warm welcome speech to the Riders, Mr. Chamroeurn NOU, the CCF's General Secretary, gave a short speech, and the team leader of BMW Motorcycle Club Cambodia gave a brief remark.

The riders enjoyed themselves and were proud of the unexpected beautiful welcome. HOPE received 2628 USD from the CCF event and 100 USD for the student's performance from the generous riders Mr. Puth Try presented the Certificate of Appreciation to CCF.

HOPE is very thankful to the CCF riders for their massive effort and their support of HFCCF.

Thank you so much for the **Broad Sport** for taking pictures from Phnom Penh to Battambang for the whole event.

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Cambodia Cycling Federation – CCF

<https://web.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064931340720>

Thank you, **BMW Motorcycle Clube Cambodia**, for assisting the Riders along the road from Phnom Penh to Battambang.

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Pisey VI

Prevention Mother to Child Transmission Program

Each month, HOPE staff usually make home visits to follow up with beneficiaries and maintain close relationships with the family and local authorities.

In February, the social workers made a home visit with the director to a 17-month-old girl, Vi Pisey, and her family at Bour Village, Bour Commune, Phnom Preuk District, Battambang Province. Pisey has one 12-year-old brother studying grade 2 in the primary school. Her family is very poor. They live on the property of Pisey's grandmother because their house was destroyed by the storm. Her mother works as a laundry laborer. This job is not stable because this job will according to the neighbor ask her to do the laundry, and each time she will get 2.5 USD to 7.5 USD per day.

During the visit, the social workers monitored that Pisey was very healthy and doing very well. The mom followed the hygiene guidelines and went to the local Health Post Centre regularly to get her medication. Last August HOPE hosted a nutrition food training to the moms by the Senior Nurse from the Battambang Department of Health and Pisey's mom joined the training. She made the nutrition food for Pisey at home regularly and now Pisey can have regular meals with her family. She fully understands and obeys the hygiene guidelines and follows the steps.

According to the regulation of support of Hope for Cambodian Children Foundation's Prevention Mother to Child Transmission Program, HOPE will support Pisey for 18 months of milk formula. The time is up next month. According to the family condition, HOPE decided to support nutrition food; rice, fruits, eggs, vegetables, and some money to Pisey for another six months under the Prevention Mother to Child Transmission Program. The new contract will be made next month.





Mrs. Sophat POL, 40 years old lady has 3 daughters. Her husband is Thea NHEK, 41 years old, and unemployed. Currently, they live in Takok Village, Nora Commune, Sangke District, Battambang Province.

Sophat is a housewife who takes care of her children, cooks, wash clothes, and sends her children to school in the morning. In the afternoon, she takes time to go to the rice fields to pick water morning glory, pick tamarin leaves, and catch crabs, and snails to sell. Sometimes she earns 3,000 to 5,000 riels to buy rice to support her family. Sometimes, she only buys rice, no fish, only one duck egg with fish sauce for 5 people (mother and children). Her husband did not help his wife, only thinking about drinking, drugs, and violence against his wife and children almost every day, causing the children to miss school because of fear of their father beating them. The mother did not dare to leave her children at home with her father. When she went to pick vegetables in the fields, she always took her children with her, causing the children to not go to school regularly.

In July 2023, the Hope for Cambodian Children Foundation held a basic sewing training course. The Social workers collaborated with local authorities, especially the Commune Committee of Women and Children (CCWC) to select poor families a women in the community to receive the sewing training course. The CCWC went to find poor families, including Sophat, who came to learn sewing and received knowledge of life skills. Sophat received financial support for daily food while she came to learn sewing skills with the Hope for Cambodian Children Foundation. Sophat persevered and overcame all problems. Even though she faced difficulties in her family and was often beaten by her husband, she refused to give up on this training.

Mrs. Sophat POL

Skills-Based Training Program

She persevered until she completed the 8-month course with good grades. She received a sewing machine from the Hope for Cambodian Children Foundation.

After completing the course, the social worker contacted a private shop in Samrong commune, Battambang province, so that Sophat could continue her training in sewing the trousers for another 15 days. Since Sophat received the training, she was able to sew the trousers and started sewing. She earned 50,000 riels (12.5 USD) to 100,000 riels (25 USD) in the first month. In addition to sewing trousers, she took up other jobs, such as helping to clean the health centre for 2 hours a day and washing dishes at a noodle restaurant for one hour a day, earning 600,000 riels (150 USD) a month. This made Sophat's family have a better life. The children went to school regularly. Sophat's husband also reduced domestic violence and helped her find a job as a security guard, earning 400,000 riels (100 USD) a month to help support the family. Sophat was very happy because she was proud of herself, able to improve her family's life, the children went to school regularly, and her husband's personality changed significantly.

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