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Welcome!

We are honored to have so many guests here tonight to celebrate and support the work of our dedicated volunteers and CHPAA team members, and their commitment to providing essential healthcare to the underserved communities in Cambodia. Throughout the evening, you will have the opportunity to hear inspiring stories, learn about the impact of our medical missions, and participate in fundraising activities that will directly contribute to the health of the patients we serve.

Thank you for joining us tonight.

Gala Chairs
Daniel Chan, MD
Salan Thong, PharmD



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Masters of Ceremony



Phillip T. Thong CPA, MBA

Mr. Phillip Thong is a founding vice chairman of Bayani Pay Inc., a fintech company. He was a co-founder of First Choice Bank, having served as Vice Chairman since inception till the bank was merged with Enterprise Bank & Trust. He is a retired Certified Public Accountant / Business Advisor, he was the founder & Managing Partner of Thong, Yu, Wong & Lee, LP. He previously served as a member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Audit Committee at International Bank of California. He received awards from the Los Angeles Business Journal for setting an example of excellence, as well as from the Asian Business Association for CPA Firm of the Year.



Salan Thong, PharmD

Dr. Salan Thong was born in Svay Rieng, Cambodia during the midst of the Pol Pot Regime. She and her family fled her motherland and found refuge in the U.S. Dr. Thong graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Neuroscience from the University of California, Riverside in 1998. In 2004, Dr. Thong earned her Doctor of Pharmacy from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. As a board-certified pharmacist, Dr. Thong managed CVS stores for 12 years before opening her own independent pharmacy in 2015, called Yucaipa Care Pharmacy. Dr. Thong has been a member and strong supporter of CHPAA for the past 10 years. She is inspired by the dedication and enthusiasm of CHPAA's volunteers. She notes that her own humble beginnings have inspired her to give back to the community through philanthropy and service.



Dinner Program

INTRODUCTION

Phillip Thong and Salan Thong, Masters of Ceremonies

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Daniel Chan, MD

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Daniel Chan, MD and Salan Thong, PharmD

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Song Tan, MD

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Sarady Tan, M.D., M.P.H., M.S., FAAFP
Colonel in the US Air Force

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Presented by Song Tan, MD

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CLOSING REMARKS

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Keynote Speaker

Sarady Tan, M.D., M.P.H., M.S., FAAFP

Sarady Tan, M.D., M.P.H., M.S., FAAFP, is a Colonel in the United States Air Force (USAF) and is currently serving as the Director of Operational Medicine Policy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) for Health Affairs, Pentagon, Virginia. He is the principal advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Readiness Policy & Oversight and OSD Health Affairs on medical readiness policy and operational medicine issues in support of 1.7 million active duty and reserve-component personnel and a \$50 Billion annual budget. Dr. Tan serves as a subject matter expert on deployment health and all aspects of combat casualty care from point of injury through the evacuation process to definitive care. He revises and initiates policy for the Department of Defense's Patient Movement, Armed Services Blood Program, Medical Readiness Training, Medical Modeling and Simulation, Joint Trauma System, and Joint Theater Patient Evacuation. Lastly, Dr. Tan responds to inquiries from the President of the United States, Congress, senior Department of Defense leadership, and other governmental and non-governmental agencies regarding operational medicine and medical readiness.



Dr. Tan was born in Phnom Penh and escaped Cambodia with his immediate family as a refugee when the Khmer Rouge came into power in 1975. He grew up in San Antonio (TX), Long Beach (CA), and finally in Oregon. He completed his undergraduate and graduate studies in Chemical Engineering at Oregon State University, and medical school at the Oregon Health Sciences University. He went on to complete a Family Medicine Residency at the San Bernardino County Medical Center in California. Dr. Tan subsequently completed a Master of Public Health Degree from the Harvard School of Public Health in addition to residencies in Aerospace Medicine and Occupational Medicine at the USAF's School of Aerospace Medicine. Lastly, Colonel Tan earned a Master of Science Degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College ("professional military education's Harvard University" Secretary Colin Powell), National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Tan entered the USAF in 1995 and has commanded at the squadron and group levels. He has deployed seven times in support of Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, Freedom's Sentinel, and Resolute Support. His last deployment was a yearlong tour as the Command Surgeon General for the Train, Advise, Assist Command-Air in Afghanistan. Col. Tan is a chief flight surgeon with more than 1,900 flight hours in a variety of aircrafts (e.g., F-15 D/E, F-16 D, C-17) including 774 flight hours in combat and combat support missions. Prior to his current position, the colonel was the Director of the National Center for Medical Intelligence, Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C. and then as the Commander/Chief Operating Officer for the Department of Defense's largest ambulatory surgical care facility (59th Medical Operations Group) with over 1,500 personnel in Joint Base San Antonio, Texas.



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Cocktail Hour



Chicken donated by Louisiana Famous Fried Chicken

This globally successful franchise is a result of the hard work and entrepreneurial spirit of a Cambodian business man who started with very little. As we enjoy the delicious pieces this evening, we are truly taking a bite into an amazing success story.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

November 10, 2023

Dear distinguished guests, friends, CHPAA community and family,

Welcome to CHPAA’s 13th Annual Fundraising Gala.



After a two-year pandemic-induced hiatus, we resumed our 11th Medical, Surgical, Ophthalmological and Dental mission to Banteay Meanchey province, Cambodia last January. Now, we prepare to embark on our 12th mission, to take place January 2024 in the province of Preah Vihear, which many of you know as the site of the *Dangrek Genocide*, or *Preah Vihear Pushback*. In June 1979, months after the Khmer Rouge was overthrown, an estimated 43,000-45,000 refugees were forced to cross back into Cambodia through the Dangrek escarpment along the mine-riddled Cambodian-Thai border. Thousands died from land mines, diseases, dehydration, and hunger; some of our own volunteers are survivors of that “second genocide.” This will be an emotional trip, but “Together We Give Hope and Healing.”

The proceeds of tonight’s fundraiser will go exclusively toward the procurement of medications, medical supplies, and patient-related expenses during the mission. Our generous volunteers will donate not only their specialized medical expertise but will also cover their own airfare, ground transportation, food, and lodging.

In addition to providing free services to the underserved people of Cambodia, CHPAA has been instrumental in securing medical equipment and supplies worth tens of thousands of dollars, to donate to partner organizations in Cambodia. Our volunteers have been collecting unused medical and surgical supplies from their own hospitals year-round for our missions, because every extra bit helps the cause.

On the local front, CHPAA has been uniquely positioned to provide health education to the Cambodian community health forums and health fairs. We’ve also continued to provide scholarships, including the Linath Lim, MD Memorial Scholarship, to students both locally and in Cambodia to pursue health care careers of their own. When volunteers, students, and professionals all come together to make a difference in the world, the impact is immeasurable.

As an all-volunteer, non-political, non-religious organization with no staff and no overhead cost, CHPAA prides itself in bringing together people with shared values transcending race, national origin, religious and political affiliations for this humanitarian cause. In praise of CHPAA, the US Ambassador to Cambodia stated that “CHPAA Mission work supports strong people-to-people ties and longstanding US commitment to the health of the Cambodian people.”

Thank you all for your continued support, for without your support our missions are not possible.

Sincerely yours,

Song Tan, MD, FAAP
President



Ambassador W. Patrick Murphy



Ambassador W. Patrick Murphy

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A pleasure to welcome over 100 members of the Cambodian Health Professionals Association of America, making their 11th mission to the Kingdom. Their volunteer medical work supports strong people-to-people ties & longstanding U.S. commitment to the health of Cambodian people.



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CONGRESSMAN
ROBERT GARCIA
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

November 10, 2023

Dear Members, Sponsors, and Supporters:

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I am happy and honored to welcome you to the 13th Annual Fundraising Gala of the Cambodian Health Professionals Association of America! I am proud and grateful for all the devoted work the CHPAA continues to do for our residents and this year's theme, "Together We Give Hope and Healing" exemplifies the commitment of this great organization to our community.

CHPAA provides crucial healthcare services and resources to thousands of people, in Long Beach and throughout the surrounding region. With roots in Cambodia and in our community, CHPAA is a unique and powerfully effective force for the wellbeing of our families.

Thank you all for your dedication and hard work – and thank you to everyone supporting CHPAA all year round, ensuring this fundraiser and all their efforts continue to thrive and succeed. We appreciate you, and hope you have an enjoyable and fun night at the Gala.

Congratulations on your accomplishments, and my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for supporting the CHPAA's efforts to serve those in need – both here in California and in Cambodia.



Warmly,

Congressman Robert Garcia
U.S. House of Representatives



MAYOR REX RICHARDSON

November 10, 2023

Dear attendees and organizers of the Cambodian Health Professionals Association of America's 13th Annual Fundraising Gala,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I would like to thank the Cambodian Health Professionals Association for the crucial work you do to promote health and health equity through education and advocacy. Thank you for choosing the City of Long Beach as your home for the last 27 years and for continuing the legacy of your founders.

Since 1997, CHPAA has had a constant presence in the community through health education and through supporting our youth. Time after time, we have seen you step up during some of the most challenging times that we have faced. During the COVID-19 pandemic, CHPAA played a significant role in providing health education about misinformation and public health measures to our community. The work that CHPAA has accomplished has gone beyond Long Beach. CHPAA has successfully conducted 11 surgical, ophthalmological, medical, and dental missions to provide free care to the underserved people of Cambodia.

I am proud of the work the Cambodian Health Professionals Association of America has done for our community, and I know that they will continue to do great work.

To all the attendees, thank you for supporting such an incredible organization.

Best,

Rex Richardson
Mayor of Long Beach





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JANICE HAHN
Chair, Board of Supervisors

November 10, 2023

Dear Friends:

For nearly three decades, the Cambodian Healthcare Professionals of America Association has provided critical and compassionate care to people suffering on the margins halfway around the world. Your work is inspiring, and I am honored to celebrate your 27th Anniversary with you. I want to especially recognize **Dr. Daniel Chan, MD, Dr. Kosal Kom, DDS, Dr. Visal Nga, DO, Mr. Michael Eng, Dr. Chamroeun Heng MD, Dr. Bharat Patel, MD, Susan Wilcinski, RNP, and Mr. Leland Wu & Mrs. Lechoy Soun** for their outstanding service. Congratulations on this recognition.

Trust is paramount to effective healthcare and essential to achieving our shared goal of health equity. CHPAA has earned the trust of the communities you serve, and you've been a great partner. I look forward to your continued success.

I hope everyone enjoys the 2023 CHPAA 13th Annual Fundraiser and Celebration.

Sincerely,

JANICE HAHN
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles





DR. SUELY SARO
COUNCILWOMAN, SIXTH DISTRICT
CITY OF LONG BEACH

October 13, 2023

Dr. Song Tan, President
Cambodian Health Professionals Association of America (CHPAA)
930 Pine Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90813

Dear Dr. Tan and Members of CHPAA,

As a supporter of the Cambodian Health Professionals Association of America (CHPAA), I am honored to celebrate your 26th Anniversary and 13th Annual Fundraising Gala. It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to all attendees celebrating and recognizing this year's honorees.

Since 1997, CHPAA has been a respected and trusted leader in promoting the health and wellbeing of underserved populations and the Cambodian American community. CHPAA have made lasting impacts on the lives of thousands of people by advancing health through education, advocacy for health equity, and encouraging the younger generations to enter the health profession.

As the Councilwoman of the Sixth District of Long Beach, I am committed to health equity and commend CHPAA and all its volunteers on your 26 years of accomplishments. I look forward to seeing what CHPAA will accomplish in the many more years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suely Saro".

Dr. Suely Saro, Ed.D
Councilwoman, Sixth District
City of Long Beach



Patient Stories

Written by Gabriella Kuraitis, Santa Kuraitis RN., BSN,
Kestutis V Kuraitis MD., PhD

Patient 1



Ms. C.T. is a 57 year old woman residing in Banteay Meanchey, was diagnosed with a prolapsed uterus, nodular goiter, and a tooth infection. Her journey to seek medical assistance from CHPAA was prompted by a compassionate neighbor who referred her to our surgical screening volunteers. Initially, Ms. C.T. couldn't afford the \$2 motor taxi fare to reach our medical team. Despite being a mother of five, she lives alone in a rental unit with no immediate familial support. She sustains herself by washing dishes at a local restaurant, earning approximately 5,000 Riel (approximately \$1.25 USD).

The CHPAA team extracted the infected teeth and administered antibiotics and pain medication. Following this procedure, our surgical team successfully conducted a hysterectomy without any complications.

Six months after her hysterectomy, Ms. C.T. received a follow-up visit from our local volunteers, Ms. Thavry Ho and Dr. Phath Phalleak. During this visit, it was observed that Ms. C.T. had regained her ability to walk and maintain household chores. This included maintaining the property for her landlord in exchange for rent-free accommodations. Additionally, Ms. C.T. has been on medication for her goiter for three months and will undergo a re-evaluation to determine if she is eligible for surgery, which another sponsor will support. Furthermore, her son, who works on a farm in Kampong Cham Province, sends her 100,000 Riel (approximately \$25 USD) a year. She also receives assistance from the government, amounting to 200,000 Riel (approximately \$50) per month. She expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the generous donors, dedicated CHPAA volunteers, supportive neighbors, her landlord, local authorities, and Dr. Phath and Ms. Thavry.

Patient 2

Mr. L.L. is a 72 year old male residing in Banteay Meanchey. He presented to the CHPAA surgical team with a forehead Basal Cell Carcinoma. He initially sought assistance from our team, but unfortunately, we were unable to provide the required treatment at that time. Subsequently, our CHPAA volunteers referred him to the Khmer Soviet Hospital in Phnom Penh, in which the costs of treatment would be covered by our CHPAA volunteers. The procedure performed at Khmer Soviet Hospital in Phnom Penh involved the removal of the Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC) and a skin graft.



Patient 3

Ms. K.S. is an 18 year old female resident of Banteay Meanchey, was diagnosed with a neurofibroma on her left eyelid. She initially sought assistance from CHPAA's surgical team, but unfortunately, our team was unable to provide the necessary treatment at that time. Subsequently, our dedicated CHPAA volunteers referred her and sponsored her treatment at Khmer Soviet Hospital in Phnom Penh.

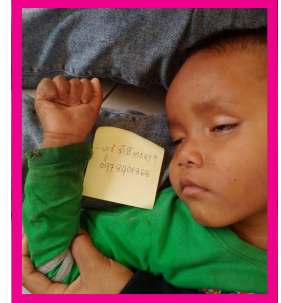


Patient Stories

Written by Gabriella Kuraitis, Santa Kuraitis RN., BSN,
Kestutis V Kuraitis MD., PhD

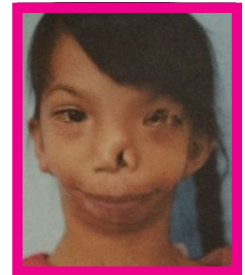
Patient 4

A four-year-old boy was living in Banteay Meanchey presented with contractures on his left hand post severe burns. The initial procedure, performed by Smile Cambodia, involved relieving the contracture in three of his fingers. Additionally, the patient was scheduled for procedures to relieve the following two fingers from contracture. The patient was awaiting the remaining procedure, which was anticipated to be completed in 6 months time. The referral for this treatment was made by our surgical team, and the transportation expenses were graciously covered by our generous volunteers.



Patient 5

An 11 year-old girl residing in Banteay Meanchey was diagnosed with Microstomia and Facial Cleft Goldenhar. She required facial cleft repair and was referred to Smile Cambodia. According to information provided by a local Cambodian volunteer, the patient was awaiting assistance from the craniofacial organization based in Queensland, Australia.



Additional Thoughts



All of the above patients, as well as a multitude of others, received care from our devoted CHPAA volunteers. Additionally, some patients were financially supported by our volunteers, working in collaboration with local healthcare facilities in Cambodia. Such facilities included Mongkul Borey Hospital, Khmer Soviet Friendship Hospital, Calmette Hospital, Preah Ang Duong Hospital, Smile Cambodia, and many more.

In the midst of our busy lives and myriad responsibilities, it's crucial to remember the power of giving back, even in the smallest ways. By contributing even a modest amount of our resources to those in need, we not only make a meaningful impact on their lives but also find ourselves enriched with fortune, blessings, fulfillment, gratitude, and happiness. Small acts of generosity can profoundly touch the lives of others, creating a ripple effect of positivity and compassion. The power of giving back lies in its ability to create positive and transformative impacts on individuals, communities, and society as a whole.



2023 Outstanding Volunteer Award

Leeland Wu and Mrs. Lechoy Soun



Leeland is a successful Cambodian American entrepreneur. He came to the U.S. as a refugee in 1975. He graduated from California State University, Dominguez Hills with a bachelor's degree in business in 1982.

He founded Packers Express, a freight forwarder in 1993, with 2 locations, in Wilmington, California and Houston, Texas. He is the epitome of the American Dream.

Leeland and his team went beyond the call of duty to transport the donated bulky medical equipment from the donor's warehouse to his warehouse, to pack in several containers, and to ship them to Cambodia. It took many days for the job, with tens of trips in the scorching summer heat. He is also generous in donating his warehouse for CHPAA to use as storage. CHPAA is grateful for the unwavering commitment of Leeland and his wife, Mrs. Lechoy Soun in support of our missions. He is in the process of handing over the reign of his business to his son, Leonardo Wu, who graduated from California State University, Los Angeles with a bachelor's degree, in business. Their daughter, Lisa Wu is a graduate of New York University in nursing, and currently pursuing her MSN degree in Nurse Practitioner from Columbia University. Leeland is the Vice President of Southern California Teo-Chew Association.



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2020
 Arn Yan
 Franklin Young,
 DMD

2019
 Douglas Fulton
 Christopher Hy
 Kim Mak

2018
 Clifford Moffatt

2017
 Lynne Porter

2016
 Jasenka Stojic

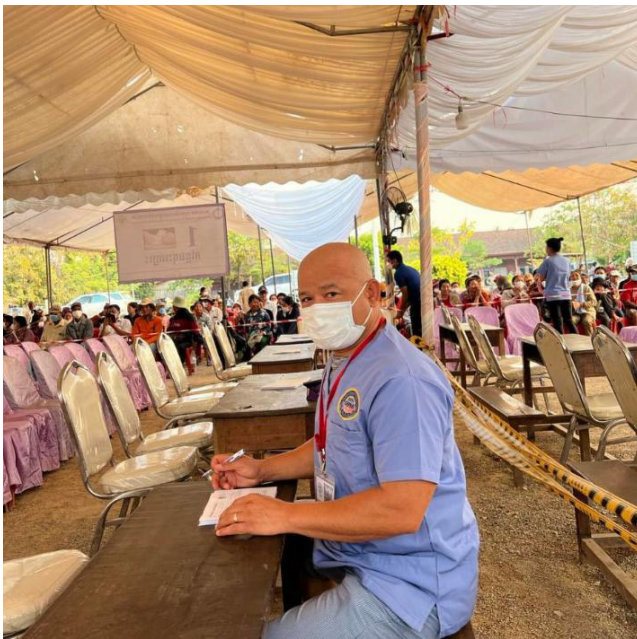
2015
 Angeline Barnes, MD

2014
 Cynthia Ly, PharmD

2013
 Tung Cheung, PA-C

2012
 Neil Sullivan, MD
 Susan Murray, RN

2011
 Lykuong Eng, DDS



Recognition for 10 Years of Service

CHPAA is pleased to recognize the following volunteers who have devoted a decade of Medical Mission to Cambodia.



Daniel Chan, MD



Kosal Kom, DDS



Visal Nga, DO

Congratulations on serving CHPAA for 10 years! CHPAA is eternally grateful for everything you do. Thank you for your years of service and dedication to CHPAA. All your years of hard work, effort, tireless commitment, and enthusiasm help make an enormous difference around the world and are a great inspiration to others. We can not do it without you!



Recognition for 5 Years of Service

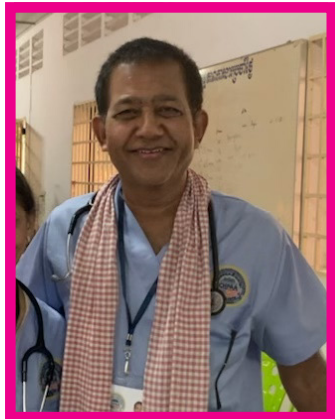
CHPAA is pleased to recognize the following volunteers who have dedicated 5 years of Medical Mission to Cambodia.



Michael Eng, Entrepreneur



Chamroeun Heng, MD



Bharat Patel, MD



Susan Wilcinski, MS, APRN, NNP-BC



Patient Story

Written by Irene Sasaki, MD, (Ophthalmology)



As I stepped off the plane in Cambodia, a mix of anticipation and nervous excitement surged through me. This was my first medical mission trip, and I was about to embark on a journey that would change my life forever. Our mission was clear: to bring hope, healing, and sight to those in need. Little did I know that one encounter would touch my heart in a profound way.

We set up our clinic in a remote province, over 6 hours' drive from Phnom Penh, in Mongkol Borey. Our first day was a whirlwind of consultations and screenings. The line of patients seemed endless, each person hoping for a chance to see the world clearly once more.

As the days passed, one name stood out among the sea of faces-Lorn. Lorn was an elderly woman with clouded eyes. Lorn had cataracts in both eyes, and her world had slowly faded to darkness over the years. I knew that restoring her sight would not only transform her life but also reconnect her with a world she had lost.

The day of surgery arrived, and I couldn't help but feel the weight of responsibility on my shoulders. Lorn was placed on the operating table, with our ophthalmic assistant, Eang, holding her hand for comfort. I had the support of my dedicated team and the hope of Lorn and her son. Lorn's surgery went perfectly.

The next morning, I removed the bandage from Lorn's eyes, and for a moment, there was silence in the room. Then, slowly, she blinked, and her eyes welled up with tears. She looked around, her gaze filled with wonder, and a smile spread across her face. It was a smile that radiated pure joy, a smile that had been absent for far too long.

As our mission trip came to an end, I couldn't help but reflect on the profound impact it had on me. Helping Lorn regain her sight was not just a medical procedure; it was a reminder of the power of compassion, dedication, and the human spirit. It reaffirmed my belief that every person, regardless of their circumstances, deserves the chance to see the world with clarity and hope. This mission trip to Cambodia had indeed changed my life, and I knew that I would continue to dedicate myself to helping those in need, one patient at time.



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Past Philanthropy Awardees

2020 Youcaipa Care Pharmacy
(Salan Thong, PharmD)

2019 Sody Lay, JD

2018 Michael Eng
Louisiana Famous Fried Chicken



2017 Mr. & Mrs. Alex Lim

2015 Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Ngo
Mr. & Mrs. Ly Por You

2014 Mrs. Choeung Sokuntheavy
Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Ngo



2013 Mr. Kevin Ng
H.E. Mr. Mong Reththy
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip T. Thong

2012 Tung Cheung, PA-C

2011 Mr. James & Mrs. Nancy Lee



Mission Statistics

From 2011 - 2023, CHPAA volunteers from U.S. teamed up with Cambodian volunteers to provide free treatments and services to over 64,000 underserved Cambodian patients. Medication, vitamins, glasses, toothbrushes, hands on training, and health education were also funded by our organization.

Statistics January 30 - February 4, 2023

MISSION 11 - BANTEAY MEANCHEY PROVINCE

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109 USA Volunteers



78 Cambodia Volunteers

Treatments Provided

Out-Patients: Total: 5,637

- 1. Main Clinic-Russey Krok Elementary school (City of Mongkul Borey) 4,152
- 2. Mobile clinic #1: Soer Health Center 674
- 3..Mobile clinic # 2: Kok Balang Health Center 811

Surgery: Total Patients seen 141

- General Surgeries 38
- Gynecologic Surgeries 23
- Other Surgeries 2
- Minor/Lumps-Bumps Surgeries 38
- Other 3
- Non-surgeries 34

Ophthalmology: Total Patients Seen: 271

- Cataract Surgeries 40
- Pterygium Surgeries 7
- Laser Capsulotomy 4

Pain Management: Total Patients Seen 597

Mental Health 17

Helping Baby Breathe Class 37 students

Dental: Total Patients Seen 822

- Extractions 1,102
- Fillings 36
- Cleaning 52
- Consultations 3 59

Glasses 1,984



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Past Scholarship Awardees

USA

2022 Awardees



Mei Lenh Lao (Cerritos, CA)
Linath Lim MD memorial scholarship - UC San Diego - B.S. in Human Biology, Minor in Education Studies



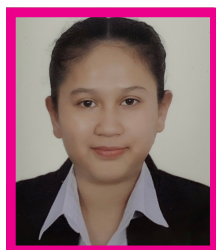
Brittney Somaly Hun (Signal Hill, CA)
UCLA - B.S. in Human Biology, and Society



Emie Ung (Shrewsbury, MA)
Emory University Biology, Minor in Sociology

Cambodia

2022 Awardees



Kanitha Pech
Medical Student (Year 2) at University of Health Sciences



Chandina Kim
Medical Student (Year 6) at University of Health Sciences



Sreynech Sok
Medical Student (Year 7) at Health Sciences Institute of RCAF

Past Scholarship Awardees USA (Prior to 2022)

Tiffany Vong
Serey Nouth
Bella Tu
Madalen Phay
Jennifer Tang
Sorina Neang Long
Neil Deduja
Koalyn Hong
Kevin Muy
Serena Ly
Charlene Lim
Albert Hokan
Karena Kaing
Kenneth Phin
Marylin Try
Sebastian Chhit
Sreyroth Loa
Michelle Su
Nancy Tran
Yi Chang
Richard Kong
Sunny Liu
Christa Ky

Past Scholarship Awardees Cambodia (Prior to 2022)

Daro Roun
Hong Menghouy
Sonka Ouch
Sophanaroth Nop
Youlong Chan
Tara Sokhom
Pirou Lay
Solynet Sao



Mission Story

Written by Sokkom Tara, Medical Student, Cambodia

Thanks to CHPAA for providing a huge opportunity for UP students to join this mission in Banteay Meanchey province. Besides improving our communication skills, we also have a chance to make new friends and able to work on our clinical skills.



When asked about their experience on the medical mission to Cambodia, the students expressed their immense happiness and gratitude. They were thrilled to be able to help the underserved population of Cambodia and make a positive impact on their lives. The opportunity to provide healthcare to those in need was truly fulfilling for the students, and they were grateful for the chance to make a difference. Additionally, the students were able to learn new skills and gain valuable knowledge from the mission. They were able to work closely with other medical professionals and gain insight into the challenges of practicing medicine in underserved areas.

Overall, the students felt incredibly fortunate to have been a part of such a meaningful mission. They were able to use their skills and knowledge to improve the lives of others and also gained valuable experience that will help them in their future medical career. The students felt like they not only made a difference in the lives of the Cambodian people but also learned a lot from the experience. It was an unforgettable journey that left a lasting impression on the students, and they were grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of it.





OUR MISSION

To provide medical, dental, surgical, ophthalmological services to underserved populations in Cambodia, free of charge. To promote health and wellbeing through patient education in Cambodia and America. To provide education and scholarships to students in the healthcare field.

OUR TEAM

Physicians and surgeons, ophthalmologists, dentists, pharmacists, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, allied health professionals, administrative volunteers, logistics volunteers, educators, U.S. students, Cambodia students, local volunteers, local officials.



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OUR IMPACT

Through 11 missions, approximately 64,000 patients have been served. CHPAA provides free medical, surgical, ophthalmological, dental, mental health, pain management services, neonatal resuscitation training, didactic lectures, medications, vitamins, eyes glasses, and toothbrushes.

OUR EXPERIENCE

The CHPAA experience of helping local people, who would otherwise not have healthcare, has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my career. The Cambodian people appreciate everything we do for them and offer extraordinary gratitude even for basic surgeries we offer. The experience has truly made me appreciate why I went into medicine and continue to practice to help people who need us. It is truly an experience worth pursuing for all medical providers to appreciate what medicine was meant to be.

Written by Steven Dubin, M.D.,
Anesthesiology



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Volunteer Testimonial

Written by Dararithy Ran, DDS

On behalf of the Cambodian dental team, I would like to say thank you CHPAA Mission for the great opportunity to let us join this mission. It was a great mission and we were so glad to be a part of it. We hope to join CHPAA again next year to help our Cambodian people. Your help means a lot to our people.



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Patient Stories

Written by Carl D. Werts, DDS, FAGD, FICOI



To be able to go on medical missions is a privilege and an honor. The amount that we can contribute is so small relative to the degree of need we encounter. Yet, we leave our families, take time out of our careers, and travel great distances to give of ourselves to those who are less fortunate. For those whose lives we touch, we go in hopes of offering some degree of love, care, and kindness, to let them know the world has not forgotten them. In return, every patient gives us their love and sincerest gratitude. These are the poorest people of Cambodia and anyone over the age of 50 is in some way a survivor of the "Killing Fields." These people have endured pain, suffering, and unimaginable hardships that no Westerner could ever comprehend.

Each day there are several lifelong, memorable moments and interactions with the patients we treat. A few memories stand out:

- A woman needed several extractions, as do most of the patients. She was already resigned to the idea when told what needed to be done. The procedure was begun, with ample local anesthesia given, something we take so much for granted. What was remarkable was that the patient would not stop talking to her friend in the next chair during the procedure. This presented quite a challenge for the treating dentist to get the job done. After the patient left, she returned several minutes later, in tears and profusely thanked the dentist for making this such a painless experience. She could not believe it, and that is what she was telling her friend, that it didn't hurt. This was something she did not know was possible. Every visit to the dentist for this patient had always been torturously painful for her.



- Another example of gratitude, our clinic was on the grounds of a school. (As a side note, candy vendors were on the grounds of the school. No wonder most of the children we saw had such rampant decay.) Dental cleanings were offered and the hygienist, Lien, was so kind and caring. One child, after her cleaning being such a good and eye-opening experience, also returned back into the clinic to give Lyn the warmest and tightest hug. My photo of this scene is my favorite of the entire mission.

- An older woman was missing most of her teeth and the rest were severely decayed. She had only one reasonably intact tooth left in her mouth, and she insisted I leave it. While extracting all the other teeth, dropping them loudly on the table, she would cheer and laugh. At the end she was so happy and so proud of her 1 tooth!!!!



Relieving pain and infection from another human, when no other possibilities are available to them, is a reward and sense of joy that no amount of money can ever buy. This is why we, the volunteers, return year after year.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN CAMBODIAN-AMERICAN UM CHURCH

10/21/2023 Saturday 5 PM

Women Fall Season Gathering Dinner Celebration

11/18/2023 Saturday 3 PM

Special Thanksgiving Celebration

12/16/23 Saturday 3 PM

Special Christmas Celebration

12/31/2023 Sunday 7 PM

New Year's Eve Celebration

02/11/2024 Sunday 10 AM

Church Family Valentine Celebration

Church Family Valentine Celebration

Easter Celebration!

04/2024 - Sunday 10 AM

Cambodian New Year Parade Participation (Bong Tony - Do you know the date yet? You are on their advisory board :))

05/12/2024 Sunday 10 AM

Special Mother's Day Celebration

06/16/2024 Sunday 10 AM

Special Father's Day Celebration

07/04/2024 Thursday 10 AM

Picnic At Local Park

08/16-18/2024 Friday to Sunday

9th Annual Cambodian UM Women Network Leadership Training and Conference: Big Bear Area

09/14/2024 Saturday 5 PM

2nd Annual Church Family Celebration Buffet Dinner

10/19/2024 Saturday 5 PM

Fall Season Gathering Dinner Celebration

11/23/2024 - Saturday 3 PM

Special Thanksgiving Celebration

12/21/2024 - Saturday 3 PM

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Written by Kol Ouk, RN



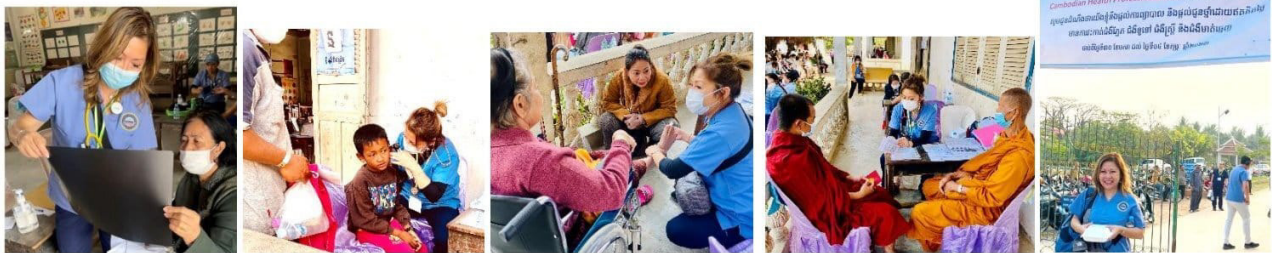
Patient Story

Written by Christina D. Lee, MD, MDiv

“Doctor, please, do you think I can have the reading glasses too besides the blood pressure medication – I can’t really see and hoping to get them today.” The lady looked to be in her mid-fifties but later I learned that she was in her early forties. I was very happy that she was able to get the reading glasses as well as the hypertension medication that CHPAA had brought for the 2023 Medical, Surgical and Dental Mission. We also provided care to children, adults, students, and monks.

For the last ten years I have been supporting CHPAA Fund-Raising each year and as one of the Board of Directors, I had wanted to go in person but due to having small children, I have not been able to until this year. It was indeed an amazing opportunity to go back and help the country that I had grown up in during my short childhood there. I had to go this year on the mission because Banteay Meanchey was the province that I was living at prior to coming to the refugee camps in route to the US. It was very meaningful to return to help.

During the mission, we worked long hours. We started out our day at 6 AM and wouldn’t get back to our hotel until about 9 PM after dinner. Each day when we got to the site of the mission, over a thousand people had already lined up waiting to be seen for their health conditions. Seeing that we helped so many people and their smiles and the gratefulness they showed, it kept us doctors and volunteers going and wanting to work harder despite the humid and very hot weather there.



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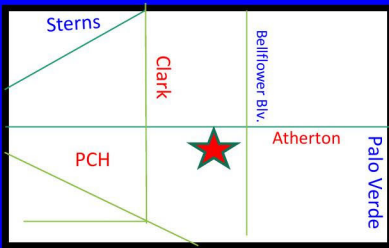
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