



CAMBODIA FUNDRAISER: FRIDAY May 3, 2019

**LOCATION: Trinity Presbyterian Church
2737 Bayview Ave, just south of the 401**

9.00 am: REGISTRATION

9:30 - 11:30 am: Lesson with JOHN RAYNER

11:30 am: LUNCH

12:00 PM: Presentation on Cambodia by PATTI LEE

12:45 pm: BRIDGE GAME

MINIMUM DONATION of \$40.00 (no maximum)

PLUS \$14 to cover cost of lunch, rent, etc

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER Please make cheques payable to Patti Lee

(Tax deductible receipts will be issued for donation portion of cheque)

In 2011, Patti Lee, Barbara Seagram and a group of 50 docked in Phnom Penh. We were armed with clothing, pens, notebooks, rulers, sharpeners, toys, pencils, stickers, and other school supplies. We had heard about an Ontario resident, Lisa McCoy, who had dedicated the last few years to working in Cambodia for several months per year. Australian Pauline Johns worked alongside and together they founded Banyan Learning Tree Schools.

At that time, our group and other friends from the Toronto area donated 40 bicycles to a school outside of Phnom Penh. We went there in a small tuk tuk along the dusty roads in the countryside outside of Phnom Penh to find that the school was a one-room shack with a cement floor and no desks or chairs. The bikes were given to the children, mainly children of landmine victims. It was all very uplifting, but Patti and Barbara looked at each other and wondered how long this shack would remain standing.

We inquired how much it would cost to build a permanent school. After we returned to Toronto, they sent us an estimate of \$24,000. We became determined to build the school. We raised \$40,000 that year. Two other groups had also built schools, so with our funds, we not only built our school, but we also furnished all three schools and built a library at one of the schools. In early 2018, we opened our 5th school. We now have over 600 students and employ 16 Cambodian teachers and librarians. The cost to sustain the five schools, including taxes, supplies, salaries, etc. is now \$40,000 CDN per year.

We currently support one young lady to go to University. This includes full tuition, books, room, and board. This is a three-year commitment from us. We have also committed to another young lady to supply her with the same opportunity starting in August, 2019.

Health and sanitation are huge concerns for the villagers and their children. We have toilets at our schools, and are building hand washing stations at three of our schools. As well, we are exploring ways to ensure that the children get clean water to drink while at school. This is a new project that we plan to implement in 2019.

We have also supplied toilets to 16 families and plan another 10 this winter. As you can see, we need much more than \$40,000 / year to maintain all of these projects.

Many children die before the age of 5 due to poor sanitation. We have a huge emphasis at our schools to teach good dental and health practices to the children. We also help to transport many of them and their parents to doctors / hospitals and to free clinics for dental and eye care.

Over the past years, many projects have been undertaken by ourselves and others to help make the villagers, many of whom are landmine affected, more self-sufficient: a bike repair business, chicken farmer training, sewing lessons with a sewing machine, crafts, technology centre, and the weaving centre.

Patti and Barbara are excited and optimistic about all of these projects and hold several fundraisers a year. If you are unable to attend but still able to make a donation, we would be so grateful.

For more info: barbaraseagram@gmail.com or pattilee@sympatico.ca

SEE DONATION FORM BELOW

ABOUT OUR CAMBODIA FUNDRAISING EVENT ON FRIDAY, May 3, 2019

There will be a seminar with JOHN RAYNER, a SUPERB bridge teacher and bridge player at 9:30 am. John has represented Canada in many International competitions and he teaches bridge at numerous private clubs in the Toronto area. John, along with his wife, Jill Thompson, and Lee Daugharty will be hosting two bridge weekends at the Briars in 2019. John is donating his time to teach for us to support our Cambodian projects.

A light lunch will be served at 11.30 am. Presentation by Patti Lee after lunch about Barbara's and Patti's projects in Cambodia. And the bridge game will follow at 12:45 pm.

We will have a **Silent Auction** again this year, but plan to limit it to travel, bridge items, including lessons and expert play, and gift cards. There will also be some **door prizes** throughout the day.

Please make your cheque payable to Patti Lee for a minimum of \$54.00.

Minimum donation: \$40.00. NO MAXIMUM! plus **\$14 to cover the cost of lunch, rent, etc.**

Tax deductible receipts will be issued for the donation portion.

Please hold a space for me at the Cambodia Bridge Fundraiser at Trinity Presbyterian Church @ 2737 Bayview Ave on Friday May 3rd @ 9:00 am

TAX DEDUCTIBLE RECEIPTS FOR YOUR DONATION PORTION WILL BE ISSUED. PLEASE MAKE THE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO PATTI LEE.

Mail this form with a cheque enclosed for a **minimum of \$54.00 (NO MAXIMUM!!)** to:

PATTI LEE 8 South Kingslea Drive, Toronto, Ontario M8Y 2A3

NAME: _____ TEL NO: (____) _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: (for receipt)

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POSTAL CODE

Do you have a partner that day? YES NO If so, name of partner _____

I am unable to play that day but would like to make a donation to the cause.