



## **Fall Newsletter: October 2017 – December 2017**

*The semester is flying rapidly, but this is a nice opportunity to pause and reflect on TGC's accomplishments that brought 2017 to a close. The highlighted topics from the last few months include education, parents, art, and the environment. We look forward to a wonderful and exciting 2018.*

### **EDUCATION**

*Opening day 2017 was a great success! This year we were lucky to be joined by numerous family members as well as a representative from the Ministry of Education, who was very impressed by the operations of TGC! Highlights of the day included dance exhibitions from grades 6 and 9, and student and teacher award presentations. The celebrations continued with an afternoon filled with fun games and contests. All in all the day was a wonderful way to welcome in a bright new school year.*

*The TGC class of 2017 are moving mountains in the real world! We are so proud to announce that all of the graduates have been awarded scholarships to study at accredited universities in Siem Reap, Phnom Penh, and even Thailand! Additionally, each of them has secured full-time jobs in various fields such as hospitality, management, and accounting. We could not be more proud of them, and we hope that they serve as an example to our future TGC generations. A few weeks after they graduated, they held a question and answer session for the younger students, who gained valuable advice from wonderful role models.*



*We are thrilled to have eight of our students participate in the Outstanding Students Program. The program, an extra-curricular academic enrichment program, is sponsored by the Ministry of Education. One hundred students are selected from all students in Siem Reap. The students have the choice of three subjects to focus on: math, physics, or Khmer language. At the end of the program, there is an opportunity for students to compete against their fellow Outstanding Students in province and country-level exams. We are so proud of our Outstanding Students, and wish them luck in their endeavors.*



*This December, the Beverly Bruce Digital Art Lab officially began classes for both students and staff. Under the instruction of Dan, students enrolled in the digital art program will be able to hone their artistic abilities through a multitude of different programs, including Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere Pro and After Effects. Students will be able to use the skills acquired throughout the course to create more compelling infographics, presentations, event promotions, and personal projects. Above all, the digital art lab will provide the students with an outlet for artistic expression, while also teaching them about the possibilities of technology when combined with a little creativity. Stay tuned to see the students' creations!*



## PARENTS

*Our first 6-week parenting workshop was completed this fall. Many TGC parents participated in this program facilitated by the Women's Resource Center in Siem Reap. The topics of the workshop included child development, healthy families, parenting roles, positive discipline, and healthy mind, healthy body. It is very important to involve the parents in TGC endeavors in order to maintain positive commitment from the entire family. We are always excited to be able to spend time with the families of our students.*



## ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

*TGC now has its very own Environment Club. This club will be entirely student led, under the guidance of Sydney. This club will give students a chance to place individual and community-level environmental actions in a larger context, as well as foster compassion and responsibility for the environment. Students will also gain valuable leadership, decision-making, and communication skills. The club members will engage in programs dedicated to understanding and thinking critically about problems in their community. We will partner with various programs and organizations in Siem Reap working on bettering the environment. The club leadership was elected by the club members, and together we will work to make this a fun and educational experience for everyone involved. The students have been working tirelessly to build three raised vegetable garden beds, so that we can source more of our own food and gain a better understanding of farm education.*

*This year, TGC students participated in Youth and Rubbish, a community clean-up program. We joined hundreds of other students associated with various NGOs and worked to clean up different areas around Siem Reap. The vision of the program was to inspire and empower youth, communities, and businesses to clean up, fix up, and love their green environment. The program hoped to instill in participants that individual Cambodians can make a difference and contribute to improving their environment by working together as a community. The program was fun and educational, and students gained a new respect for the place they call home. At the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> session, students were presented with certificates noting their completion of the program.*

A few months back, we had the wonderful opportunity to host Naga Earth for a workshop at the school. Naga Earth is an environmental NGO that works to combat environmental issues right here in Siem Reap. Currently, they are working to collect used cooking oil from restaurants around town and converting it into eco-friendly bio fuel, and hand soap. During our workshop, the students learned to make recycled paper. It was messy and fun, but we also learned a lot about how our small actions can have an impact on the environment.



## SPORTS

The second year of the Michael Johnson Young Leaders program is well underway! The program selects student leaders to create and carry out community based programs for underprivileged children. TGC's program, called Football for Kids, spends every Sunday working with schools around Siem Reap to teach them soccer skills as well as leading classroom activities. The leaders of this program were required to gain permission from commune chiefs and school officials, illustrating strong communication skills. This is a wonderful opportunity for TGC students to gain leadership and teamwork experience, while having a notable positive impact on their own communities.



## GENDER EQUITY PROGRAMS

*TGC girls had the opportunity to join the Women's Resource Center for a program celebrating International Girls Day! All of the girls left school for the morning to join other NGOs in town to celebrate their accomplishments, learn about their rights as women, and have a platform to ask questions openly. At the end of the day they were gifted with books, pamphlets, and a sustainable, reusable pad kit.*



*The Women's Resource Center invited TGC to a day of soccer to promote their campaign to end violence against women. We had great fun supporting a great cause, and look forward to more partnerships with the WRC!*



## JOE TO GO

*Dan and the students of The Global Child once again used their creative abilities to freshen-up Joe to Go this week! One of our past Minerva fellows, Allison, designed the current logo for Joe to Go, and the idea was to recreate it in physical form, using a real bicycle that was salvaged from a nearby scrap yard. This massive undertaking was completed in just three working days, and customers have been raving about it since its completion! If you're passing through Siem Reap, be sure not to miss this new masterpiece!*



## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

*TGC staff are always working to improve their teaching techniques. We had a workshop lead by Dara and Soben that focused on teaching methods. Everyone learned a lot and was eager to incorporate the new techniques into their classes.*



### QUICK MENTIONS!

- Our annual Christmas party was yet again full of laughs and enjoyment!
- Students are still participating in Karate, developing their skills more and more each week.
- We got our very own ping pong table at the school, and the students became masters in under a week's time.
- As usual, swimming is a fan-favorite activity among TGC students. We love any opportunity to jump in!
- Students made delicious desserts together during a social program scheduled on one of our many holidays in December.

### TGC NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

*We always need your help to keep the school running. A small donation goes a long way.*

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