

Happy Holidays from Anjali!

A message from our executive director

Dear Anjali family,

In 2019, Anjali reached new heights because of the commitment of our students, donors, partners, volunteers, advisory board, and staff. I'm so proud of how our students have pursued their education, and am grateful to partners like the Azahar Foundation, Soulcial Trust, South East Asia Foundation, and US State Department who support our students and staff with skill trainings and workshops. Our volunteers this year brought new, creative ideas to the



classroom and made invaluable contributions to our program. In 2020, I am excited to move Anjali into its next phase, so that we are serving the changing needs of our community. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our donors - thank you from everyone here at Anjali to the individuals, monthly child sponsors, corporate donors, and foundations who allow us to continue our critical

work. You are part of changing people's lives - when students can get an education, they can succeed, become leaders, and give back to their communities. Happy holidays and best wishes for 2020!

With gratitude,

Simon

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2019 at a glance

In 2019, we provided over **5115 hours of lessons** including **2000 hours of computer lessons**, **400 hours of garden classes**, and **40 hours of science lessons**. We ran **9 family workshops** about topics like positive parenting and domestic violence, plus **5 basic hygiene workshops**, **7 first aid workshops**, and **4 nutritional health workshops**. We distributed **2800 bars of soap** and **1500 school notebooks**. None of our students dropped out of Anjali or public school, compared to a national dropout



rate of 20% from lower secondary school (USAID). **99% of our students graduated** from high school and 14 of our students have scholarships for university or vocational training programs. Going into 2020, we have enrolled **90 new students** in our program. We'll send more details in our 2019 Annual Report next quarter!

Our new path in 2020

In 2019, we reviewed our structure and programs to ensure we are still serving the needs of our community and are on track for financial sustainability. The parents we work with told us they want to participate more in Anjali, are more financially stable and can provide basic care for their children, and asked us to focus on education and preparation for university. We have honed in on the most successful and critical parts of our program: education for young students focused on creative workshops and supplementary classes (*Young Explorers*), helping young adults plan for their futures and providing scholarships (*Future Leaders*), and supporting community growth and independence (*Active Communities*). We are shifting from a “school” structure toward becoming a community learning center, and are expanding from 120 children to over 200, welcoming children from any low-income



family in our community. Read more below!

Our new vision:

Students from low-income families are empowered to access higher education and become leaders in our community.

Our new mission:

By providing experiential learning, supplementary skills training, and scholarships, we support our children and their community to commit to education and make positive decisions about their futures.

Our new programs:

- **Young Explorers (ages 4-13)**



Our education program for young children focuses on public school support and supplies, supplementary English and computer classes, creative workshops, sports, field trips, garden classes, and other experiential learning. The program is a combination of our former education and basic care programs. Because our families are more financially stable, they

can now provide all three meals a day and better hygiene care to their children. We still offer hygiene and medical supplies and training, as well as other medical support.

- **Future Leaders (ages 14 and up)**

By combining our young adult and scholarship programs, we are building a stronger foundation for our students to access higher education. We continue to offer our older students supplementary classes, in addition to critical support for high school tutoring that allows our young adults to pass their national exams. We also provide soft and hard skills training and opportunities for career exploration and counseling. These services prepare our young adults for scholarships to attend university and vocational training programs. As part of our effort to impact the wider community, we hope to expand our scholarship program beyond Anjali graduates to any qualified student in the community.



- **Active Communities**



As an evolution of our family support program, we aim to increase the involvement of our parents and wider community through family and community workshops, home visits, and career counseling. We provide community English classes and are establishing a community library. Families who are

financially able now contribute 10% of their monthly income to increase their involvement with Anjali and ensure the program's financial sustainability, though we will continue to provide our services for free to our poorest families. We also founded new mechanisms for stakeholder engagement like meetings with local government, a parent council, and a student council.

We are thrilled that the communities we support have an improved financial status and greater interest in becoming a real part of the Anjali effort, and are grateful to serve their evolving needs. We're very excited about putting these changes into action in 2020. We're in the process of updating our website - you'll be able to read more about these changes in the coming year. If you have

any questions, please contact us!

Give a gift to the children of Anjali



Thank you again to all of our donors in the past year - your contributions have allowed us to serve children and families from low-income backgrounds, allowing them to explore their unique talents and interests, become leaders, and build better futures. **A special thank you** to our major donors in 2019: Don Spencer and Vickie Riccardo, DaLimit Foundation,

PURE! Foundation, US Department of State, Road Scholar, and Rob Nelson, as well as our monthly donors and scholarship sponsors.

The holidays are a wonderful time to make a gift to Anjali. With enough support, we can ensure that the children we serve stay in school, succeed in their classes, have access to additional opportunities like supplementary English classes and creative workshops, and can go to university. We can run community workshops, provide career counseling for our parents, and ensure that each of our families is on track to build a safe, caring, economically stable home.

- ✓ \$25 can support one month of the special assistance we provide to families in need
- ✓ \$60 covers one month of children's clothing and hygiene supplies for every single one of our students
- ✓ \$150 pays for ten students' school uniforms for the year
- ✓ \$500 supports nearly two years' worth of teaching supplies for our supplementary classes

✔ \$1000 covers more than a quarter of the cost of an entire university degree for one of our bright scholarship students

This holiday season, please consider supporting the children and families of Anjali! Every gift makes a huge difference. We are a registered 501c3, so if you are a US donor, your donation will be tax exempt.

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to our volunteers & partners



In 2019, we had 17 volunteers from 7 countries. They shared their skills in social work, music, communications, sports, English teaching, and more! Some 2019 highlights:

Steps to sustainability: Thank you to our volunteer, Nona, for finding 130 reusable water bottles for the children to use! Volunteers from Clean Green Cambodia also ran workshops for 60 students about reducing plastic waste.

Going green: Thanks to the hard work of Annie, our longest serving volunteer, and Antoine, our garden is bigger and better than ever! They helped sell our products to local restaurants and hotels. On the menu? Organic mint, basil, sponges, okra, and more – all grown by our students and volunteers.

Making a magazine: Three incredible volunteers, Marianne, Marion, and Jhenica, helped our young adult students found the “Anjali Student Magazine,” a project that teaches writing, design, and creativity!

We also were supported by many local partners who provided free workshops and services to our students. These included yoga classes with Azahar Foundation, rugby with Soulcial Trust, and music lessons with Music Art School Siem Reap. We’re looking for more partners to provide workshops like these in 2020!

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