



CAMBODIA FUNDRAISER: FRIDAY April 20, 2018

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

9.00 am: REGISTRATION

9:30 - 11:30 am: Lesson with BARBARA SEAGRAM

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 \$12 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. Since then, a fourth school has been added; and we are now building our 5th school. We will then have over 600 students in our schools. We remain committed to sustaining all **FIVE** schools...paying teachers, librarians, paying the cost of electricity, etc. The cost to sustain all five schools for 2018 will be \$35,000 CDN.

In 2017, we paid the tuition for one of our teachers to take an additional University English course on a part time basis. As well, we are now delighted to be paying for 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. Malaria and tuberculosis continue to plague the remote villages. The neonatal death rate is unacceptably high. One of our primary goals is to reduce the rate of mortality of children under two years old. We need to educate throughout the rural areas regarding the need for sanitation, aiding in the prevention and spread of diseases.

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. We have also built 10 toilets in the last year, giving 10 families their own private toilet.

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: bseagram@uniserve.com or pattilee@sympatico.ca

SEE DONATION FORM BELOW

ABOUT OUR CAMBODIA FUNDRAISING EVENT ON FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018

There will be a seminar with BARBARA SEAGRAM at 9:30am. Barbara has taught thousands of students in Toronto and around the world. She is also a world-renowned author, having published 26 Bridge Books plus her very popular Cheat Sheets.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 am. A Presentation by Patti Lee about Barbara's & Patti's Cambodian Projects will take place after lunch. The Bridge Game will follow at 12:45 pm.

There will be a silent auction, so we would welcome any donations of items that you think would be attractive for the auction. Restaurant vouchers, hair dresser vouchers, movie tickets, baseball game tickets, and gift certificates are always welcome. Please email Patti Lee (pattilee@sympatico.ca) or Barbara Seagram (bseagram@uniserve.com) with any donations. **If you know someone or are a frequent patron of a restaurant or store, it would be wonderful if you could solicit a donation for this cause.**

Please make your cheque payable to Patti Lee for a minimum of \$52.00.

Minimum donation: \$40.00. NO MAXIMUM! plus \$12 to cover the cost of lunch, rent, etc.

Tax deductible receipts will be issued for the donation portion.

There will also be some door prizes during the game.

Please hold a space for me at the Cambodia Bridge Fundraiser at Trinity Presbyterian Church @ 2737 Bayview Ave, Willowdale, Ontario M2L 1C5 on Friday April 20th @ 9:00 am

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

Mail this form with a cheque enclosed for a **minimum of \$52.00 (NO MAXIMUM!!)** to:

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

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

ADDRESS: (for receipt)

_____ CITY _____ POSTAL CODE _____

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