



# Angkor Charity Organization

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## FUND-RAISING FOR ANGKOR CHARITY



Figure1. We gave our venerable students their school supplies at Angkor Charity School

## Fund-raising Ideals for ACO

- One of the simplest and most effective ways to fundraise is to talk about it! Tell people you know about ACO and the work that is happening in Cambodia. Tell them about how you got involved, and why the kids at ACO mean so much to you.

### WHERE TO BEGIN

- Start with an audience where you feel comfortable. Many great projects start with one small idea or just one donation, and grow from there! Talk to your family, friends, school, church group, club members and teammates.
- Point as many people as possible to the ACO website so they'll know where their money will be going, and what it will achieve.
- Invite friends and family over to watch ACO's DVD – or buy (or rent) a copy of "Small Voices: Stories of Angkor Charity Org," a terrific documentary that features several ACO students and interviews with Founder **Mr. Nou Tat/Founder of ACO, Siem Reap.**

## IDEAS FOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Register on our web site for access to downloads to help you with your fundraising, including invitations for lunch, dinner or cocktail party events – all you need to do is to choose the image and text that fit your party theme. Download the pdf of your choice and take the file to your local printer (or print them at home). Mail the invitation to your guest list, and you're on your way to a great party!
- Host an intimate dinner for a group of friends and colleagues, with each guest making a pledge to donate to ACO. Write to **www.angkorcharity.org** for an ACO DVD to view after dinner, and spend a great evening together while raising money and learning more about ACO.
- Invite guests to celebrate your wedding or birthday by contributing to ACO instead of bringing presents.
- Yoga, surfing, salsa, karate, tennis, cooking classes . . . what's your skill? How about raising money while sharing your special talent with somebody else?
- Organize a team or group hike, bike race, or round-robin tennis match – or participate in a city-run marathon - and collect pledges for each mile or hour completed.
- Organize a karaoke night or cafe quiz as a fund-raising event at home or at a local restaurant. Find a venue, buy a silly prize if you'd like, set an entrance fee to join, and advertise to all your friends.
- Organize a team of volunteers to do projects – anything from house painting or cleaning out garages, to planting trees or stuffing envelopes – and then contribute the payment for these services to ACO.
- Arrange a book, toy or clothing sale by gathering any goods that you, friends and family don't want. Price each item, and sell larger items in an auction format. You could also sell homemade cakes or cookies during the evening.
- Make handmade items - like jewelry, knitted scarves or note cards - and sell them. Or hold a special sale for larger items like artwork or handmade furniture.

## IDEAS FOR NEIGHBORHOODS, FAMILIES AND KIDS

- Organize a community breakfast or potluck dinner at your school or church. Get kids involved with preparations, planning the menu, selling tickets in advance and running the event and stuffs.
- Kids can sign up to do chores for friends and neighbors – from grocery shopping to snow shoveling to dog-walking – and then donate their payment to ACO.
- Hold a bake sale or lemonade stand, or even a car wash.
- Kids and teens can contribute one month of babysitting earnings or home allowances to ACO in Siem Reap, Angkor Cambodia.
- Organize a school or neighborhood flea market and bake sale, with proceeds going to ACO. Donors are welcome to direct their contribution to support the ACO program of their choice.
- Plan a neighborhood or school variety show/recital with a "tip jar" to benefit ACO.

## HOW TO PLAN A BIG EVENT

If you've got the time and resources to plan a large-scale event, pick a venue and start spreading the word! You'll need to consider:

- Place and time
- Number of participants
- Lodging (if applicable)
- Transportation and parking
- Access to food
- Cost
- Keeping responsible records of all donations. If you are accepting checks at the events, please have them addressed to Angkor Charity Org. **Angkor Charity Organization. Chongkoasou, Sangket Slorgram, Siem Reap, Cambodia.** Secure donations can also be made by credit card through our web-site address: **www.angkorcharity.org.**

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Remember, your time isn't a sacrifice – it's a gift! Good luck and thank you for your kind support and enthusiasm!

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