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Very dear BENEFACTORS and FRIENDS.

Here we are, with all of you, kicking off the first newsletter for 2025!. It's been just over three weeks since the New Year began, but it's been non-stop - it seems like three months have passed!

As usual, we close the year with a party ALL TOGETHER!

And we WELCOME 2025 with great enthusiasm and excitement.

2025 gives us a new opportunity to walk TOGETHER, to work for our dreams, to not give up in the face of challenges, but above all to be HAPPY, because being happy should be everyone's priority. It should be mandatory, and for that happiness to be complete, we should not forget about the happiness of others. I may seem naive, but I believe it, and what's more, if instead of each one pulling the end of a rope so that one wins and the other loses, we let the rope fall to the ground, there would be no winners or losers, there would be people respecting each other - that would be a dream come true, and I don't plan to stop dreaming about it.

2025 is full of celebration and in fact we have already started.

This year marks 15 years since the day that TOGETHER FOR CAMBODIA Organization took its first steps, on October 23, 2010, I landed in Cambodia, not knowing that there was no return flight for me, that I was landing to stay for a very long time... and it's already 15 years!

While we plan our present and the most daring do so with the future, there is an element called LIFE that handles its own deck and changes the game for us, and so it happened 15 years ago! LIFE had its own plan and even though at times the road has been complex, with many stones, wind, sand and clouds, in the end we have overcome obstacles, with effort and enthusiasm we have reached many goals and above all, THANKS to the generosity and kindness of the compassionate hearts of our BENEFACTORS.

Taking advantage of this occasion to deeply thank each of the BENEFACTORS who have accompanied us from the beginning. Because they had to face unthinkable challenges, due to people with poisonous intentions, and the support was permanent and made us even stronger, because as is well known, unity is strength!

Also, thank the BENEFACTORS who joined us halfway, because there was still a long way to go, and they enthusiastically welcomed the proposed challenges. Working TOGETHER hand in hand and day after day, until all the programs were on the path to success, and making it possible for DEI KOMA, The Children's Land, to become a tangible and permanent reality. And of course, we would like to thank the most recent Benefactors, because it means that they value all the efforts and work carried out, wishing to be part of it and continue working to make TOGETHER FOR CAMBODIA a respected organization and expand it by helping even more and better if possible.

Many THANKS to each of the Benefactors who have made it possible for us to be HERE and NOW, without you it would not be possible.



Wishing everyone the BEST in 2025.

A big THANK YOU to each and every person who makes TOGETHER FOR CAMBODIA possible.

***** Many THANKS to JONO, KELLY and their Children *****

Who from southern lands inaugurated 2025 with us in the best possible way. Benefactors who are almost family. We waited for them from time ago, their visit is always like light at the end of the tunnel. They bring positivism. And it is a pleasure and honor to receive advise from JONO, looking always for the best propose for the organization.



Our first party of 2025 with them! What a joy, we were all so happy. Celebrating Life with them. We celebrate all our birthdays. It was wonderful to have them among us celebrating so much Life and so much desire to Live. Offering respect to the Cambodian flag with the national anthem, speeches, groups of dancers, games and a delicious dinner of hot dogs with fresh mango and cakes.



They took the first steps with us in 2010, and have always been present through various programs. When we were drowning the most, they were one of the hands that pulled us out of the hole and helped us breathe again. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH** for accompanying us on a path that began full of stones and today is a honeycomb with sweet honey. **THANK YOU very much for BEING THERE.**



We needed this celebration and we deserve it. Thank you very much for BEING.





A fantastic weekend. An unforgettable outing for dinner 5+10+1= TOGETHER as ONE. As a big Family with the Best Friends and sooooo delicious pizza, laughter, surprises, more laughter. Walking through the noisy and fun popular streets.



Returning to DEI KOMA with 10 boxes of pizza for all the children who were waiting for us . What a joy for them!

THANK YOU very much G. FAMILY for bringing so much excitement to our lives. In Spain the night of the 5th January a tradition was celebrated, this is the night of the Three Wise Men or the Three Magic Kings, and ours did not come from the East but from Southern lands and instead of 3 there were 5!



***** Many THANKS to ANNETE and XAVI *****

For their kind visit. It has been a pleasure to share these two days with you, starting in 2025 with your smiles, and for you to get to know first-hand this very special place called DEI KOMA - The Children's Land. ANNETE and I met 35 years ago while working for the same airline as Flight Attendants! It's wonderful that after so much time we continue to be in touch. It's been at least 15 years since we last saw each other in person and we have continued our conversations from where we left off, as if it was yesterday!



Time has flown by! It is a pleasure to explain details and curiosities to people who listen with their hearts.

***** Many THANKS to JORDI *****

And his team of Estrellas de Camboya ("Cambodian Stars"), for coming to visit us once again. It is always a pleasure to receive the representatives of this Spanish organization, because the enthusiasm and positivism of its president and founder, JORDI, is contagious to each of the people he brings with him to get to know Cambodia, and to get to know our work first-hand.



They also came to DEI KOMA, to explain to FRANCESC and DAVID through a face-to-face introduction, answering their questions and more. We always enjoy very pleasant days, sharing plans, challenges and above all enthusiasm for helping those who need it most.



We went to the largest market in Siem Reap, PSAR LEUR, to buy towels and blankets, thus fulfilling part of the 2025 budget. We gave each child in DEI KOMA-The Children's Land the newly purchased towels and blankets. At this time of year the temperatures drop, especially at night. A blanket and jacket are appreciated, particularly for Cambodians, who feel very cold; for Westerners, these average temperatures are pleasant, which allow us to live without air conditioning or even without a fan, something unimaginable in a few weeks, when we will sweat again just by blinking.



It was also necessary to change the towels, because here they are used constantly, with at least 3 showers a day, much more in the dry season and the wear and tear of the fabric is evident.



The Cambodian people have good personal hygiene habits, even the most humble, even if it is only with water or a small piece of soap, the abundance of water in the country makes it easier. At DEI KOMA, having good hygiene is an essential maxim for everyone.



They attended a field work mission with us, the DIAMOND Program. We brought food, hygiene products and medicines to our grandmothers in the Puok community. Because elderly people who are alone or abandoned suffer and need our help. THANK YOU to BE.



***** Many THANKS to the SW and LE Families *****

For a very special afternoon. They visited us from Australia and we shared some very pleasant hours with them. The youngest members of both families showed a lot of interest, asked very interesting questions and answered other very important ones. It is wonderful to see how children from one part of the world want to know and understand the lives of other children.



And of course, sport has brought them together even more!. We shared our football field where everyone enjoyed it and wanted more.



We also went shopping at a local market, where we go daily to buy food and they bought us HYGIENE products and INGREDIENTS for two months.



MANY THANKS to the parents of both families, but above all to their children.



The Australian children wanted to return the next day, to continue playing football and to teach our children their favorite sport, which is Australian football.



It would have been great if they could have spent more time together, because the impact was really very positive, children with children, playing sport and showing new techniques.



They were also practicing a little Australian football and they given the ball that they brought to play with. I hope more actions like this are repeated!.



***** Many THANKS to E. L. from UK *****

Every year he visits us at DEI KOMA. His commitment to education has led him to participate in our Academic SCHOLARSHIP Program for several years; and one of the topics we focused on was the university incorporation in one year, of one of our students in a science career.



He is also a great enthusiast of English classes, and wanted to meet and greet our teacher who joined the team about 3+ months ago, and who he has heard wonderful things about.



Thank you very much for his contribution all this time and for coming to see us frequently. We greatly appreciate every time he comes to see us. His wife, E. L., is surely happy in her stars watching him continue her devotion to our organization.



***** OTHER Actions *****

***** Delivering food, medicines and hygiene products to Grandma SOEUY in the Angkor Thom district.**

When we arrived, her kind neighbor was helping her with personal hygiene, including shaving her hair. We put all the products, particularly the fish and meat, out to dry in the sun and prolong their shelf life.



She has been a member of our DIAMOND Program for over 12 years. She is currently the member of this program who has been there the longest and we hope that this continues. Many THANKS to her Benefactor CRISTI, who has been sponsoring her all this time, who cares about her and has not stopped contributing to the program even in the difficult times of crisis.



***** VETERINARIAN with 3 furry friends.**

Activity: VACCINATE X 2 + NEUTER X 1. Both actions are essential. Teaching children responsibilities, which are also URGENTLY needed in our city.

We are grateful to our Benefactors, who empathize with our love for abandoned dogs and collaborate with them for their vaccinations, castrations, etc.



***** City Council – Education Department.**

In mid-January, the education department of the city council came to visit us unexpectedly, as part of the supervision plan they have for 2025. They asked us for the organization documents and wanted us to explain our programs to them. We thanked them for the visit, their interest, and told them that we thought it was great that they did it without prior notice, so that everything flows naturally within everyday reality.



***** LIDIA'S THOUGHTS *****

Dedicated to each of the people who have trusted me from the beginning, who did so halfway or who have done so more recently, because each of them has all my respect and from each of them I get the strength to continue walking. As A. MACHADO said, "Caminante no hay camino, se hace camino al andar = Walker, there is no path, the path is made by walking." And I know that the path is going to be long and I must to have a good co-pilot, who keeps me alert, who plays good music, who understands my signals and my attitude, I'm not talking about just any trip, I'm talking about LIFE.

*I don't like to compare our organization with others. I keep my head held high, because we are neither the best nor the worst, we are simply TFC and no one can beat that. At the beginning there were a thousand things that I didn't choose, that suddenly came to me, transforming my entire existence from top to bottom, upside down! I got lost on many paths, because suddenly I had to live a life that I had not sought, that I did not expect, but after several wrong steps, I knew I had to choose, and I chose how to live it; and I learned that the true luxuries of LIFE are intangible: **TIME, RESPECT and ILLUSION**. Therefore, **I chose dreams** to decorate it, **imagination** so that the days would flow smoothly and **integrity** to face it; and today, **HERE and NOW**, TFC has so much strength, so much love and so much magic, it is so authentic and precious that even the stars are jealous of its shine.*

From my Beloved Cambodia.

Lidia Linde Ginesta.

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THANK YOU very much for your TRUST
for your DEVOTION and ENTHUSIASM
but above all for your LOVE.

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