



Summer 2026

Program updates
Kasumisou Foundation

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Student Ms. SH, age 14 holding her painting of grapes

Champey Academy

Funding Challenges & Program Updates

Twice each day, Monday through Saturday, crowds of smiling, laughing kids flood into our Champey Academy of Arts School. The school is located near the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. All classes are free of charge and our students receive instruction in traditional Cambodian dance, music and painting.



Champey continues to have robust attendance, ranging from 65 to 120 students per day. Attendance can be volatile, influenced by the public school calendar, exam schedules and holidays.

Champey offers two instruction blocks daily, 6 days per week. The morning and afternoon class sessions are 3 1/2 hours each with a 30 minute break in the middle. Our classes are open to students from age 7 to 22, although we have had students as young as 4 years old !

[Champey June 2026 update](#)

Our 2026 Budget for Champey is \$7160 per month

Direct operating expenses for 2026 are projected at \$86,000

Salaries \$63,640

- 7 staff: teachers, support and administrative staff
- Student stipends/emergency funds \$1,000
- Rents/utilities etc \$ 10,800
- Supplies, holiday celebrations \$4,400
- Equipment,repairs, laundry of costumes etc \$2,400
- CPA accounting/.tax return \$2,200
- Bank Fees, administration \$1740

Funding Resources

Tourist revenue: Tourists visiting Champey during the tourist high season of November ~ April account for about 45% (about \$ 39,000) of our revenue. The balance comes from you, our generous donors. Tourist visits for the remainder of the year trickle to just a handful every month. Now, as is typically the case, our tourist funding has been exhausted.

Before COVID, we had built up reserve funds that helped us to bridge these seasonal funding challenges. During COVID (2020 ~ 2023) we exhausted our reserve funds. Tourists and their revenue returned in early 2024 . But without reserve funds to bridge the low tourist periods, we have had to continue to operate the school month to month which is very challenging and stressful.

Donations: We are deeply grateful to you, our generous donors. Donations can fluctuate significantly and of course donations are always made at the discretion of the donor. To fund the school for this year, we need additional financial support estimated at \$ 47,000 for the full calendar year 2026.

We currently have funding to keep the school open until July 31.

Champey is more than just a school!

Organizations in Phnom Penh, including Cambodia's Ministry of Education, offer little assistance to young people facing special needs or unique challenges. We are proud that our classes are popular with young people of all ages and we are especially proud of the role that Champey plays in providing a welcoming refuge for children and teens who face special challenges:

- kids from dysfunctional families
- kids from families suffering extreme poverty
- kids with learning disabilities
- kids with gender identification challenges
- students who qualify as developmentally disabled
- students who have dropped out of school for a variety of reasons

At Champey, we make space for anyone who wants to join our programs, regardless of their specific challenges or special needs. All students are welcome. All students have equal opportunities to learn and to have fun in our classes. We simply ask that all of our students try their best in class and that they are always respectful to teachers, staff and their fellow students. Our goal is to inspire harmony in the school through kindness, respect and understanding from all and acceptance toward all at Champey.

Our staff: We have 7 regular full time staff plus 3 student assistants for a current total of 10 team members. Our staff includes: our school director, four full time teachers (two for dance and one each for drawing/painting and music) three office staff (two full time and one half time) and two teacher's assistants in the dance class. In addition, we provide stipends of \$40 to \$50 per month to two of the most accomplished dance students who as part of their responsibilities, help with the instruction of the young, beginner students. These outstanding students also form the core of our team for outside performances.

Special cases stipend: We provide monthly stipends of \$20 to \$30 to a few students who are from extremely poor families. The stipend is based on attendance the previous month. Only students with perfect attendance can receive the maximum stipend of \$30. The stipends encourage committed participation, help keep kids in school and offer a bit of much needed income to their families.

[The story of Mey Mey is a familiar story](#)

Although Mey Mey is no longer in our program due to very complex family matters, her story is a familiar story that we have seen play out over the years. The short video gives you an idea of the challenging living conditions that some of our students face and it offers a sharp contrast to the well organized, clean and welcoming atmosphere of classes at Champey.

Whether we want to be or not, we are actively involved in the lives of our students. We have many times, over the years, served as the front line of protection for our kids against trafficking, abuse and gang affiliation. We actively work to keep kids from dropping out of school to earn money, usually to try to help support their families.

We sometimes provide financial assistance in a variety of ways:

- small emergency grants in dire situations that provides money for food.
- We provide an attendance/performance driven stipend to several students from extremely poor families to motivate those students and their parents to keep their kids in public school and to attend our classes regularly ,rather than just pulling them out of school to work in a market stall or resort to begging and petty theft. .
- We have identified and we employ a small group of outstanding students whom we have hired as a "Welcome Team" to greet tourists and who form the core of our student performers for our performances outside of Champey.

We need your help!

We humbly and urgently ask for your support to help us keep our doors open at Champey through 2026.

Our program thrives today because of the generous support of our donors and we are deeply grateful to you all.

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AIDS Patient Family Support Program

Monthly funding need is estimated at \$2250 to support 24 participants

Our FSP continues to face funding challenges

- relevance: scarce donor dollars compete with local programs at home or disaster related projects.
- inflation has impacted some of our small donors who are retired and cannot afford to continue their support

Our FSP has, for more than 25 years, provided compassionate care to fragile families impacted by HIV status and extreme poverty. For over 10 years, as Cambodia's economy has improved, we have worked tirelessly to "place" individual participants with family members if at all possible. We now support just 24 legacy participants: 7 children and 17 adults. Four participants are age 75-85. Without our program's support, most if not all of our legacy participants would be homeless. We are their "last resort" .

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Build Dreams!

[Send Cambodian students to college](#)

During the Khmer Rough years (1974~1979) an estimated 3 million Cambodians died. Schools closed, books were burned and most educated people were killed. By 1980 only 50 university instructors remained. Illiteracy soared to 40%. Today, according to UNICEF Cambodia, it is estimated now that 52% of students complete lower secondary school (junior high school) and 28% complete high school. Although over the past 20 years, high school completion rates have improved significantly, the cost of a college education is far beyond many students and attending college is simply a dream for all but the elite or the lucky.

Since we began our program, we have had approximately 20 students who have attended college classes with 13 having completed studies. One our students has become a nurse and another student, upon graduation in 2024, was accepted into and is attending a post graduate program at Cambodia's prestigious Institute of Foreign Languages. Now, we have identified 3 possible candidates attending our dance school who may wish to join the program in the coming year, after high school graduation in the Spring.

For years we have nurtured and urged students in Kasumisou Foundation programs to dream of college and for some of our students, that dream has come or is coming true!

Ms. T ~ Age 22

Ms. T first came to us a dance student. Years of hard work and dedication transformed her from aspiring student to a paid position as an assistant dance teacher at Champey Academy. Ms. T not only teaches dance, but she also assists in welcoming tourist guests to Champey using her strong English skills, which are almost entirely self taught. Recently Ms. T duties expanded to assisting in the office (bookkeeping and accounting) at Champey. Ms. T is self supporting, working full time at Champey. In Cambodia regular full time staff work 6 days per week. In addition to her work at Champey, last year she began attending evening classes at Western University in Phnom Penh. Now in her 2nd year, Ms. T is pursuing studies in International Relations and Law. Tuition costs are \$ 300 per semester (\$ 600 annually) Kasumisou Foundation will continue to pay half of the tuition, Ms. T paying the other half.

Ms. V ~ Age 23

Ms. V began working part time in the office at Champey during her high school years. For the past several years she has worked full time, 6 days a week, with a variety of duties including book keeping and accounting, marketing and managing relationships with various tour companies who bring guests to Champey. Ms. V is fully fluent in English. Now she has completed her first year at Western University in Phnom Penh, attending evening classes at Western University studying for a degree in international relations. Tuition costs are \$ 300 per semester (\$600 annually) . Kasumisou Foundtion will continue to pay half of the tuition, with Ms. V paying the other half.

Your support changed their world !

Your generous support helps to make university studies possible for like these talented young women. Your generosity has forever changed their lives enabling them to reach for the stars and achieve their dreams.

How we use your donations

Your donation dollars are only used to run Kasumisou Foundation programs. We do not employ any administrative staff in the US. Officers of Kasumisou Foundation do not now and have never received a salary.

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Building skills

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Music

Champey's music classes have become so popular with our students that the music teacher must routinely split up the class into two separate groups. One group is asked to wait their turn outside because of limited space and the number of instruments in the classroom.





Art students at work

Dance students have a spacious, clean and safe area for classes and practice.

Music class

Champey is an oasis for many students.

Most of our students come from financially challenged backgrounds. The room you see here is typical of their family housing. This room is the entire residence for a family of 5 people. It is 4 meters x 4 meters square, about 172 square feet and costs \$65 per month.

Attending Champey offers our students an entirely different environment from the one that they know at home and helps to give them a new view of life, and its possibilities and opportunities.



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Calling all sponsors! What your donation can do..

Would you like to help sponsor classes for a student with a monthly recurring donation? .A donation of even \$1 per day for a student can make a big difference!

Please Donate to Kasumisou Foundation

Keep these programs going!

We are deeply grateful for your support throughout the year. But we are also always eager to help you to boost the work that your donations can do, which is why our program updates tend to center around donor match days.



Your support makes a great impact on these kids

Our programs teach not only about art, dance and music, but we also teach these our kids the value of hard work, helping them to master new skills like teamwork, tolerance and leadership as they learn to mentor other students.

Please help us to stay open !



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