



# CHILDREN'S SURGICAL CENTRE

Rehabilitation surgery for disabled Cambodians  
National Rehabilitation Center, Kien Khleang.

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## WHO WE ARE

CSC aims to improve the quality of life for disabled poor people by providing free or low-cost rehabilitation surgery. Integral to CSC's mission is a program of training local surgeons and hospital staff by international experts – focusing on the development of sustainable surgical services.

*Sing's mom said: I am happy my son's eye is better. He was ashamed to play with his friends because his eye looked bad. Now he can go to school, be with his friends, and feel good about himself. Thank you to the strangers who helped him be a happy and confident child.*



### Meet Sing

Sing is a 5-year-old boy in kindergarten. He has three brothers, and he is the youngest in his family. His parents are garment workers in a local factory that makes t-shirts. When Sing is not in school, he likes to play with toy cars with his brothers.

Sing has ptosis in his left eye. Ptosis occurs when the eyelid droops over the eye. He has had this condition since he was born. He feels uncomfortable at school because he can't read the blackboard, and children make fun of his droopy eyelid. Sing and his parents traveled to Children's Surgical Centre to surgically repair his drooping eyelid, a shortening of the lid muscle to improve his vision. He rested for several days, and his mother instilled eye drops to aid in healing. His stitches were removed in about a week.

He looks forward to returning to kindergarten and plans to study hard. His family is thankful to the staff and for the success of the operation, as he can now grow up without being ashamed of his eye.

## SURVIVING THE COVID PANDEMIC

CSC has struggled over the past year to maintain enough revenue to keep the hospital running. Monthly donations dropped 90% over the past 18 months, and Phnom Penh was under lockdown for several of those months and staff have had COVID or had to care for family members with COVID. The CSC Board made the difficult decision to start asking patients if they could pay a small portion of their estimated care to have CSC survive the pandemic. If the patients cannot pay, we still give them care, just as before.

**But we need your help even more as patients return to seek care.**

*Our mission is to directly connect people through technology to access life-changing surgery. We are guided by the needs of our patients and strive to help them achieve health and meaningful change in their lives. CSC aims to improve the quality of life for disabled poor people by providing rehabilitation surgery.*

### THE ASK

Whatever you can give, please know we are grateful to receive it! Little acts of kindness can collectively make a big difference. Thank you for your continued support and for helping us through what continues to be several challenging years.



Please visit <https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/build-hospital-wing-for-25000-disabled-cambodians/> to learn more about how you can help change the lives of thousands of Cambodians each year.

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