



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.

Thany's mother said: "we are very grateful for the treatment so that Thany will have no more infections and can have a good childhood. Thank you to the strangers who help poor Cambodians like us so that our children have a better life."



Meet Thany

Thany is a four-year-old boy with one older sister. Thany's parents work on a rubber tree farm. At home Thany enjoys playing soccer with his neighbors.

In 2019, Thany had an ear infection. This infection caused the tympanic membrane (the ear drum) in his right ear to perforate. Due to this, Thany experiences hearing loss, ear discharge and pain. He cannot hear his parents well and has difficulty communicating with others. It is estimated that up to 6% of Cambodian children have a hearing impairment. Many children with hearing impairments do not participate in daily life like their peers.

Thany's family traveled four hours to Children's Surgical Centre to receive treatment. On April 25th, he underwent a myringoplasty procedure in his right ear, where surgeons closed the perforation. He was very brave in front of all the strangers and able to return home after a few days in the hospital. He rested at home and his mother instilled medicated ear drops to decrease any risk of reinfection. When he is fully healed, his hearing will improve, and he will be able to communicate better. This will help him tremendously when he is old enough to attend school.

Rebuilding During and After 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. In addition, CSC has been told the land on which the hospital stands has been sold, and we must find a new location.

We need your help even more as patients return to seek care and we look to raise funds for a new hospital.

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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