



Summer 2026 Newsletter

*News from Trailblazer Foundation—
Trust, Dignity and Culture Integrity*



Breakfast at Tapang School's New Kitchen and Canteen

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A Note From Trailblazer's Executive Director



Hello Trailblazers!

It's hard to believe we are half way through the year already! We are launching some fun ways for you to get involved and further our efforts in bringing health and hope to our Cambodian constituents. I've also included further information about options for giving that you may not have considered before, or knew were available.

First, we have kicked off our Legacy Campaign. You may have seen the email we sent about it. I hope you have considered accepting the invitation to become a **Trailblazer Legacy Builder** and this opportunity to create a lasting legacy and secure a future of hope and opportunity.

How It Works: With a gift of \$150 or more toward where most needed—your name or the name of a loved one will be stenciled onto a water filter or well, depending on your level of giving. As a thank you for your life-changing support, you will receive a photo of a recipient family along with a six-month impact report showing the lasting difference you've made.

Secondly, **July 15th is the beginning of July Bonus Day** through GlobalGiving - one of Trailblazer's fundraising partners, and it will last for 24 hours. Eligible donations between \$100 and \$1,000 may receive a portion of the \$125,000 Incentive Fund from GlobalGiving. This Bonus Day could bring Trailblazer vital support because of your help. Watch for an email that will be coming soon with more details on how you can be part of this endeavor!

Thirdly, we are about to kick-off a **virtual Walk-a-Thon** campaign! We think you will have fun joining us on this Virtual Walk journey through Cambodia! In this unique fundraiser you can lace up your walking shoes and symbolically traverse the beautiful landscape of Cambodia from wherever you are.

Every step you take honors the trek many Cambodian women and children make daily to find water, but sadly to water that is unsafe. I'm guessing many of you keep track of your steps with your phone or watch, so you're already doing the work! This Walk-a-Thon simply gives you the opportunity to help our villager partners in a new way. Your support will provide the "mission fuel" - the essential operational support for both Cambodia and the U.S. - that makes our work possible. Keep an eye out for that email invitation in the coming days.

Best wishes always,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Coats". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Chris Coats

Executive Director

"A single strand of hair cannot lift a heavy load; it takes many strands woven together."

— Cambodian Proverb

Health Program

Keeping Our Staff and Programs Safe

I want to give you a brief update on the success we had in addressing a few critical foundational needs that were identified as Trailblazer scales its impact.

We needed to focus on ensuring our operations are maintained and running smoothly so the team can focus entirely on our mission. With the rainy season which began in May, we had a narrow window of time to fortify the infrastructure at the Siem Reap work site before the heavy weather arrived.

With the generous support from several donors we were able to:

Worksite Resilience: Replace the Siem Reap roofs over the administration office and water filter construction area, and level the concrete floor of the water filter site to prevent flooding during the rainy season.

Mobility: We had not replaced a motorcycle since 2020; due to the rough roads the teams travel weekly, a new one was vital for the office's daily field operations.

Tools for Impact: We equipped our Food Security and Economic Development supervisors with reliable laptops to gather and track data right in the field, and better capture our story for the community.

Everyone's support has been the bedrock of our work. These items were not just "repairs," but were necessary infrastructure to keep our staff and programs safe and professional.



Please visit our website for more information about our Health Program:

<https://thetrailblazerfoundation.org/health-program>

Food Security Program

Transformative Impact

This is a story about a rural farmer who sought new skills and techniques so she could better care for her family. Before attending a Trailblazer training course, Saret and her family relied on traditional farming methods. Their knowledge was limited, leading to poor soil management and inconsistent crop yields. The family struggled with unpredictable harvests, often producing just enough for subsistence but not enough to sell at the market.

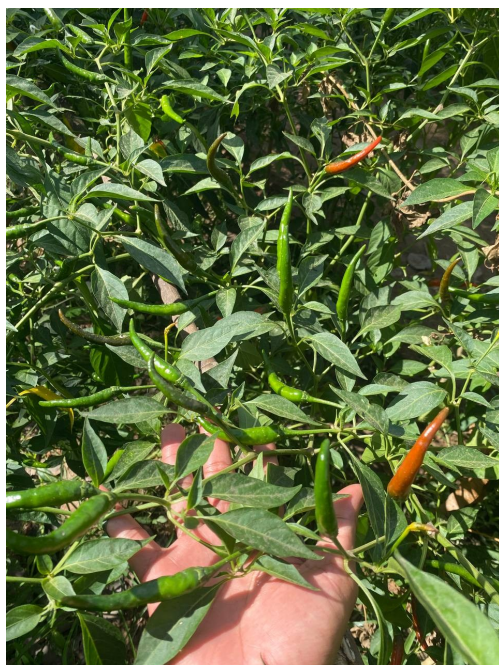
Due to low agricultural productivity, the family's income was unstable. They had limited access to nutritious food, and medical expenses were difficult to cover. The lack of financial security forced them to take on debt during difficult seasons, making it hard to invest in better farming tools or techniques.

After participating in the agricultural training course, Saret learned improved farming techniques, including:

- Crop diversification to reduce risks and increase food security
- Sustainable soil management and organic fertilizer use
- Efficient irrigation and water conservation methods

As a result, her farm's productivity increased significantly, and she could grow a variety of crops throughout the year.

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Food Security Program (Continued)

Transformative Impact



When asked about the changes, Saret highlighted several improvements:

- **Increased Crop Yield:** Her farm now produces more food, providing a stable supply for her family and surplus for sale.
- **Better Financial Stability:** With higher crop sales, she no longer relies on loans to support her family.
- **Improved Nutrition:** Growing a variety of crops has improved her family's diet and overall health.
- **Community Growth:** More villagers have adopted new farming techniques, leading to overall economic improvement in the community.

Saret's story demonstrates the transformative impact of agricultural training in rural areas. By equipping farmers with the right skills and knowledge, such programs can enhance food security, improve financial stability, and contribute to the long-term development of rural communities.

Expanding these initiatives to more villages could bring even greater positive change to the region, help ensure food security, reduce poverty, and promote sustainable farming practices for generations to come. Trailblazer is dedicated to continue transforming lives, one farmer at a time.

Why support Trailblazer?

Trust, Dignity, and Culture Integrity

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With fewer resources supporting global initiatives donor funds must be used for interventions that work and have the most impact. Trailblazer has proven that our comprehensive programs and implementation methods work because we empower the people to be involved in their own projects.

Traditional aid has had an opposite effect and often failed in making lasting change because solutions were made on paper but could not deliver in practice. Rural development takes time and demands patience and cultural sensitivity to effect long term results.

Trailblazer's projects are community driven so after Trailblazer moves on to the next village or community, the projects survive because we have trained the villagers with the skills and knowledge needed on how to take ownership of their own development.

Villagers respond with greater success when they participate in the project and are working with facilitators [Trailblazer's teams] who speak their language, can relate to their challenges and understand how life is for them. They believe in the process, trust, dignity, and cultural integrity is preserved.



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Lasting Impact.

Join Trailblazer Champions and provide dependable monthly, recurring support for clean water, education, food security, and economic opportunity in rural Cambodia.

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Economic Development Program

Breaking Free

Trailblazer empowers communities we work with to establish and manage their own community-owned Village Funds, micro-finance programs. Mr. Nat and his family, are one family who received a loan from their Village Fund and I thought you'd enjoy reading his story. We asked him if he understood the significance of the Village Fund and how it may have impacted his family's life.

Mr. Nat's reported, before accessing the loan, his family faced significant economic hardships. Their home was in poor condition, with limited access to basic necessities such as clean water and electricity. The family relied on small-scale farming, but due to a lack of investment their agricultural yields were low.

The family's financial struggles affected their overall well-being. Medical expenses were difficult to afford, and the children's education was inconsistent due to financial constraints. With unstable income from farming, the family often had to borrow money from informal lenders, leading to high -interest debt.

With the loan from the Village Fund, Mr. Nat invested in agricultural improvements, including better seeds, fertilizers, raising pigs, and starting a small business. This increased productivity, led to better crop yields and higher income. Additionally, part of the loan was used to renovate their house, thereby improving their living conditions.

When asked about the importance of the village fund, Mr. Nat mentioned several key improvements:

- Increased income: Farming productivity improved, leading to better financial stability.
- Better living conditions: The family's home is now safer and more comfortable.
- Improved health: With better income, they can afford medical care and nutritious food.
- Education support: The children can now attend school regularly without financial interruptions.

Village Funds play a crucial role in transforming the lives of rural families like Mr. Nat's by providing accessible and low-interest loans. The fund enables families to break free from financial hardship and invest in their future. This case study clearly highlights the importance of micro-finance initiatives in improving rural livelihoods and fostering sustainable economic development.



Please visit our website for more information about our Food Security Program:

<https://thetrailblazerfoundation.org/economic-development-prog>

Education Program

Bright Smiles at Tapang School

Breakfast just got a major upgrade! Check out these bright smiles at Tapang Primary School, where 500 students are enjoying their morning fuel in the brand-new Kitchen and Canteen. Thanks to a wonderful group of supporters—and one major donor who generously got us over the finish line—the building is finished! Funding is already securely at the school to keep the Kitchen and Canteen daily breakfast going strong through the end of the school year on August 31, 2026. Nothing beats good food, great classmates, and full bellies to start a day of learning!



Vital Partnerships

Join the Cause

We are happy to report that we are in receipt of another grant from the Rotary Club Zurich-Airport, marking 11 years of vital partnership. This support helps fund operations within our Health program, which aligns directly with WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) by delivering water filters and wells to change the health and lives of rural Cambodian families.

Long-term partners like Rotary Clubs are the backbone of our work, and we need more networks to join the cause. If you are inspired to connect us with your own network, corporate group, or civic club, every connection you make helps expand this life-saving work. Reach out to your network today to see how we can team up for clean water—or you can become a Legacy Builder today by giving *where it's needed most* to help Cambodian families overcome daily challenges across all of our four programs.



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We're here to help you create a lasting impact through your giving today.

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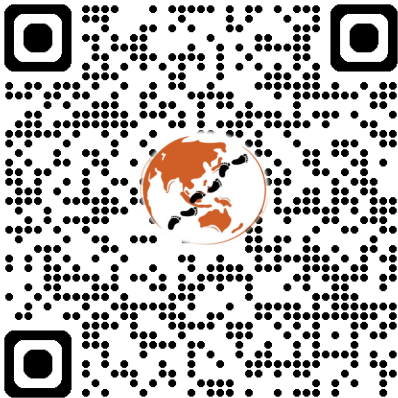
Other News

A Good Match



We are excited to welcome Linda Lynch to our Board of Directors. Linda comes from Ada, Oklahoma. She holds an Associate Degree in Business Management and has experience in fundraising, accounting, and auditing. She currently works in association management and fundraising, where she supports organizational growth and fundraising initiatives. We feel her skill sets are a good match for Trailblazer and will help the organization grow.

Although she has not traveled to Cambodia or volunteered directly with the organization, Linda is passionate about its mission and is committed to helping expand its impact through fundraising, strategic planning, and relationship building. Her background in financial accountability and nonprofit support enables her to contribute effectively to mission-driven organizations and their long-term success.



APPLY HERE

Your Network, Their Future.

Trailblazer Foundation is seeking passionate board members who can open doors, build relationships, and help secure funding for life-changing programs in rural Cambodia. If you're committed to helping the poorest families access clean water, education, food security, and economic opportunity, we'd love to connect.

Click here or Scan the QR to learn more and apply for our Board of Directors.

To Donate

By Mail: PO Box 271767, Fort Collins, CO 80527

Online: <https://thetrailblazerfoundation.org/donate>

Smart Ways to Give

Donor-Advised Fund and Employer Matching

We'd like to take this opportunity to share with you a few details about a savvy way to gift - use a **donor-advised fund**, or DAF - a giving account established at a public charity. In case you are not familiar with DAFs, DAFs are growing in popularity as a tax-efficient way to enable donors to make charitable contributions and claim immediate tax benefits.

We thought we should let you know about DAFs as an secure and beneficial option to supporting Trailblazer. The link to Trailblazer's DAF page is <https://thetrailblazerfoundation.org/daf-donor-advised-funds>



Donating through a DAF offers a wide range of unique tax benefits. Below is a summarized list of benefits acquired from the *National Philanthropic Trust* website:

- * Receive immediate tax deductions following a contribution in that calendar year.
- * Claim income tax deductions on the fair-market value of an asset.
- * Avoid capital gains tax on contributed long-term appreciated assets.
- * Grow the amount you contribute over time tax-free.
- * The charitable dollars in your DAF can be invested for growth [tax-free] before they are granted out.
- * DAFs offer the chance to streamline your tax receipts by contributing to one account and then granting to organizations you support.
- * DAFs give you the ability to time your tax deduction to manage high-income years.
- * DAFs can reduce tax burdens after a windfall situation, such as receiving an inheritance, selling a business, or experiencing strong market returns.
- * Direct donation of publicly traded securities (or other non-cash assets) is a common way to fund a DAF.
- * Reduce your estate tax liability by contributing assets to a donor-advised fund.
- * Contribute during high-income years and recommend grants when it makes sense for your giving strategy.
- * DAFs gives you flexibility in how and when you support the causes you care about.
- * DAFs can be used to make grants that satisfy pledges.
- * DAFs offer more safety by being able to gift electronically instead of with checks or credit cards.
- * DAFs can reduce administrative costs to our organization so more of your gift can go straight to our programs.

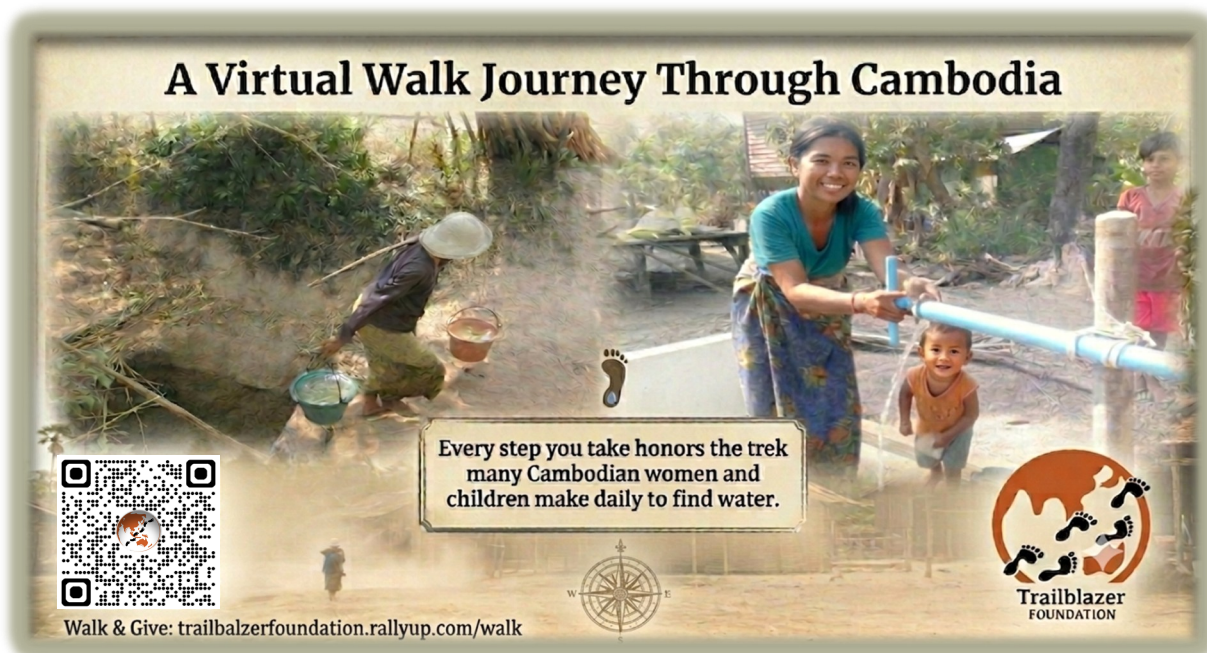
To learn more specific information about DAFs, please feel free to check out the *National Philanthropic Trust* website:

<https://thetrailblazerfoundation.org/daf-donor-advised-funds>

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Another option to explore is to check if your company offers matching contributions for your gift to Trailblazer, and make a more significant impact. To make it easier to research this option, feel free to use our partner GlobalGiving's Employer Matching lookup tool, <https://www.globalgiving.org/donors/ways-to-give/employer-matching/>





How You Can Help—Where It's Needed Most

Your generosity makes a real difference:

Clean Water & Sanitation

\$100 – Can provide **clean water** for up to 15 people with a bio-sand water filter

\$200 – Can provide a latrine, improving **safety and dignity** for up to 5 people

\$375 – Can provide a well, offering **reliable access to water** for up to 15 people

Education

\$20 – Can provide a **school uniform**, easing the financial burden on families

\$80 – Can provide a **bicycle**, removing a key barrier to attending school

Agriculture

\$50 – Can provide **agriculture training** for up to 15 farmers helping families grow more nutritious food and improve food security

Economic Development

\$5,000 – Can help start-up **chicken farms**

\$5,000 – Can strengthen a **village fund**, expanding access to loans across the community

Community Development

General support gifts of any amount **support all programs**, expands long-term impact and allows us to direct funding **where it's needed most**—creating healthier families, stronger communities, and lasting change.

Other Ways to Help

Give monthly • Employer match • Share our work • Fundraise

Smart Ways to Give

Donate from your **Donor Advised Fund (DAF)**

Give stocks or securities to avoid capital gains tax

If 70-1/2+, give from your IRA

Include us in your will or estate plans

Name Trailblazer Foundation as a life insurance beneficiary

Your support creates healthier families and stronger communities





Visiting Siem Reap Province?

Stop by our work site and experience the impact of your generosity in person. Scan the QR code to connect with us, explore rural villages, meet the families you support, and volunteer alongside our team.

Trailblazer Visitors



Visitors joined Field Director Sor Ratanak at our Siem Reap work site and office, meeting staff and seeing bio-sand filter production alongside preparations for well drilling.



Visitors can make a lasting impact. During her visit to Siem Reap, she brought friends to see our work firsthand and donated a laptop for our field team. Thank you for your generosity!



Our Field Director took visitors to Domrei Kon to see the need for an updated school building and the opportunity to invest in children's futures.



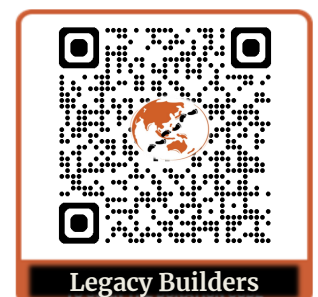
A visitor tours Ta Pang School, completed this year, spending time with students, teachers, and school leaders to see the impact firsthand.

Every day, families in rural Cambodia face challenges accessing clean water, education, food security, and basic sanitation. The most powerful way to help is by giving where it's needed most—allowing us to direct your support to the areas of greatest need across all of our programs. By covering transaction fees, you help ensure 100% of your gift supports our mission and essential operations.

Legacy Builders

With a gift of \$150+ toward *where most needed*, we'll stencil your name (or a loved one's) on a water filter. With \$425+, your name will be placed on a well. As a thank you for your life-changing support, you will receive a photo of a recipient family along with a six-month impact report showing the lasting difference you've made.

Go to <https://trailblazerfoundation.rallyup.com/legacy> for details and to give.





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