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Sponsorship Opportunity 2022



## Young Adult Work Experience Program

Dear Rotary Club of Sorrento,

Firstly, **thank you very much for your continued support and belief in our work** and the opportunity to share this 2022 Sponsorship Opportunity proposal with you.

In the past, as you know, **RCS has generously sponsored many of our life-changing programs**. For various projects needed most at the time, including extra English classes, our COVID 19 Family Care Store, Family Creche and Dental Repair Work for our 'Rehash Trash' mothers. All of these contributions were greatly valued and appreciated and brought much relief to our children and their families.

This year we would like to propose a sponsorship opportunity for our **Young Adult Work Experience Program**. The program has unfortunately been 'on hold' for the last two years due to school closures and small businesses shutting down. However, we are happy and hopeful to say that we will be starting it again soon.

In Cambodia, there are typical jobs that Khmers go into, mainly Accounting; Hospitality & Tourism; Business Management; Small Business Owner. Families also pressure students to go into these jobs as they are the most common and are seen as stable. However, the pandemic has proven that this is not the case. At Gecko, we have always encouraged our kids to think outside the square. **To explore, learn and experience more** than meets the eye. Typically, our Work Experience Program runs for a full academic

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year. The first three months are for classroom learning. During this time, we look at **dreams and goal setting, our personal strengths and weaknesses**; CVs; job applications, interview skills etc. The final nine months are split into three segments of work experience.



Students are asked to complete three months in service by **giving back** to another NGO (popular choices are Angkor Hospital for Children, A Place to Be Yourself and Safe Haven Medical Outreach).

Three months in hospitality where **many essential work skills** are taught; punctuality, hygiene, customer service, time management, communication, teamwork, and more.



Then three months in an area they are **interested in pursuing** a career in. Such as International Schools, Animal Welfare, IT Solutions, Medical, Law just to name a few.

We believe that this well-rounded program – amongst other things – significantly contributes to why many of our Geckos dare to dream big and pursue careers far beyond the hospitality world. So far, we have students training to be **physiotherapists, pediatric dentists, architects, doctors, nurses, social workers, and international relations**, among many other careers.

With support, we can run the course with all the **necessary teaching resources and access a wealth of information** through online career quizzes and strength and weakness analyses. The budget for The Young Adult Work Experience Program is \$150 per child. This cost covers providing the correct uniforms for each placement, all transport costs, photocopying booklets, CVs, cover letters etc. Each student is also given a “My Career” booklet to accompany the program. This year, we have 11 young adults eligible to participate.

**Estimated costs for the year: \$1650 USD (approx. \$2378 AUD).**

Thank you so much for inviting us to present our latest project to your Club. And as always, thank you for your continued **encouragement and generous support.**

Tania Palmer  
Founding Director

