

Saving the Lives of Women with Breast Cancer

Many women in Cambodia continue to work heroically through the undetected or untreated symptoms of breast cancer. Breast cancer treatment requires specialized medications that are typically unavailable in Cambodia. Sihanouk Hospital Center of HOPE's Breast Cancer initiative, the only program of its kind in Cambodia, provides women free diagnosis and free surgical treatment. Funding is now secured through 2018.



Mrs. Streng Chanthet

The story of three women, Noy Rout from Battambang (age 51), Sreang Chanthet from Kratie (age 32), and Seng Sokhun (age 36), clearly illustrates the impact of SHCH's program.

"I was trying so hard to earn money to support my family that I neglected my own health problem. Breast cancer almost killed me. I cannot describe how happy I am; I received successful treatment at Sihanouk Hospital Center of HOPE."



Mrs. Noy Rout

"Thank you doctors and nurses who gave me a new smile and new hope for me to continue being with my family."

Rout, Chanthet, and Sokhun suffered with breast cancer symptoms for many months yet continued to work. Two of these women spent a large portion of their limited funds seeking locally available treatment including village pharmacy medications and consultations with traditional village healers. Sokhun visited a hospital only to be told by the doctor that her situation was hopeless. Chanthet's breasts were so lumpy that her mother noticed it while Chanthet was breastfeeding her young child.



Mrs. Seng Sokhun

"Many women in my village died from breast cancer because they didn't know what to do, I suggested to the women, if they found a strange problem, please go to SHCH."

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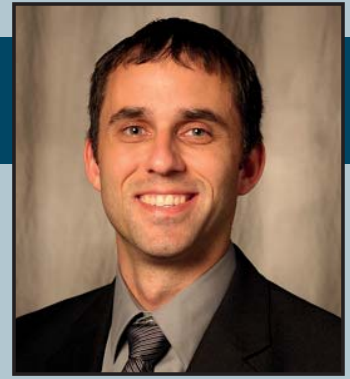
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Director's Message



Dear Friends,

With the significant mortality associated with women's cancers and the barriers that women face in accessing services, Women's Health Initiatives are a major focus at SHCH and the HOPE *worldwide* Medical Centers. SHCH's efforts in breast cancer treatment—fueled by the significant commitment from AstraZeneca and the thoughtful stewardship of AmeriCares—are a key part of SHCH's mission. We are pleased to be continuing this partnership for four more years.



Clearly, a focus on preventative medicine and health education is key. Our team of Peer Educator breast cancer survivors are the human face making this happen in rural communities - resulting in women like those featured in our patient story coming to SHCH. Empowered with a new education program focusing on early signs

and symptoms of breast cancer designed specifically for low-literacy populations, these women implement a proven "peer-to-peer" approach. Since April, we've seen an average of five cases per month. With a strategic focus on early education, we can work to stem the tide of women arriving with late-stage cancers.

We know that reaching out to friends works—to share information, enthusiasm, or simply to extend an invitation to support with volunteer time, connections to friends or even a small monthly contribution to fuel the effort to heal the poor — all are needed. We hope you will continue a successful partnership with us as we do our important work to provide medical care for the poor and train Cambodian health professionals.

Thanks for your support.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason T. Reinhardt'.

Jason T. Reinhardt
Executive Director

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Sihanouk Hospital Center of HOPE's mission is to provide a center for the further education and clinical training of medical professionals while delivering free 24-hour, high-quality, medical care for the poor and disadvantaged in Cambodia.

Belmont University : Ten Years of Impact

"When our team made its first trip to Cambodia in 2004, newly graduated nurses did not understand the role of hand washing for infection control", noted Susan Taplin, instructor of nursing at Belmont University (Nashville Tennessee). Community service is a core tenet of the BU's approach, as evidenced by the ten-year milestone of the institution's formal affiliation with Cambodia.



Each year, Susan organizes a team of 10-15 nursing students who make a three-week commitment to practice service in the country. In close partnership with the SHCH staff, Belmont's team helped to develop the nursing educator program and perform a "skills check-off" tool that is used for medical staff. Recently, the team assisted SHCH's Home Care Team by performing service projects for very poor families in rural Cambodia. Belmont students are technical advisors and partners who have formed deep and lasting relationships with the SHCH staff. One student was asked to be a member of the wedding party for SHCH staff nuptials!

"This program has multiple impacts, not only on an institutional level but also for the students and the staff involved. The engagement in learning through service is rich. The students often cite this trip as a key factor in their decision to enter the public health facilities or engage in other mission-focused work," said Susan.

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Saving the Lives...

All three women heard about SHCH from friends or family members. They arrived at the hospital desperate, exhausted, and troubled. SHCH's caring and compassionate team promptly diagnosed them and provided surgery as early as the next morning. These once despairing women found hope, received effective treatment that relieved their suffering, and returned home to their families and jobs. They will continue follow-up services to complete their recovery. As with all the services at SHCH, the women received treatment free of charge.

Farewell: Keith and Lisa Goodwin



The Goodwins

Vision, compassion, commitment and loving service to the poor characterize the leadership and impact of Keith, Lisa and their family's two years in Cambodia.

Johan and Natalie



Doctors Johan and Natalie - Thank you for your clinical and research technical support to the SHCH staff. We will miss you!

We send our warmest appreciate to Prof. Bruno Gryseels, Director of the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Belgium for ITM's long-term partnership and collaboration with SHCH.

Since 2008 the Breast Cancer initiative has:

- Reached 22,249 women with educational materials to improve awareness of breast health and increase early detection and health-seeking behavior
- Trained 1,330 health professionals in surgery, pathology, nursing and radiology, resulting in increased capacity to conduct screening services and perform breast cancer surgeries
- Treated 1,026 patients, including 966 pathology tests, with the only laboratory in the country able to perform a specialized test for hormone receptor status

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We are thankful to the many people who have volunteered their time to help the hospital

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Health and Human Trafficking

Nearly 200 Sihanouk Hospital Center of HOPE and HOPE worldwide Medical Centers staff attended a series of workshops on "Health and Human trafficking: What health professionals need to know," presented by Dr. Katherine Welch of Thailand.

"SHCH and HMC health professionals will use their skill and new knowledge to fight human trafficking by learning about the physical and health consequences of this activity and to informed care for trauma," Dr. Welch remarked.



"My time at SHCH was wonderful. The physicians are all very warm, gentle, highly motivated, intelligent and well educated. I really enjoyed their interest in learning new things and the many questions they asked, I felt very appreciated. I also felt sad seeing many patients arriving late with advanced stage illness. For some of them, there were very limited treatment options. But in my short stay I also saw lives saved by the effort of SHCH physicians and staff. SHCH's work is a very important resource for the poor of Cambodia."

-- Dr. Chris Hogness from USA

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We are very grateful for all donations received. Thank you so much!

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A million thanks to the Queen for her generous gift and best wishes for her long life.

Her Majesty Queen Mother invited Mr. Jason T. Reinhardt, SHCH Executive Director and Country Director of HOPE *worldwide*, and Dr. Tan Kim Meng, Executive Director of HOPE *worldwide* Medical Centers, to receive her donation at the royal palace. The Queen Mother's generous gift of \$10,000 provides life-saving support to the many people in Sihanouk Hospital Center of HOPE.

Your contribution makes an impact:

- **\$3,000** provides immediate triage and treatment for 60 patients who arrive without money or any other options for care
- **\$1,000** purchases authentic, reliable antibiotics for 25 patients, an essential treatment in a country where counterfeit medicines are a common occurrence
- **\$300** saves the life of one critically ill patient, often with complications from untreated and undiagnosed health conditions



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