



Annual Report 2021



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Tiny Toones Mission

Since 2005, Tiny Toones has been engaging, inspiring and educating children and young people from the poorest neighborhoods of Phnom Penh.

The mission of Tiny Toones Cambodia is to provide a safe, positive environment for at-risk youth to channel their energy and creativity into the arts and education, empowering them to build self-confidence in their daily lives, aim for better employment opportunities, and feel supported pursuing their dreams.

Tiny Toones Kids

Tiny Toones' students are aged 5-24 and are particularly vulnerable to drug and substance abuse, sexual and labor exploitation, domestic violence, and gang involvement. 25% of the children at Tiny Toones report never having attended school before. They face multiple barriers to educational progress as a result of their difficult backgrounds, the fees involved and being compelled to generate income. From as young as five many of these children are begging, collecting cans from garbage, or working as garment workers.

Tiny Toones channels their energy and creativity into hip-hop arts and a range of education opportunities, from English and computer skills to healthy living. We provide a safe environment in which these children and young people can enjoy learning, explore their creativity and develop a positive sense of identity and community. We promote active lifestyles and positive life choices among some of the poorest children and young people in Cambodia.

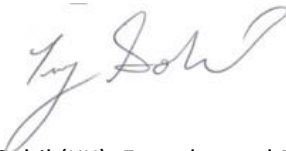
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Tuy Sobil (aka 'KK'), Tiny Toones Founder and Executive Director

In 2021, Cambodia closed all schools – including NGO centers like our own - in March 2020 as part of its pandemic containment measures. Although we were able to briefly reopen at the end of 2020, a fresh outbreak in February 2021 led to our centre again closing for the majority of the year. During this time, our staff worked hard to conduct outreach services directly to the children in our local communities, including providing masks, food and educational materials. This was especially challenging when most of our children's homes were placed in "red zones" of acute risk, which meant that it was very difficult to access them, but our staff used their local knowledge and contacts to continue to provide support. When the Government announced it was rolling out vaccines for the youth of Cambodia, Tiny Toones assisted families to ensure that their children were able to receive the vaccines and could do so without fear or distress. We have worked as hard as we could to continue to support the children who rely on our services through a time of great anxiety and disruption. Now, with our center open, our staff vaccinated and many children vaccinated, we believe we are ready to start a new year which will be much more positive for the children and families we work with.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Tuy Sobil".

Tuy Sobil (KK), Founder and Executive



2021 Highlights

During the Covid pandemic we were able to support our students with over 480 packages of food aid



We also handed out over 540 masks to our students and their families



With the help of our donor SOL we were able to improve the condition and make repairs to our center so that our students have a safe and comfortable environment to learn, play and grow



Creativity

Tiny Toones Creative Program uses the culture of hip-hop and breakdance as a vehicle to reach vulnerable young people and as a means of self-expression. The popularity of hip-hop among Cambodian youth gives Tiny Toones its unique appeal. During 2021 the Creative Program provided over 125 hours of lessons in break-dancing every month until we had to shut our doors due to the Covid pandemic.

The program is run by a dedicated team of teachers with support from the Tiny Toones management team. They are all former Tiny Toones students who have demonstrated both talent and an ability to reflect on their own learning and to lead others in doing so. As they share similar backgrounds with our students and have all been through our system, they are uniquely well placed to build strong relationships and act as positive role models.



Education

Tiny Toones' unique approach utilizes the popularity of hip-hop and breakdance amongst young Cambodians to reach those who are most excluded from education. Many of the children that come to Tiny Toones are not in school. Some may have dropped out or some may never have been enrolled. The Education Program helps them to build positive learning experiences, key skills, confidence and the communication skills necessary to improve their eventual employability and life chances. We then work to help them re-integrate into the public school system.

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, a total of 118 children have received regular classes in English, Khmer, Math, Computing, Dance, Music, Art and PE. This is actually an increase on previous years, which may reflect greater need in our communities as a result of the pandemic. The Education Program teachers have received training on interactive teaching methodology and classroom measurement to help them to deliver engaging high quality lessons. Like all of our Tiny Toones staff, they have also been trained in child protection protocol. The Education Program acts as a gateway to help our students into the public school system. Once they are engaging with the program, they will be offered one of our Tiny Toones Scholarships.



Achievements:

Observed benefits for students include:

- feel better about themselves, self-confidence improve
- doing better in classes
- coming to Tiny Toones more consistently
- more comfortable about sharing their feelings and thoughts
- not afraid to take risks
- made more friends
- able to help other students from what they've learned in dancing and music.

Through developing key skills, confidence and self-esteem, the Tiny Toones Education Program is building the capacity of some of the poorest children in Phnom Penh to take control of their futures and build a life beyond poverty.

Scholarships

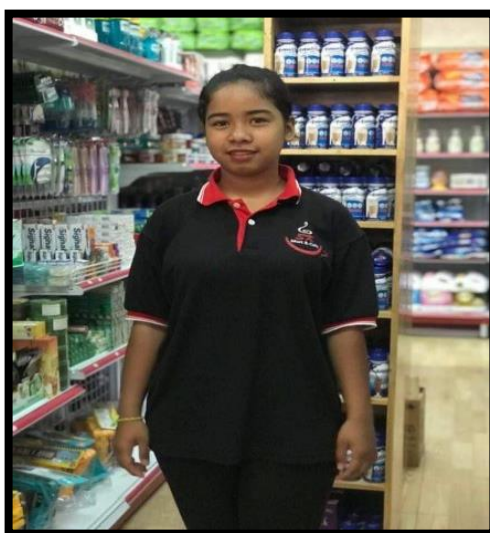


Tiny Toones operates a Scholarship Program for students who are committed to furthering their education but who are prevented from doing so by financial barriers such as uniform and registration costs. Without the financial support we offer, many children who would otherwise want to enter the public school system would be prevented from doing so. When offering students one of our scholarships, we also work with their family to ensure that they are aware and supportive of the process. Making sure that the child has emotional support both at home and with Tiny Toones maximizes the chances of them remaining in education over the long term and building a future for themselves beyond poverty.

Tiny Toones has enroll Rouen Sreyleak into the public school system since 2018, she is currently a full time student in the 10th grade at the Preaek Pra school, she will be graduating later this year into the 11th grade. She is unable to attend Tiny Toones as she has to work part time at a convenient store to help support her family. Even though she is no longer attending classes at Tiny Toones, we still support her with her public schooling by providing her with emotional support as well as school supplies. During her free time, she visits her friends at Tiny Toones and also to give us an update on her school progress.

Given the myriad barriers to educational progress that the children and young people at Tiny Toones face, every single person that moves into the education system must be seen as an individual whose life has been transformed; their prospects, their options and their personal capacity are all greater than they could have ever been without Tiny Toones involvement.

We will offer scholarships to all those who want to engage with the Cambodian public school system as long as we have the financial means continue to do so.



Financial Statement

Tiny Toones Financials 2021 (\$USD)

	2021	2020
INCOME		
Income from activities		
Merchandise Sales	-	-
Performance Income	-	-
Music & Dance Training	-	-
Total income from activities	-	-
Income from donors:		
International Tour Income	-	-
Individual Donations	28867	18859
Scholarship Income	-	-
Centre Tours	-	-
Institutional Donors	-	-
Total income from donors	28867	18859
 Total Income:	28867	18859
EXPENSES		
Product Related Costs:		
Merchandise Costs	-	-
Performance Costs	-	-
Music & Dance Training Costs	-	-
International Tour Costs	-	-
	-	-
Program Costs:		
Core Admin Costs	42365	42886
Education Program Costs	6592	6387
Creative Program Costs	5428	6387
Scholarship Program Costs	-	-
Total Program Costs	54385	55659
 Total Costs	54385	55659
OTHER INCOME/EXPENSES		
 Total surplus / (shortfall)	(25518)	(10046)

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