

DAUGHTERS OF CAMBODIA

Greetings from **Kheat Mong**

Thank you for sponsoring girls like me at Daughters! Below is some information about me so you can get to know me.

My Story

“Before Daughters my life was very different. I am the second oldest of a family of seven. I grew up in Kampong Tom province and we were poor. My parents were out working and I was looking after my younger siblings when I was only 5 years old.

One of my brothers died while no adult was around to take care of us. I think he ate something that he shouldn't have and was crying, I did not know what to do and he died. I also had another young brother pass away too. Because of this, my mother began drinking alcohol and our childhood was tough.

From a young age I stopped going to school as it was far away and I did not have a bicycle. I would pick vegetables and go and sell them for my family. A neighbour in the community owned a lot of karaoke bars and came to ask my mother if I could work there. She agreed.

I worked there for 5 months and then moved to another province. I then moved around to the different establishments that my boss owned. I sold my body for 14 years. The money I earned went towards my family.

I met my husband when I was working at one of these karaoke places and I fell pregnant with our son. He left me when I was pregnant to go and work near to Thailand. I have not seen him since and my son is now 5 years old.

My son lives with my parents and I live in the city with my two sisters. One is married with a child and the youngest one works with me at Daughters of Cambodia.

About two months before coming to Daughters, I was waiting for customers at a karaoke bar and Daughters of Cambodia NGO came round and handed out leaflets and a yellow flower. They told us that we could get a salary if we came to work for them.



Approximate Age: 32

Client Number: #841

Now I am at Daughters...

“I have a much brighter future, now. Before I was not qualified to do anything other than sell my body. Now I can sew and do woodwork!”



THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME HAVE A NEW LIFE!

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Kheat Mong's story continued....

"My sister and I both phoned the contact number and came to an interview the next day. We were both accepted and I began work in the wood workshop, learning new skills.

Before I came to Daughters I sold my body daily for money for my family. Since I have been at Daughters I have not done this at all. I suffered with depression and anxiety and I wanted to end my life. Since being at Daughters, my mental health and overall lifestyle has improved greatly.

I no longer drink any alcohol, and I have no more suicidal thoughts at all. My self esteem has increased dramatically. I used to have regular panic attacks and chest pain, and both of these have stopped 100% within only three months! Now, nearly three years later, I am still so motivated and excited to continue changing my life and reaching for a hopeful future.

For me to be able to say that I work for an NGO means that my community now respects me. I also have a new relationship with a man who is of good character and we hope to marry. I left school when I was in grade 5; this means that I am not able to apply for good jobs. But Daughters gives me the opportunity to learn new skills and get promoted. I have seen some of my colleagues become managers. That is a goal I can reach for, too!

I have attended the life skills classes offered here and they are so helpful. My favourites are the Alpha classes and the Discipleship classes. The staff and volunteers who offer these classes have taught me how to budget my salary, which helps me pay my rent and send money to my parents to look after my son.

I have also learned about God and I was especially touched by the Bible verse John 14:6 "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." This verse encourages me to learn more about who Jesus is.

Life has improved greatly since I have joined Daughters, but there are still challenges with relationships within my family. I am planning to live independently with my youngest sister to minimize the conflict and to be able to save for both of our futures.

We both work at Daughters of Cambodia although in different departments. Together we are so grateful for this NGO and the difference it is making in our lives!



FUN FACT:

My favourite food is Khmer Noodle.

My hopes for the future are...

I want to live independently and budget my own salary.

My prayer requests are...

Please pray for my continued mental health and healing.

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Thank you for choosing to support Daughters of Cambodia through our sponsorship program. Your continuing partnership enables young women to walk away from the slavery of Cambodia's sex industry and into a situation of freedom and empowerment.

Daughters trail-blazed a new model in Cambodia, in which sex workers come to the organization directly from the sex industry of their own free choice. They do so because they are already motivated to change their lives — all they need to do so is a paying job. By providing the monthly salary for the girls who join us, you are empowering each one to set herself free and to learn the job and life-skills she needs to build and sustain a new life.

Your sponsorship will cover the new girls that come to Daughters from the sex industry, and we will send you profiles and updates of these girls regularly. Your sponsorship is not assigned to one girl only as sometimes girls leave; instead, your sponsorship will cover any one of the girls from the pool of new girls. I attach a profile now of one of them above, and I will send you others at regular intervals, so you can get to know all the girls we have.

We hope this journey will be transformative for our girls, and inspirational for you. Thank you for joining us.

Sincerely,
Ruth Elliott, Founder

Your Sponsorship

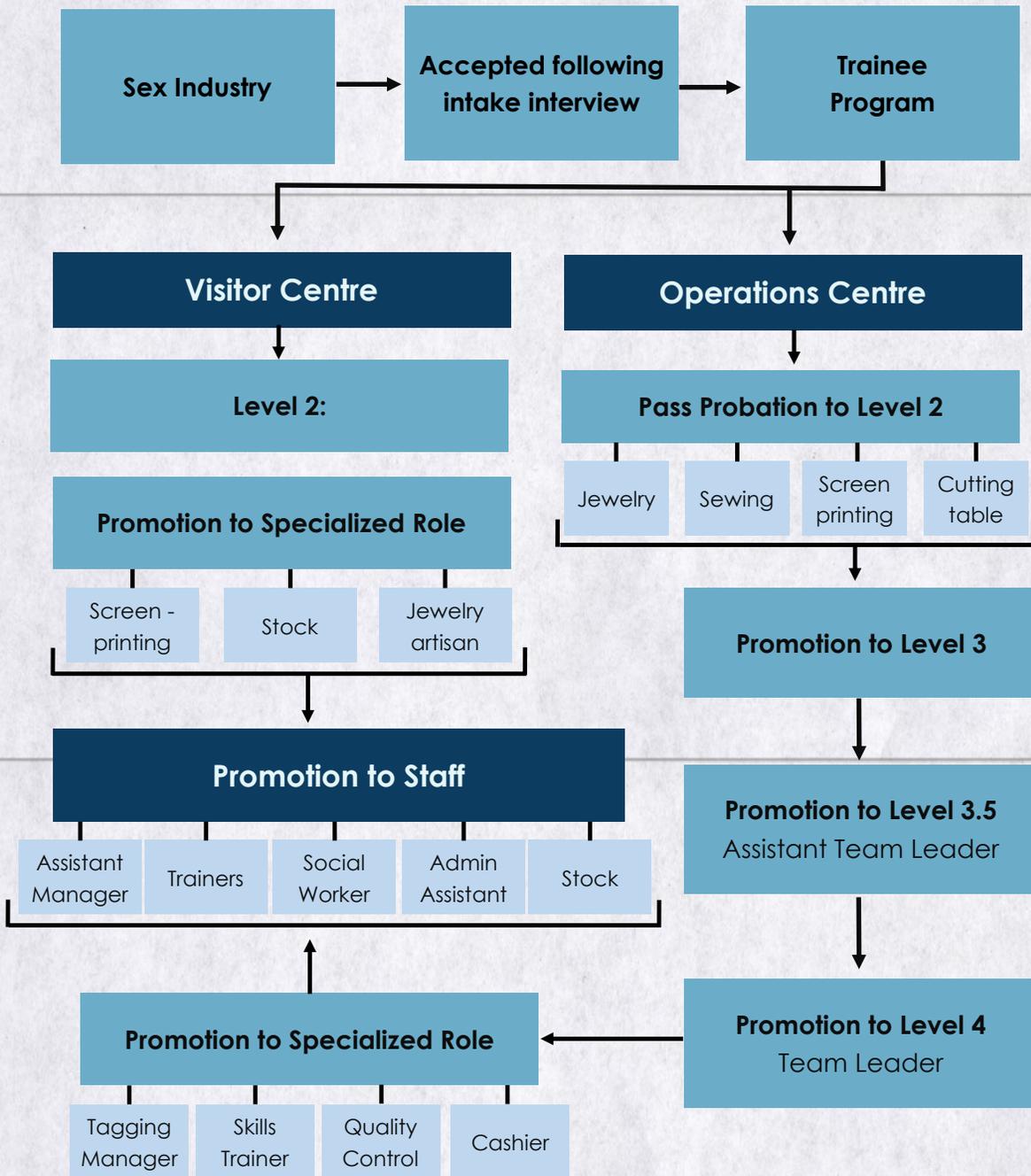


What Does my Money Cover:

Sponsorships enable us to receive girls direct from the sex industry and provide a job, skills-training and recovery services. Your sponsorship goes towards her **monthly salary** plus support services including **medical treatment, counseling, daycare,** and **educational workshops**. A small portion (10%) covers staff salaries and administration.

Thank you so much for sponsoring beautiful girls to have a new life. We really value your partnership in helping victims of trafficking have the opportunity for a new life of freedom. This means the world to each of them.

Pathway for Clients at DAUGHTERS OF CAMBODIA



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