

Safe Haven 100 Club challenges you to raise £100 in 100 days

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Media:

Safe Haven Children's Trust, a charity which works hard to prevent child abandonment in Cambodia, is launching the Safe Haven 100 Club. It is challenging people across the UK to raise £100 for it's work in just 100 days.

Sell 100 cakes for £1 each. Auction yourself off for a day or by the hour. Get sponsored to throw yourself off something high – preferably attached to a bungee rope or a parachute! Take part in a food eating challenge. Whatever you do, do it in style and raise £100!

In Cambodia, a staggeringly low 23% of children in orphanages are actually orphans – many have one or both parents living and were abandoned due to poverty or attitudes to disability amongst other reasons.

£100 goes a long way in Cambodia. It could provide a nanny in Safe Haven's emergency residential care for a whole month. It could vaccinate five children from deadly diseases. Or, it could ensure that seven children eat balanced meals for a whole month – tackling the dangers of malnutrition.

More information, including how to sign up, can be found at the website:

www.safehavenchildrenstrust.org/100club. Email 100Club@safehavencambodia.org

Notes to Editors:

Safe Haven Children's Trust was created in 2009 to help make a difference to vulnerable children in Cambodia who are at risk of abandonment. We believe that by helping parents to access training and employment, we can avoid un-necessary child abandonment.

Our Mlop Children's Centre gives children a safe environment, where they can access education, healthcare and the food they need to grow healthily. Mlop means 'safe haven' in Khmer and thanks to the support of our donors and supporters, we have helped create just that for over 700 children, parents and extended family to date, but this is just the beginning...

We aim to give Cambodian children the best start in life by providing five key services:

- Longer-Term Residential Care
- Crisis Care
- Day Care Services
- Parenting Support
- Reuniting children with their family

In 2014, the Takhmau Dump Outreach Programme was launched in partnership with Small Steps Projects and funded by Comic Relief. The programme provides:

- Nursery care for children aged 0 – 6 years at Mlop Children's Centre giving them a safe environment to learn and play away from the dump
- Medical supplies, hygiene materials, recreational and educational equipment as part of a mobile outreach programme for children between 7 – 18 years
- Counselling, guidance and employment opportunities to parents at Mlop Works

Our craft project, Mlop Works, is a social enterprise that provides valuable vocational skills and employment to mothers and caregivers whose children are at risk. Products produced include bags, jewellery and cushion covers which can be purchased on the Safe Haven website.

More information can be found at www.safehavenchildrenstrust.org.



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