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Ron Abney Educational Fund

Changing Lives Through Education

Dear Friends,

This has been a long, hard road to travel. My father always wanted me to take over the orphanage fund-raising for him but since we both knew he would live forever I never thought much about actually doing it. Now here I am ...Every time I think I cannot do this some miracle happens and I realize dad is looking down on me and guiding my way. I was on my way to the bank, in tears because we did not have enough money to help fund all the kids and the theme to the Pink Panther came on the radio, seriously when do you ever hear that song on the radio? That was dad's favorite movie and my ring tone for when he called me. I almost answered the phone. I know it was a sign. When I got home that day one of dad's great friends had sent us enough money to cover all the expenses. Dad always said just keep moving forward and everything would work out. And it has. We now have a board, a lawyer and accountant. We are on our way to being an official 501(c) (3) charity and we have 25 students in college. I could not have done any of this without your help and support. Thank you for continuing to help the orphans dad loved so much and thank you for believing in me to carry on his work in the future.

Lee Darter

Pres.-Ron Abney Educational Fund



Current University Students

I am so happy to report we currently have 25 students enrolled in university in Cambodia. 15 are former students and 10 new high school graduates. One even wants to be a doctor! Of course that costs 4 times as much but I know with your continued support we can make her dreams come true. Eight years ago dad started funding the college education of any Takeo Orphan who wanted to go to school. My goal is to make sure that continues to happen.

The Name Change...

My father did not have an "official" name for his charity. When he started working with Voices for Global Change checks were made out to that name and he became a non-profit entity. Voices did a lot for dad and they were a great team. However last year the leaders of Voices decided to retire and thus ended that charity. If I was to continue dad's work I had to form a new organization. We are now "officially" the Ron Abney Educational Fund, renamed in his honor. We will still follow dad's dream of giving secondary education to all the graduates of the Takeo Orphanage. We have also renamed the website www.ronabneyeducationalfund.org



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Donations

Please continue to make your tax deductible donations to support the education of the Takeo Orphans. All of your donations go to the college fees of the students. No one on the board is paid. We all work for free just like dad did!

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