

"I come to you with my hat in my hand" Ron Abney

As most of you know, my father, Ron Abney, truly loved the Cambodian people and especially the orphans of the Takeo Center. No cause was closer to his heart than helping "his kids." It was also his dream to help each child achieve a college education, which would allow them to become productive and influential Cambodian citizens.

It is that time of year again.... School will start soon for our returning college students and also for our new high school graduates. As Dad said many times, "We absolutely cannot achieve this mission without your love and support." It costs an average of USD \$550 to put one student through college for one year. It is our deepest wish that you will continue to support the Fund and help keep my dad's dream alive.

There are many ways you can help. My husband and I have been sponsoring one young Cambodian woman in her dream of becoming a doctor since she graduated high school. She has two years of college before she graduates, and then she plans to help the Takeo orphans however she can. I cannot wait to tell people, "I have a doctor in the family!" You may also choose to sponsor one student throughout their college studies or you may give an annual donation in the amount of your choice, or you may simply contribute any amount you feel comfortable with.

The Ron Abney Educational Fund also provides the Takeo orphanage with an English tutor at an annual cost of USD \$1000 per year. We provide this service because our older college students informed us that the younger orphans would greatly benefit from becoming more proficient in English before they started college. If you choose, you may earmark your donation to help sponsor their English teacher.

Please consider making your annual donation to the Ron Abney Educational Fund at this time. There are several ways to donate. You may write a check made out to the Ron Abney Educational Fund and mail it to:

*Ron Abney Educational Fund
14216 Mapledale Ave.
Woodbridge, VA 22193*

You may also pay by credit card through PayPal. Please visit our web site www.ronabneyeducationalfund.org for our PayPal link. Once on the page, simply click the "How to Help" link.

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With my deepest appreciation,

*Lee Darter
President, Ron Abney Educational Fund
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