



# Carpets for Communities

EMPOWERING MOTHERS TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

**“ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS...  
BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR MY CHILDREN”**



Carpets for Communities has provided a means for a better future for over 90 children in Cambodia this year, but we want to help even MORE. And we CAN!

CfC is expanding due to the support from so many wonderful people like yourselves Australia wide.

This year has seen our vision for growth mature into reality and we are on our way to achieving our target of **40 families** and **160 kids back to school** by June 2010.

The Christmas gift giving season provides CfC with a great opportunity to raise even more money toward achieving this goal. The latest shipment of rugs is currently being unloaded ready to distribute to a local market near you!

**Now is the time to get your favourite pick of the bunch!**

Want to help us realise our goal of inviting more families to our program? You can help by suggesting to family and friends the idea of a CfC carpet as a gift for Christmas this year. Be sure to come and visit our market stalls to pick up a special carpet as a gift for your loved ones. Access the list of upcoming markets at <http://tinyurl.com/cfcmarkets>.

In the spirit of Christmas, we are also running our Secret Santa Campaign again this year for those of you who would like to give a gift to the families in our program. Please see our website for further details.

<http://www.carpetsforcommunities.org>

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# Unite your family this Christmas and change the future of a child!



Join forces and release a NEW family in Cambodia from the hardships of poverty!

All you need to do is gather a group of friends or family members and contribute a total of \$150 per month. This amount is the necessary to pay for one new family to join our program and be empowered to create a brighter future and liberate 3 to 5 children from the shackles of poverty.

**Imagine being responsible for  
that change!**



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Once off donations or smaller monthly recurring donations are most welcomed:

Even small amounts benefit our families!

No Cash to spare? Remember that we are always looking for more volunteers to help sell carpets and spread the word. Just by volunteering once a month you can make a real difference!

If you want to know more details and dates please contact [frankacquaah@carpetsforcommunities.org](mailto:frankacquaah@carpetsforcommunities.org)

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## Collect for CfC this Christmas!

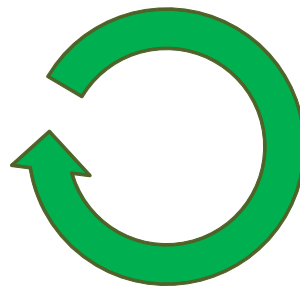


**Carpets for Communities offers immediate intervention for family's income by offering meaningful employment for mothers.**



Children that were previously working outside of the home to support the family's income were at risk of exploitation. Now they attend school and receive an education that will provide a means to **break the cycle of poverty.**

As adults, their lack of education limits income opportunities



A family lives below the nation poverty line

Children forego school to support their family

**There are currently over 90 children in the project and volunteers across Australia are working hard in order for CfC to become self-sustainable and continue to grow.**

By donating, you will help Carpets for Communities expand and take on even more children into our project. And if you supply this print-out and donate tin at your Christmas or New Year's Eve Party you will be helping CfC to expand and get more children back into school.



## One family and seven brighter futures.



Sare Reth and her family are fairly new to the CfC program, having only joined about a year ago. Sare and her husband have 7 children who are aged between 5 and 18 years old. Before joining the program, Sare worked as a street vendor, selling noodles and only earning between \$2 and \$5 US dollars a day to support her whole family. This was difficult for her as her health was deteriorating and she could not provide her children with proper care. Furthermore, the income from her husband was unreliable, as he worked as a fisherman and a barber. She could not afford to send all her children to school, and her two eldest daughters were needed to stay home to help her.

Now, after being with the CfC program for one year Sare is earning about \$100 US dollars a month, which is sufficient enough to provide for her entire family. More importantly, she is now able to send all of her children to school, enabling her to stay home and spend more time making carpets. Her two older daughters are no longer needed to stay at home to help her, so they are attending vocational training school.

Although the family has been doing well since joining the program, they still face a number of issues. Most significantly, the children are experiencing problems travelling to school during the raining season as the terrain is dangerous and often impossible to cycle on. During the dry season it takes the children about 30 minutes to get to school, but during the raining season it takes far longer and sometimes they are prevented from attending at all. The CfC program hopes that a solution to this issue can be found in the future.

**Sare Reth's family is one of the 25 families that have their life changed after joining Carpets for Communities' project.**

**A HAPPY CHRISTMAS  
AND NEW YEAR 2010 TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS!  
THANK YOU!**