

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

GREEN UMBRELLA

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Dear friends of Green Umbrella,

Thankfully, early 2022 saw much of the world get slowly back to normal. after two years of the Covid-19 pandemic.

After much training and guidance from Board member and education specialist Julia Alden, Green Umbrella welcomed 128 students to its Early Childhood Education (ECE) program for the academic year, from January to October 2022. This continues to strengthen and grow, and 144 students will start this January.

The Youth Program was established which brought local youth together to further their academic, technical and life skills. This will be expanded further in 2023 to reach almost triple the number of students, encouraging them to further their studies and prepare them for life and work after their education.

Green Umbrella welcomed back many visitors and volunteers, who also spent time on other projects under the umbrella of GU - the Pot Sar Medical Clinic, Library Project and Nutrition Program.



In a world that has been set back with the pandemic, economic struggles, conflict and climate issues, Green Umbrella continues to do its great work in giving hope to so many children, their families and community in rural Cambodia. We hope that you continue to support this wonderful small NGO, doing its bit to make its local world a better place.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support.

Liza Rowan

Board Chair, Green Umbrella

I. WELCOME MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNUAL REPORT 2022

This is the 10th anniversary since the founding of the Green Umbrella Organization, December 20, 2012 to December 20, 2022. We have seen many positive results from our efforts since then. In particular, the children we have been training for many years are now becoming young people with potential, courage, curiousity, intelligence and good health. Setting and striving for their future goals is no longer an obstacle with their self-confidence. The students' parents have also established responsibility for their children's learning habits through increased collaboration with schools.

While in 2022 Green Umbrella faced a lot of problems, we maintain our efforts to deliver all of our project activities. The main project is in **Early Childhood Education,** which provides education to children aged 4 to 6 years old. This year, we have a total of 128 students across K1 and K2 classes. The **Youth Program** continues to support our 76 former students/ alumni currently studying in high school.

We also continue to support four other projects: [1] **Library project** at Kampong Cham for students and the entire community; [2] **Health Center** in Putsor Commune and [3] **Cambodian Child Nutrition Project**. We are pleased to showcase our activities and results in the 2022 annual report.



The Green Umbrella organization plays a role to support and help children, young people and communities through our projects. We need continued assistance from friends and donors in order to move forward into the longer term. This ensures that past events do not recur.

Finally, we truly appreciate all the donors and partners who have contributed to support Green Umbrella organization to date, and especially in 2022. We wish you the best for the upcoming year 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Sokrath Hour

Vision:

Cambodian children and youth will have the knowledge, skills and attitudes to reach their full potential and to actively participate in the development of a prosperous community and society.

Mission:

- Prepare early learners (ages 4-6) for their future education by providing a quality, holistic Early Childhood Education (ECE) that includes a strong health and nutrition component.
- Provide a model for educational programs that reflects the values of Green Umbrella.
- Offer training and educational youth programs (YP) that build the knowledge, skills, values and leadership needed to strengthen and promote the right of Cambodia youth.
- Building community awareness and capacity for growth and development by involving parents, stakeholders and the broader community in GU's educational programs.

Value:

Our values, which underlie our beliefs, behaviors and actions are based on the Buddhist values:

- Sacca (Honest, Responsible, and Independent)
- Khanti (Patient, Resilient, Communicative)
- Kattannu (Grateful, Caring, Collaborative, Respectful and Creative)







Green Umbrella has focused on two main projects:

- ***Early Childhood Education*** provides kindergarten education to children aged 4-5
- ***Youth Program*** provides local youth with leadership skills and training through hands-on activities

Green Umbrella coordinates additional four projects to help the wider community:

- Food Program
- Pot Sar Health Center
- Khel Chey Library
- Cambodian Children Nutrition Aid

Main Projects



1 *Early Childhood Education (ECE)*

Provides K1 and K2 education to 128 students, and follows up when they enter Grades 1 & 2



2 *Youth Program*

76 students took extra classes in school subjects, training in 21st century skills, including computer

Additional Projects



3 *Khel Chey Library*

Improve reading skills through community outreach and activities



4 *Pot Sar Health Center*

Provide affordable medical treatment to mothers, children and the community



5 *Cambodian Children Nutrition Aid (CCNA)*

Reduce malnutrition for 200 kids through education and household visits

1 Early Childhood Education

- The ECE Program aims to enable Cambodian children to embark on a lifelong learning journey by targeting them at early childhood by providing high quality K1-2 education that meets the demands of children at this age.

Main target areas

1. Encouraging enrolment in early childhood education
2. Professional development for kindergarten teachers
3. Offering teaching and learning resources
4. Cover nutrition, hygiene, child health, and safety topics
5. Improve kindergarten infrastructure
6. Involve parents, kids, and the whole community
7. Follow up with students at primary school at grade 1 & 2



Measurable results

- **128 students were enrolled** into the kindergarten in 2022. There were 4 K1 classes and 4 K2 classes offered.
- **Teachers were trained for a total of 112 hours**, and 128 parents were trained on choosing a good snack for their children.
- We **followed up with 40 students** in Grades 1 & 2 and obtained positive feedback on their academic performance.

Selection & Enrollment Process

- ✓ We announced this program to the chiefs of the 11 villages and gave out handouts with information on enrollment to villagers.
- ✓ Parents have to submit the enrollment form with their children's birth certificate, date of birth, and poverty identification card (if applicable).
- ✓ We only admit students between 4-5 years old. Students are admitted on a first-come-first-serve basis; after the deadline for registration passes, a lottery is held for late enrollments until we hit full capacity.
- ✓ We continue to support children in rural areas, underprivileged, and from low and middle-income homes.
- ✓ Green Umbrella staff will visit households with poverty identification cards to provide extra support.

1 Early Childhood Education Case Studies



Sophorn (father) and Buth, 5 years old

Buth joined K1 class last year when he was four years old. Sophorn says Buth has improved in his knowledge and behavior after being in the kindergarten for one year. He has started using polite languages with his family.

Buth wants to continue learning and coming to school next year.



Son (grandfather) and Kimchay

Son wants to enroll Kimchay into GU's kindergarten (K1) for 2023 because he notes the school is different from other schools. Teachers always communicate with the students' families and follow up with student learning.

He observed how students' behavior and knowledge have changed after learning in the school. In addition, this school provides food to children during break time.

2 Youth Program

The Youth Program aims to enable youths to **create a vision for themselves**, to **develop knowledge, skills and behaviors required for the 21st century**, and to **engage in entrepreneurial development for family economic and social progress.**

In 2022, we targeted **76 students, including 41 girls (54%)**

Projects	Extra classes for GU alumni in secondary school	21st century skills	Robotics & Computing
			
Purpose	**Fill gap left by teacher shortages** in Math, Physics, Khmer & English in public secondary schools	To **equip youths with skills needed to succeed** in today's technology- and collaboration-driven economy	To create awareness on technological developments and **encourage innovation among youths**
Activities examples	**New teachers hired** to conduct extra classes for Green Umbrella alumni	18-hour **SME creation workshop** **Creative thinking** courses; Collaboration & **Leadership workshops**	Invited trainers from Phnom Penh to teach **coding and computer skills on the weekend**
Results	✓ **100% of 76 students enrolled passed** public school exams and progressed to next public school grade	✓ **Youths organized food distribution** to 38 poor families ✓ **Youths collaborated to solve problems** posted by community officials	✓ **Robotics exhibition** held to showcase youths' innovations in Sep 2022 ✓ **448 hours of training provided** to 26 students (50% girls)

Key Insights & Next Steps

Green Umbrella **met its Youth program goals within budget** by:

–Leveraging self-funded volunteers to conduct training
–Encouraging community officials to independently implement recommendations

Youth Camping Program targeting 100 secondary & high school students to encourage independent thought & opinion-sharing is in progress for 2023

2 Youth Program Case Studies



Pan Parayu

Pan's family is poor and living in an old house. They struggled every time it rained, so Green Umbrella used some of its budget to build a proper house for his family.

Soeun Tavan

Soeun broke his hand and Green Umbrella brought him to a hospital and paid for his medical fees until he recovered. He then returned to join the Youth Program.





Aeb Malay

Aeb was feeling depressed as her mother was seriously ill. Green Umbrella provided her with emotional support until her mother recovered and Aeb felt better to return to study in Green Umbrella.

Phorn Lina

Phorn had stopped studying because of lack of motivation during Covid. Green Umbrella took care to bring her back to school and now she's better than before.



3 Khel Chey Library Project

The project aims to support and contribute to improving Cambodia's education quality, enhancing the learning of children and youth groups by increasing access to quality reading and learning materials, and providing appropriate studying facilities. From February to December, the library received 1084 donated books from partners, and 2215 books were added to the collection. They spanned categories of: Buddhism, Literature, Science, History and Misc (e.g., Information, Law).



Monthly Activities

The librarian organizes monthly activities to make the library a friendly library for children, youth, monks and the community to ensure the sustainable operation of the library.

- *April – June*: 87 students read twice a month
- *June:* An exhibition of drawings by 56 students was displayed to encourage more people into the library
- *July – August:* Students are guided to clean the library for 15 minutes/day, 3x a week, and how to separate waste for recycling



Community Reading Outreach Program

On May 19, 2022, we organized a family reading program to educate students, parents and the community on how to read books at home, school and library, and to promote the community to use the Khel Chey Library, a public library.

The program invited 132 community leaders, parents, students, teachers, students and monks from 5 different schools. Highlights include:

- 4 reading activities throughout the year, including individual reading and partner reading
- Teaching the community how to find books in a library

4 Pot Sar Health Center Project

The purpose of this project is to enhance the effectiveness of the medical team's treatment service to patients, especially for mothers giving birth (pre and post-natal care), babies and young children and the elderly. The facility has separate maternity wards, prenatal and postpartum care, and pediatric and eldercare sections. GU also funded new equipment to support each of these wards.



2022 Statistics

Total number of patients	18,897
Children < 5 years old	842
Blood tests given	35
Mothers giving birth	106

There were 15,439 patients treated in 2021, so there was an increase of 3,458 in patients treated in 2022.





5 Cambodian Children Nutrition Aid Project

The Cambodian Children Nutrition Aid Project is sponsored by Asanga International Aid (2020-2023). It targets the Kandoeng Commune and covers 8 villages and 200 kids, with 3 goals:

1. Help children to grow quickly and healthy;
2. Increase the knowledge of caregivers and change caregivers' behavior when taking care of children;
3. Decrease the rate of malnutrition of children in the whole process of implementation.



Compared to the baseline of 18.9% of children who are underweight and 22.9% stunting in October 2020, it dropped to **16.6%** and **20%** respectively in November 2022.

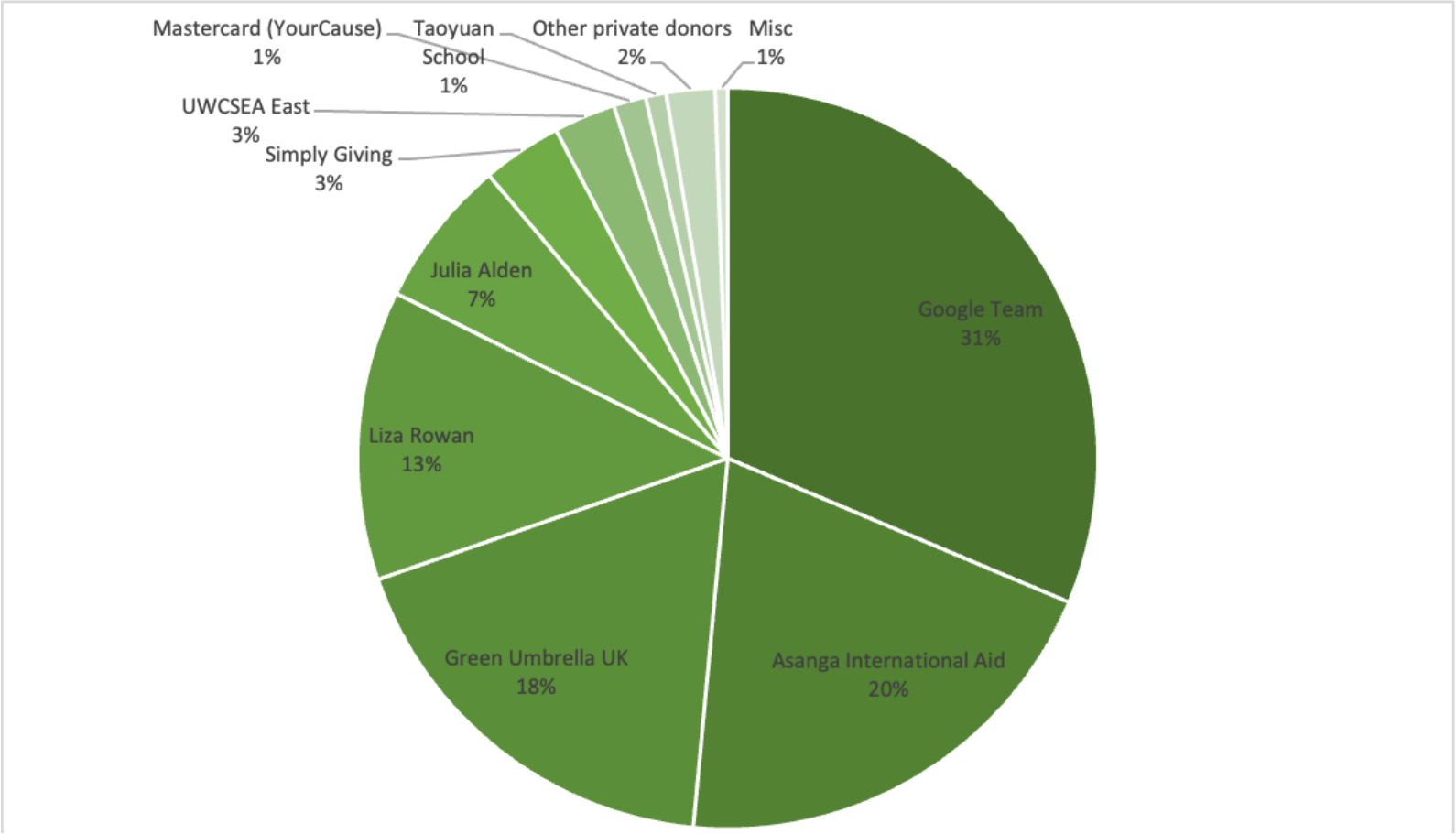


2022 activities

- **Caregivers met with the community 5 times** to talk about: 3 kinds of food and quantity of food; Caring and Health Seeking; Food and Eating Problem; Hygiene and Sanitation; and Food variation accordance to the age of the child (89% participation).
- Knowledge of caregivers were tested and increased from 61% to 91% from the first to the last meeting.
- There were also **4 household visits** which focused on: Caregiver's situation; Food and Child's eating; Preparing and Feeding children; Caring and teaching children; Health Seeking; Hygiene for children; and Find the problems with solution (96% of kids covered).
- Children were **measured 6 times during the year** on their height and weight (93% of kids measured).



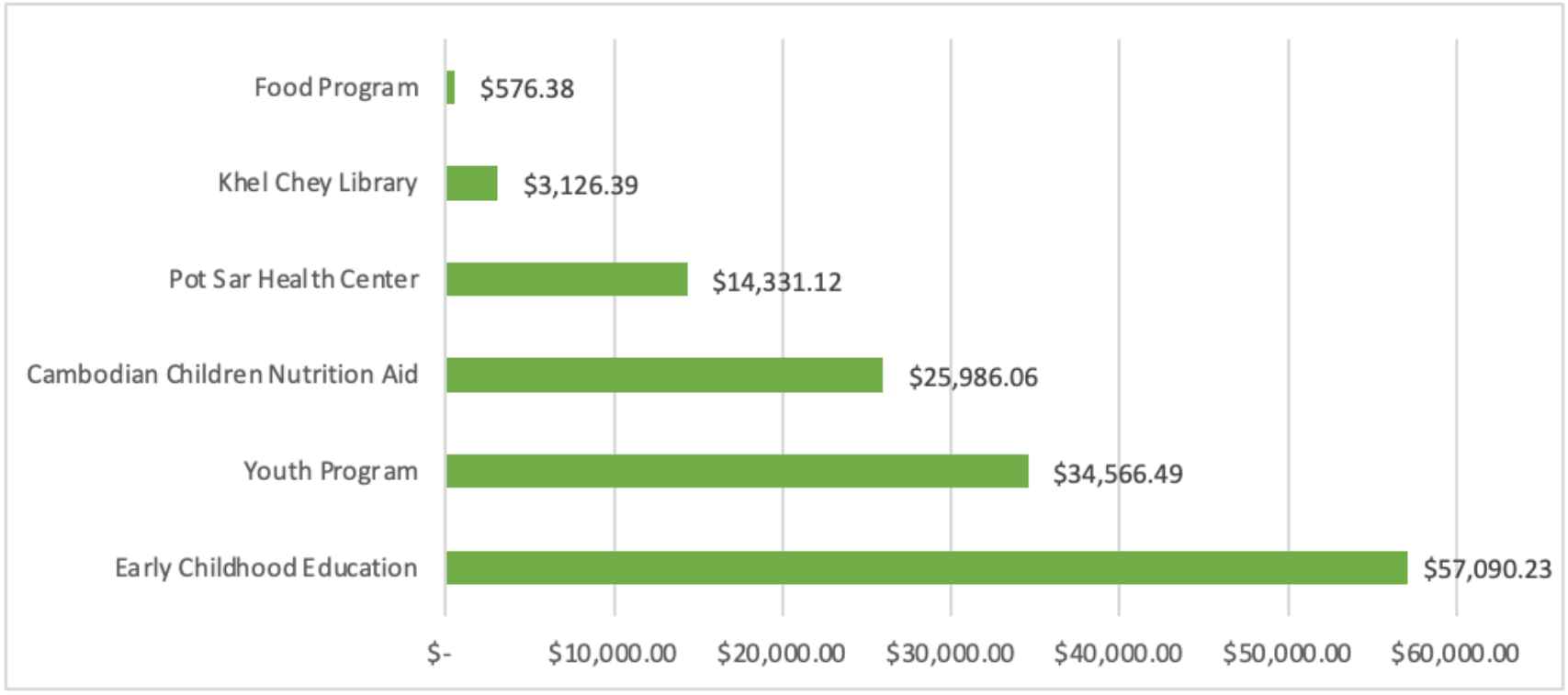
INCOME BY DONORS*
JANUARY – DECEMBER 2022



INCOME BUDGET: 165,165 USD

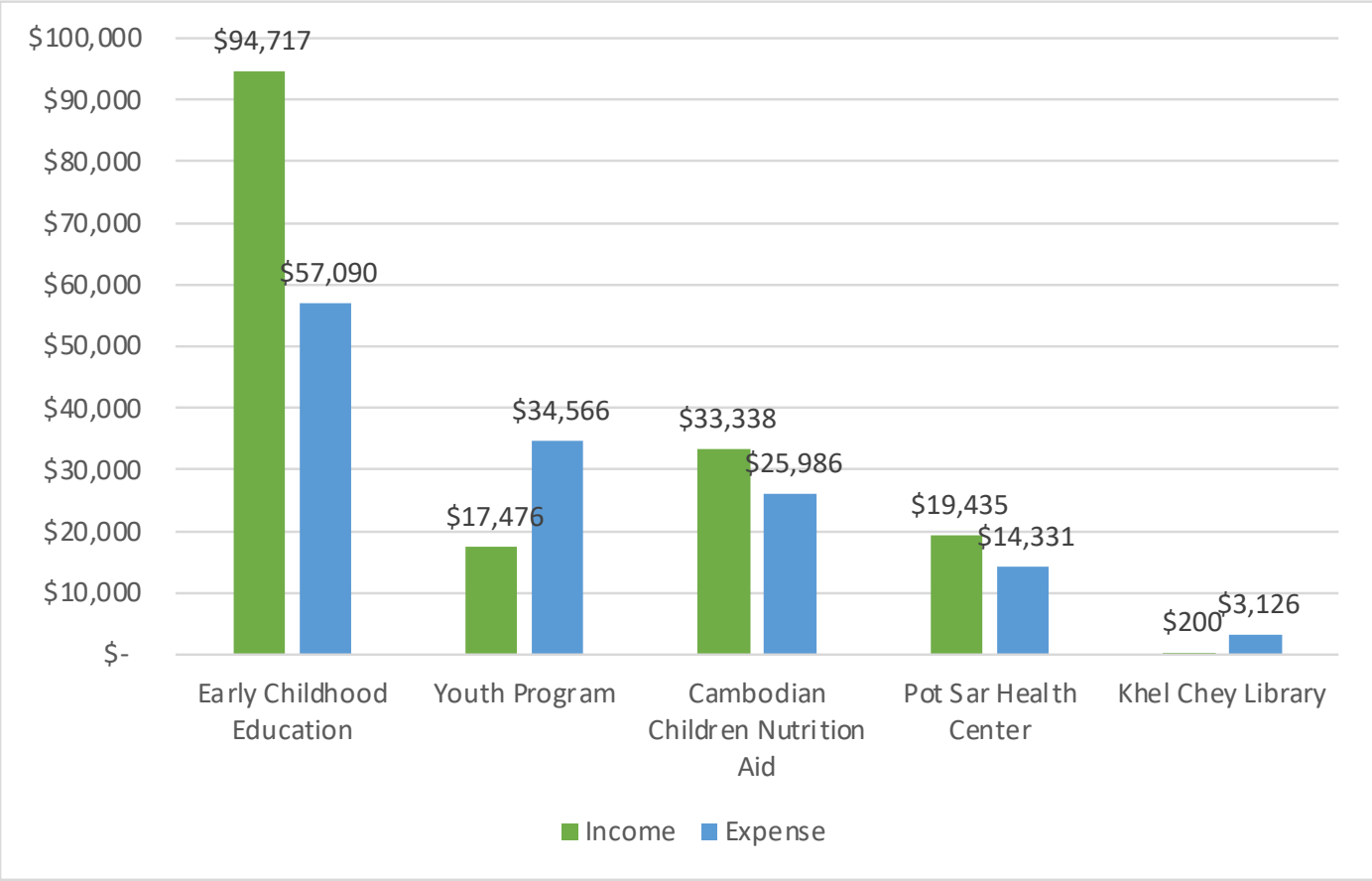
*Private donors include Lin Yen Ting, Chinkuo Kuo and Luo Yichang. Misc. includes internal funds transfer.

EXPENSES BY PROJECT
JANUARY – DECEMBER 2022



EXPENSES: 135,676 USD

INCOME & EXPENSES BY PROJECT (2022)



TOTAL INCOME: 165,165 USD

TOTAL EXPENSE: 135,676* USD

*Food Program is not included in this chart

Funds support

UWCSEA has been a long-term partner and donor, supporting our programs since 2011.

Funds support

Mastercard provides funds to support Green Umbrella's programs.

Training and Funds support

Global Health Alliance provides training on small and medium enterprise ownership to youths and fund small projects.

Training & Funds support

Asanga International Aid is the main donor for the CCNA project, supporting research, technological, fundraising, and needs assessment.

Funds support

Taoyuan American School provided funds to support the Food program which helps student's families.

Virtual English Class & Funds support

Google continues to be the main corporate supporter of Green Umbrella, especially for education programs. Google employees volunteered by providing online English classes to GU students.

New building health center

Rhone trustees helped to fund the new Pot Sar Health Center, a new school building, a new water tank and clean water.

School corporation

GU works with ISPP on English Club, Science lesson & Football for our students on a weekly basis.

Online training

Indochina Starfish Foundation supports GU students in physical education. During the covid-19 restrictions, they provided online training and support to our football team.

Virtual English Class

Volunteering in virtual English class for Green Umbrella primary school students.



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