

SANCTUARY FROM VIOLENCE

As our charter program, WAVE has formed an alliance with **STREY KHMER**, a grass roots Cambodian women's aid group. Through our collaboration in the **Sanctuary from Violence Project**, we provide women and girls impacted by gender-based violence a safe place to escape and recover. The Project's goal is to provide a network of self-sufficient safe houses in the most violent and vulnerable communities in the country.

CHAMKAR ANDOUNG COMMUNE

The Chamkar Andoung commune is WAVE's focus community and receives the benefits of our initial efforts.

Chamkar Andoung commune is made up of 18 isolated villages. The population is 17,243 of which 9,526 are female. It's a poor place. There is a constant danger of domestic violence, rape, drug related brutality and the threat of human trafficking. There is no hospital or adequate clinic.

The **Sanctuary from Violence Project** will put a safehouse in each village. Project funds allow for the renovation of existing buildings, securing of each property, ongoing training of safehouse leaders and teams of volunteers and a variety of supporting goods and services.

Through word-of-mouth and community awareness programs, women and young girls in need of immediate protection will know they have somewhere to turn; not only a refuge, but a place where they'll receive medical and emotional support and access to legal aid in an environment that encourages their healing and moves them from being victims to rejoining their community as survivors.

DONATE TO WAVE

It costs just \$2,000 to establish a safehouse that provides safety and shelter to women and young girls of one village.

Your donation makes it possible to purchase critical goods and services, such as:

- Building supplies and labor
- Staff and volunteer training
- Bicycles and scooters
- Secure gates and fences
- Midwife support and medical supplies
- Legal aid
- Perimeter gates and fences
- Toilet facilities
- Community awareness programs

Please send your tax deductible donation to:

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Or donate securely online at:

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They Fight for Survival

They Cry for Justice



OUR STORY

In March 2006 Michele Tayler visited Cambodia. It was in Phnom Penh at a chance meeting with Mu Sochua (2005 Nobel Peace Prize Nominee and former Cambodian Government Minister for Women's Affairs) that the widespread abuse of Cambodian women and children was vividly brought to her attention. The heartbreak of gender-based violence coupled with Ms. Mu's passionate commitment to making change, became a call to action.

Upon returning to the U.S., Michele enlisted the help of like-minded women to organize an event to benefit these women and children. Buoyed by its success and motivated by the notion that even the smallest effort can provoke change, these women formed WAVE – **Women Against Violence Everywhere.**

OUR MISSION

As a not-for-profit, grass roots organization, WAVE's mission is to provide broad-based support and assistance to women and children whose lives are diminished by violence. Our holistic approach addresses their physical, emotional, and economic needs. We rely on donations from individuals and corporations to realize our vision. As a volunteer effort, donor dollars go directly to our programs, not to support administrative overhead.

OUR PRINCIPALS AND VALUES

- We encourage and foster independence and self-reliance
- We work with like-minded individuals and organizations to find sustainable, long-term solutions, respecting the cultural and spiritual values of those with whom we work
- We promote initiatives that address the health and safety of victims of violence
- We support education, training and development

OUR METHODOLOGY

- Through outreach, we identify problems and challenges faced by individual countries, cultures and communities
- We listen and respond to the changing needs and conditions of the communities and people we support
- We align with reliable and trustworthy local partner organizations
- We build and nurture partnerships for networking opportunities, information sharing and awareness building
- We provide resources, training and build capacity for culturally and financially viable programs and projects
- We seek environmentally responsible methods and practices in program implementation