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Virtue Foundation

RE: NARRATIVE REPORT TO VIRTUE FOUNDATION: APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2006

It is with great pleasure that I submit to you this report outlining the activities undertaken using the donation provided by Virtue Foundation to APLE in the period April to September 2006.

The monies received from Virtue Foundation were used to cover a variety of expenses during this period for which APLE did not have other funding allocated. It happens frequently that unexpected expenses arise during the course of operations for which funding has not been previously planned. In such situations, it is vital that an organization has a 'back-up' fund upon which it can rely to cover those unexpected expenses. In this way, the Virtue Foundation has assisted APLE to properly fulfill its functions and operations in working to protect Cambodian children from commercial sexual exploitation.

The monies provided to send Ms Zelda Hunter to New York to represent APLE at an important conference enabled APLE to raise the profile of both the issue of sexual exploitation of Cambodian children and of our organization; Ms Hunter's presentation led directly to a commitment of funding from another source who is now providing the salary and associated costs of our social worker in Sihanoukville, Sang Kimleang. The Virtue Foundation provided for the salary of Kimleang for one month until that funding was received.

The purchase of a laptop computer for the Sihanoukville office of APLE with Virtue funds has proved invaluable in allowing the office to remain 'mobile' at all times. This laptop has been used for presentations at workshops and conferences; during periods of travel to other provinces by APLE staff; and by temporary researchers, consultants and technical advisors who are employed from time to time to assist APLE in the performance of its functions.

The Virtue Foundation has since June supported the salary and associated costs of APLE's Phnom Penh social worker, Prum Tiny, who was hired in recognition of the need for child protection and child welfare issues to remain paramount in all areas of APLE's activities. Tiny

has proven to be an invaluable member of the APLE team and works closely with victims of child sexual exploitation to ensure that their physical and emotional needs are met and to educate and work with them to ensure they avoid becoming recurring victims of such abuse.

Small amounts of the money received from Virtue Foundation have been used to cover per diem, communication and transportation costs and also basic capital goods and office supplies. For example, Virtue has paid for the travel of Sihanoukville staff to Phnom Penh when their attendance was required for important meetings or workshops, and for a motorbike helmet and USB flash stick.

Through the support of the Virtue Foundation and all our donors, APLE has continued to achieve results in the work we perform to protect Cambodian children from sexual exploitation. Over the six month period since 1 April 2006, there have been seventeen (17) arrests of child sex offenders, traffickers and intermediaries in cases in which APLE has been involved. This number is a milestone; from June 2003 to March 2006, a total of only twenty-four (24) arrests were made. APLE believes this improved result can be attributed to enhanced collaboration with the Anti-Human Trafficking and Juvenile Protection Unit of the Cambodian National Police, who are proving increasingly proactive in arresting offenders for child sexual exploitation.

On behalf of all APLE staff, I would like to thank you for helping us to continue to protect Cambodian children. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Warmest Regards,



Katherine Keane

Country Director, Action Pour Les Enfants (Cambodia)