



THEARA'S IN THE DRIVING SEAT!



Vroom, vroom! For 24-year-old Theara, his dream of becoming a car mechanic has just come true. He recently graduated from his vocational training course and is now fully-qualified and ready to take on the world!

Theara and his younger sister arrived at Sunshine House in 2005 after their parents passed away. Fast-forward 14 years and it is hard to believe the strapping young man we see today arrived on our doorstep small for his age, malnourished and very shy. Awareness Cambodia's commitment, and a bit of patience too, helped transform Theara into a bright, intelligent and well-educated young man.

Having completed his vocational training and graduating as a car mechanic, Theara is preparing to transition to independence from his years in our care – moving out of Graduation House into his own place and starting his employment with Grandis Timber.



Theara and his sister when they arrived at Sunshine House in 2005



Theara this year 2019

Although all absolutely thrilled for him, there's no doubt Theara's Graduation House family will miss him terribly. To celebrate his graduation and employment, staff and students threw Theara a wonderful surprise party. More memories were made as countless games were played and staff and students devoured a delicious BBQ feast. As our CEO Gary Hewett gave a heart-warming speech congratulating and farewelling Theara, there were plenty of damp eyes as his fellow students realised that Theara would actually be leaving. But tears of loss were quickly replaced by tears of joy in knowing the exciting future Theara has ahead of him.



We are very proud of Theara – he has worked hard and is appreciative of the opportunities that Awareness Cambodia’s student support programs have given him.

Theara’s future is certainly bright. We would like to say a huge thank you to all who have invested in Theara’s life over the last 14 years.

While he will soon head off on a new journey, he knows all roads will always lead back to Awareness Cambodia, where he’ll always be welcomed as one of our family!

Theara is well prepared to claim his rightful place in Cambodian society. Empowered by education and given all the support he needed to follow – and realise – his dreams. But his journey would not have been possible without his generous Child Sponsors.



For just \$55 a month you can invest in the life of a child just like Theara and help create a brighter future!

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