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Aussie kids learn to “Share Christmas” with children in Cambodia

Children from participating Extend after school care services will have the opportunity to Share Christmas by making Christmas cards for an underprivileged child in Cambodia.

Extend Kids Club has joined forces with “Extend-a-Hand” this year with the **Share Christmas Project 2010**, in partnership with Samaritan’s Purse. On behalf of Extend, Samaritan’s Purse will help distribute these cards made through the project to children from 7 pre-schools in Cambodia funded by the international relief agency.

As a result, 280 children from these schools will receive the gift of love this Christmas.

“This project is a great way for us to send the right message to our kids,” states Darren Stevenson, Extend Director. “Having been brought up in Australia in a comfortable home with 3 meals a day and a good education, our kids can sometimes take their lives for granted. This project is a great way to raise awareness with our kids and remind them that there are children in underdeveloped countries that are not as fortunate. Kids are never too young to start learning how to reach out to the community, no matter how small the gesture.”

19 participating Extend after school care services in Melbourne have already begun working towards their target number of Christmas cards to make with a final deadline of Friday 5 November.

To find out which Extend after school care service is participating in the Share Christmas Project and book an appointment for a **local news story** and **fun photo opportunity**, please contact Joanne Ma at the Extend Head Office. For further information visit www.extend.com.au/extend-a-hand.aspx

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