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**“Influenza Pandemics: More Than Just Media Hype”  
Influenza H1N1 and H5N1 (Swine Flue and Bird Flue)**

SIEM REAP, Cambodia (July 31, 2009) – The Center for Friends Without A Border (Friends Center) is honored to announce that on August 7, 2009 at 6:00pm, the Friends Center will be hosting a cocktail reception followed by a lecture on “Influenza Pandemics: More Than Just Media Hype”. This event is to raise funds for Angkor Hospital for Children (AHC) and to educate the public about Swine Flue (influenza H1N1) and Bird Flue (influenza H5N1) which have recently been prominently featured in the news.

The lecture will be presented by a knowledgeable senior medical doctor from Angkor Hospital for Children. After the presentation, there will be a question and answer session open to everyone at the event.

Good friends and supporters of the hospital have generously donated an impressive array of fabulous items for the audience to bid on including an intimate dinner for 2 at Tara Angkor Hotel; a luxurious massage for 2 at Sokha Angkor Hotel and Spa Siem Reap; a week’s permit for 2 to use the swimming pool at Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf and Spa Resort; a spa membership for 2 at Borei Angkor Resort and Spa Hotel, and much more.

The entrance fee for the event is 5.00USD for foreigners, 3.00USD for Cambodian, and 1.00USD for children 12 to 16 years old. Children under 12 are free. As a special offer, anyone who purchases 5 tickets between August 1<sup>st</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>, will get one additional ticket free.

Many Cambodian people suffer from respiratory infections, but with more awareness and medical funding, they can be treated. Children affected by infectious diseases often turn to the Angkor Hospital for Children for help. Currently, Influenza H1N1 is spreading all over the world, reaching Cambodia and its children. Additionally, Influenza H5N1 has been detected in Cambodia and presents another potential threat. Thus, we hope to educate the community about symptoms and everyday steps to help prevent infection with these viruses. Through more knowledge and donations, we hope to stop the spread of these terrible diseases. The children need your help.

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The Center for Friends Without A Border (Friends Center) at Angkor Hospital for Children (AHC) receives and educates many visitors to the AHC campus. These visitors have the opportunity to view a fine art photography gallery and to learn more about the impact of Cambodia’s recent history and the dramatic progress being made today through the medical care and outreach programs provided by AHC.

Angkor Hospital for Children provides free pediatric care to more than 300 children each day; trains hundred of healthcare professional each year; and strives to restore Cambodia’s healthcare infrastructure. Every child has the right to a happy and healthy life!

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