

Tabitha Foundation Singapore

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Want to do some fund raising but don't know how?

When Janne was here last week, she was presented with a donation from two teachers at UWC, **Mr and Mrs Skillicorn**.

They both celebrated a significant birthday this year and rather than birthday gifts they asked friends to donate for Tabitha. The total donation raised is enough for 73 wells – quite an achievement.

We have had other couples and individuals doing this but it was a great reminder that you can raise funds with the simplest of ideas.

Please let us know if you have any fund raising tips or ideas you would like to share, contact us via donations@tabithasingapore.com

During Janne's visit to Singapore last week she spent time at both **United World College** Campuses. She talked to a number of different classes as well as being presented with some fantastic cheques from fund raising events, including funds to build a new school! Did you know that most of the international schools support Tabitha. If your children attend school in Singapore, ask if they support Tabitha.

Upcoming events

- Home sale 15 Ardmore Park, #16-0, from 10am to 6pm on the 20th October.
- **Silk sale at China Collection**, 20 Malcolm Road, 3rd and 4th November, times tba

Welcome to our fifth Tabitha Foundation Singapore Newsletter. We are aiming to bring you, our volunteers and supporters, regular news and photographs on what's happening in the world of Tabitha Singapore. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and please let us know about any events you would like us to share. Eleanor Craia, president@tabithasingapore.com

Silk News

Last week we held our first Silk Sale at **Originals**. **Geri Murphy**, the owner of **Originals** has been a long standing supporter of Tabitha and she was in fact the host for the original highly successful Tabitha Silk Fair. Geri and her staff were very helpful as we took over the shop for two days! We also had great support from a number of other organisations; **Santa Fe** provided all the transportation of the silk products from and to our stockroom in SAS. **Toque @ToTT Store**, a fantastic deli on the first floor of the Sime Darby Centre, provided free coffee and nibbles to all the volunteers. **Janne Ritske** the Tabitha Founder came along on Friday, taking the opportunity to talk to as many people as possible. Of course we also had a dedicated team of volunteers who gave their time to help shoppers choose from the great array of silk products. Over the two days we raised just under \$40k. The proceeds of the sales and the donations are remitted back to Cambodia. Sales of this level also mean that we can place additional orders with the Tabitha ladies in Cambodia, which in turn, gives them additional work, and at the

end of the day that is what we aim to achieve.



Janne with Geri Murphy at the Originals Tabitha Silk Fair

Thanks again to everyone for their support.

The next cottage industry event is next week when we have a home sale on the 20th October at **15 Ardmore Park, #16-0, from 10am to 6pm**. **Anna Leonard**, a long term Tabitha supporter has opened up her home in Ardmore to us once more. We asked Anna to tell us a little bit about her involvement with Tabitha –

"In 2003 my husband and eldest daughter went on a SAS house-build to Cambodia and met Janne Ritske. Our son has also built houses and my husband and I have led a house-build trip. We are soon hosting our second home fair for Tabitha silks. Most of all, our family has a passion for field-well irrigation projects. We have been to Phnom Penh to meet the farmers and witnessed the life-changing benefits when they have the ability to grow crops year-round. We highly encourage



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you to sponsor a field well, and help turn Cambodia green!"

Thank you Anna, you shared some of your photos with me and you really have been responsible for changing the colour of the Cambodian countryside!

Volunteers

At the end of September we held a coffee morning for new and current volunteers. We had quite a number of new volunteers all eager to help the Tabitha cause. Thank you again Kathy Cohen for hosting the event.

If you didn't manage to come along but feel you have particular skills which you think could benefit Tabitha, or you simply want to be part of a team, please get in touch with us at

volunteers@tabithasingapore.com.



Some of the attendees at the recent coffee morning

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