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Rabbit Island Survivor Challenge 2009

As part of the Golden Futures Support Project, we provided funding for Attitude Centre for Education to come into NFC and conduct one of their famous Survivor Challenges.

In Autumn 2009, 15 of the oldest children at New Future for Children (NFC) were given the opportunity to travel to Rabbit Island, off the coast of Cambodia, near Kep. There they were put through their paces by a team from Attitude Centre for Education, a Cambodian NGO which focuses on developing the skills and capabilities of disadvantaged young people in Cambodia. Attitude has already worked with many other NGOs, providing

many children with the benefits of their unique programmes. Saing Sokchea, Director of Attitude, said: "It was a very special program to empower youth in NFC. They used this chance to make better relationships, know how to work in groups, and learn time management."



The boat trip across to the island.



The team celebrates with a swim!

The NFC group were given a series of challenges, from the practical: buying food from a local market and preparing a meal, to the intellectual: tests of English language ability and general reasoning, not forgetting a range of gruelling physical challenges! They were required to work as a team throughout, and develop their communication and leadership skills. Afterwards, all the participants were given a questionnaire. Everyone indicated that they had enjoyed the experience, and most felt they had learned a lot. Two boys commented that the exercise had helped

them identify their own strengths and weaknesses and how to address them:

"I can see what I am good at and not good at. So I can improve it my own."

"I learnt from myself and I will build to become a strong man."

Golden Futures, with your help, intends to expand our Support Programme so that more of the young people in NFC are fully equipped to leave the centre and move onto work, education or training.