



# Cambodian Landmines Event



Last year, the Rotaract Club of College Park joined numerous other Rotaract Clubs in District 7620 (which encompasses Maryland, D.C., and parts of Virginia) in a group effort to raise money to get landmines out of Cambodia. Located in Southeast Asia, Cambodia is riddled with thousands of landmines left from previous wars. The Rotaract Club of College Park assisted with this process both individually and with other clubs.



One of our methods for raising money for this important cause was a 5K run. We got sponsors who generously donated to the cause, and as a result, our efforts raised \$2,200 for the cause. The 5K run took place at College Park's very own Lake Artemesia, and helped make the Cambodian Landmines Event possible.

The actual Cambodian Landmines event took place in May at the Cambodian Embassy in Washington, D.C., where numerous Rotaract Clubs helped cater to Rotarians and guests of the Cambodian Ambassador by serving food and wine and providing items to be auctioned both in live and silent settings. The event also featured a Cambodian dance performance, pictured left. In the end, the event was a resounding success, as it ended up raising nearly \$20,000. It was also covered by the Voice of America in a featured Article.



*“This is the first time the young professionals and students have ever done an event such as this one, and all the money we raise tonight through silent and live auctions and through ticket sales will go directly to Cambodia.”*

*-Poonam Chhunchha, District Rotaract Representative, 2007-08*