

WE CELEBRATE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHARITY



I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all donors and charity members who have generously supported our projects in the past 10 years and enabled us to help countless needy families, children and also animals in Sangkhlaburi and in the surrounding region, in good cooperation with local aid organizations.

We received 156,305 Swiss Francs in donations during these 10 years, of which 100,000 Swiss Francs were contributed from the cantonal lottery winnings fund by the Canton of Schaffhausen, Switzerland.

Our work and administration is voluntary, every donated cent will be used for a sustainable and meaningful project.

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1. FAMILY AND CHILD SUPPORT

A heartfelt thank you to the Canton of Schaffhausen for the grant of 10'000 Swiss Francs from the cantonal lottery winnings fund, which we transferred, according to our application, to the ONE SKY FOUNDATION, our local partner organization, for the purpose of supporting disadvantaged families and children in Sangkhlaburi.

Due to my presence on site, I am in a close and trustful contact with the ONE SKY FOUNDATION and follow their activities regularly.



ONE SKY FOUNDATION is a local organization in Sangkhlaburi that works according to UNICEF guidelines, and whose goal is to reduce the hardship of disadvantaged families and children in this region. It is mainly run by local staff who are very familiar with the situation in this region.

Many families in Sangkhlaburi and surrounding areas are from ethnic minorities with stateless status, or are refugees from neighboring Burma, which is ruled by an extremely violent military regime.

Stateless people have little access to the welfare system in Thailand and are often dependent on assistance from non-governmental organizations.

Social disadvantages, unemployment, no access to health care are widespread and often lead to further problems such as sexual abuse or exploitation of children.

Many families in desperate situations are tempted to hand over one or more of their children to one of the numerous children's homes in the hope that they will then be relieved and the children will receive an appropriate education. However, children then often lose contact with their parental home.

The goal of the ONE SKY FOUNDATION is to keep these families together by means of various aid services. Poverty must not be a reason for families to be separated and children to be abandoned to a children's home, which often happens, not only in Sangkhlaburi. International studies have shown that the care of a child in an institution costs about six times as much as direct family support. In addition, children who grow up in an institution are more prone to drug abuse, crime or prostitution.

Assistance to families is provided in the form of financial or material support in emergencies, basic food, access to educational facilities for children and adolescents, scholarships, psychological support for abused women and children, or help with problems and language barriers with local authorities.

For more information about ONE SKY FOUNDATION please visit their website

Click → www.oneskyfoundation.org

2. COVID EMERGENCY AID PROGRAM

Although the situation of the pandemic has improved noticeably, restaurants, stores, and street kitchens have been in operation again for some time, many are still suffering from the aftermath of the past 2 years.

For this reason, we contributed 1,200 Swiss Francs to a COVID Emergency Aid Program for families in need, which is organized and conducted by the local ONE SKY FOUNDATION, and helps families who were affected by restrictions during the pandemic and who are already struggling for their livelihoods.

Through this COVID Emergency Aid Program, ONE SKY FOUNDATION supports these families with basic food items such as rice, cooking oil, eggs, vegetables and canned goods as well as milk for children.



3. WEAVING FOR WOMEN

This weaving project was founded in 1995 by Mrs. Daisy Dwe in order to help stateless families and single mothers from different ethnic groups in the area to earn their own income so that they can contribute to their livelihood. It is now run by her daughter, Mrs. Nimar Dwe, who took it over from her mother in 2015. We have contributed 2,550 Swiss Francs to this project.

680 Swiss Francs of this amount will be used for 2 semesters of tuition fees for Chayanit, a young woman studying nursing at Boromarajonani College of Nursing in Ratchaburi. Chayanit grew up partly in a foster family in Sangkhlaburi and partly in a local institution. (see also page 9)

Our charity supports Nimar's outstanding contribution and social commitment to the welfare of the community in Sangkhlaburi. With our support, Nimar is now providing basic foodstuffs such as rice, cooking oil, eggs and canned food to the families of weavers who were unemployed for quite a long time during the pandemic, but also to other families in need.

Without me asking for it, Nimar gives me receipts and statements for all the food she buys and gives to needy families. This is a good example of cooperation based on trust.



บิลเงินสด CASHSALE 現金單

วันที่ 5-4-65

เลขที่	จำนวน	ราคาต่อหน่วย	รวม
109	ข้าวหอมมะลิ	1200	1200
รวม			1200

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วันที่ 5-4-65

เลขที่	จำนวน	ราคาต่อหน่วย	รวม
37	ข้าวหอมมะลิ	125	3975
1	ข้าวหอมมะลิ	900	1600
รวม			4975

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4. GATEWAY & SKILLS TRAINING CENTER

Gateway Café & Skills Training Center is located in the town of Sangkhlaburi. It is a project that runs a café and a bakery/pastry shop, as well as providing basic training, further education or even an opportunity in learning the art of baking, especially to young people, single mothers and widowed women. We have supported this project again this year with 700 Swiss Francs.



Rolyn, a Filipina who has lived in Sangkhlaburi for many years, founded this project. The café is a highlight for lovers of freshly brewed local coffee, various teas, exotic fruit drinks and all kinds of pastries and desserts. Delicious menus are also offered. Some of the products and ingredients used for drinks and dishes come from her own garden. Two widowed women and a teenage apprentice work in the bakery and café.

At the Skills Training Center, Rolyn offers free English, math and computer classes to young students and later supports them when they go to university. In return, the students come back to Sangkhlaburi during semester breaks and help out in the bakery and café.

Thanks to the help and support of Rolyn and her Gateway Project, three young women are currently studying at university. One is studying hotel and restaurant management, one nursing, and one tourism and hotel management. They come from rural areas and their families were unable to finance their education due to poverty or family issues.

Rolyn also helps needy families and single mothers in remote areas in the Sangkhlaburi region with her outreach program. In addition to providing basic food, this includes basic education, lessons in hygiene, assistance with hospitalization, preventive checkups for pregnant women, etc.



5. BHI BORDER HEALTH INITIATIVE

BHI (Border Health Initiative) is a local health organization in Sangkhlaburi that provides medical care to isolated communities on both sides of the Thai-Burmese border, targeting areas that are inaccessible to other service providers due to political or geographical barriers.

We supported BHI with a donation of 1,500 Swiss Francs (54,000 Thai Baht), which will be used primarily to provide primary health care to disadvantaged people in the area.

BHI' main tasks

- Health care
- Mother and child health care (MCHC)
- Antenatal care (ANC)
- Obstetric care for safe births
- Medical outreach field work with mobile clinics (MO)
- Health access support
- Vaccination support
- Medical support for the chronically ill
- Health education in kindergartens and schools
- Child protection and prevention of sexual abuse
- Education about children's rights



From left to right

Non Pa Kao

Mi Dong Kit

Sajin Rot

Saikamar Non

Urs Schmid as a representative of SFHS

Mi Chan Non

6. SANGKHLABURI ANIMAL SANCTUARY

On May 1st, the new SANGKHLABURI ANIMAL SANCTUARY, with a well-equipped clinic, celebrated the first anniversary of its foundation.

Currently it houses 20 dogs, mainly street dogs, who were found abandoned in poor health condition or brought in by people, but thanks to good and intensive care, have become lovable dogs and are now ready for adoption.

Among its other activities, the shelter also makes an important contribution to the entire community in Sangkhlaburi. Vaccination programs against rabies, which is still widespread in many regions of Thailand, sterilization and medical care for street dogs are a large part of the sanctuary's work and contribute to the safety of all residents.

We rewarded this important work with a contribution of 4'880 Swiss Franks of which 3'880 Swiss Francs were earmarked for this project at the request of some of our donors.

Veterinarians Dr. Juan from Colombia and Dr. Sohaib from Pakistan at work



Outreach work in the region such as rabies vaccinations, sterilizations, deworming, and treatment of wounds are among the important tasks.



Success Stories

Uno, the first rescued dog, who was found in an almost hopeless condition and was fostered by manager Denise. Uno was adopted last October and now lives with a family in Canada.



Mary, how she was found abandoned and what a beautiful and adorable dog she has become.



Joe who is handicapped from birth on the hind legs and was found abandoned together with two siblings enjoys the physiotherapy and makes a lot of progress.



Care for the residents of the sanctuary are among the tasks of the volunteers.



7. 10TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIPS

To mark our anniversary, we awarded scholarships to two students.

Chayanit

Chayanit from Sangkhlaburi is 20 years old and started her education in June at Boromarajonani College of Nursing in Ratchaburi.

Chayanit grew up partly in a foster family in Sangkhlaburi and partly in a local institution during her childhood.

We support her with this education and cover the costs for the first two semesters at the college with CHF 680 (25'000 Thai Baht).



Asa

Asa from Sangkhlaburi is 20 years old and started studying Humanities and Business English in June at Rajabhat University in Kanchanaburi.

Her goal is to work for an international organization after completing her education.

Asa's parents are struggling to finance her education. Her father is known in Sangkhlaburi as a recycling collector who goes from house to house with his handcart to collect plastic, glass, cardboard and scrap metal.

With the small proceeds he has to cover the whole living costs of the family.

We support Asa with CHF 900 (32'000 Thai Baht). This includes the tuition fees for one year and the annual rent for the accommodation, which she shares with fellow students.



We wish these two young women much success in their education