



ANNUAL REPORT / AUGUST 2022 – JULY 2023

Heartfelt thanks

to all our donors and charity members who made it possible for us to support meaningful and sustainable projects in the Sangkhlaburi region in the past charity year. Many poverty-stricken families, children, students and also animals benefited from our help.

Our work and administration is voluntary, every donated cent goes to a beneficial project.

Special thanks again to the Canton of Schaffhausen, Switzerland, which supported us again this year with a contribution of 10'000 Fr. from the lottery winnings-fund, which according to our application went to the local One Sky Foundation for their valuable support for needy families and children in this region.



We received 23'081 Swiss Francs in donations in our past fiscal year (August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023), of which 10'000 Swiss Francs were contributed by the Canton of Schaffhausen, Switzerland.

OUR SUPPORTED PROJECTS 2022 / 2023

1. FAMILY AND CHILD WELFARE
2. WEAVING FOR WOMEN
3. FIRST ASSISTANCE AFTER FIRE IN REFUGEE CAMP
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6. SANGKHLABURI ANIMAL SANCTUARY
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1. FAMILY AND CHILD WELFARE

Heartfelt thanks again 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

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2. WEAVING FOR WOMEN

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Weaving for Women was founded in 1995 by Mrs. Daisy Dwe to support stateless families and single mothers of different ethnicities in the area to earn their own income so that they can contribute on their own to their livelihood. The project is now managed by her daughter, Mrs. Nimar Dwe, who took over from her mother in 2015.

Our charity supported Nimar's project and her social engagement for the needy in Sangkhlaburi also this year with a contribution of 2'300 Swiss Francs (83'684 Thai Baht)

With our contribution, Nimar provides not only the families of the weavers, but also other needy families in the Sangkhlaburi region, with basic foodstuffs such as rice, cooking oil, eggs and durable canned goods.



Nimar and her mother Daisy, the founder of Weaving for Women



3. FIRST ASSISTANCE AFTER FIRE IN REFUGEE CAMP

For Burmese refugees in Ban Ton Yang refugee camp in Sangkhlaburi district, Christmas was a disaster. A fire destroyed 21 houses and damaged 10 others on Sunday, December 25. Fortunately, no one was injured, but many families lost their homes and belongings.

The local One Sky Foundation responded quickly with an initial relief effort to support those affected.

We supported One Sky Foundation in their relief efforts with an amount of 1'000 Swiss Francs (35'000 Thai Baht).



4. HALOCKHANEER NURSERY SCHOOL

The Mon National Nursery School in Halockhaneer Camp in Mon State, Burma, bordering Sangkhlaburi District, is in a precarious state and no longer safe for the children.

Ricardo Zoleta, the manager of Baan Dada Children's Home in Huay Malay, Sangkhlaburi, and a passionate craftsman, decided to replace this nursery building to make it safe again for the children.

As Halockhaneer is difficult to access during the rainy season, the building work on site can only start after the rainy season in November.

However, Ricardo is already in his workshop preparing installation material so that the building can be done quickly in November. We have contributed 40'000 Thai Baht (997 Swiss Francs) to this project which will be used for buying building material.



5. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

We continue to support two young female students from Sangkhlaburi in their second year of studies with 1'100 Swiss Francs each.

This amount includes the annual tuition fees for the university and accommodation at the place of study.

Chayanit

Chayanit is now 23 years old and started her second year in June at Boromarajonani College for Nursing in Ratchaburi.

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

With our scholarship contribution we can relieve her foster family financially.



Asa

Asa, 21, from Sangkhlaburi started her second year at Rajabhat University in Kanchanaburi in June, where she is studying Business English and Humanities.

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

Asa's father is struggling to finance Asa's education. He 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. He uses the small amount of money he makes to support himself and his daughter.

Our scholarship for Asa is also a great relief for her father.



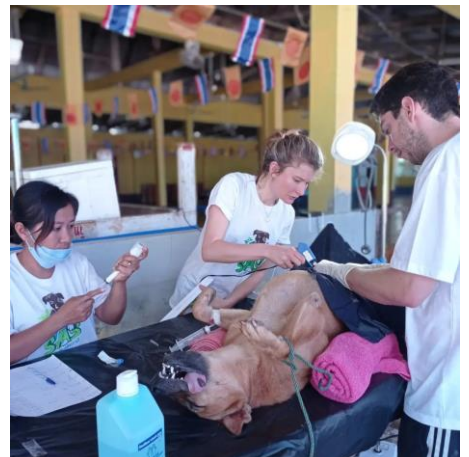
6. SANGKHLABURI ANIMAL SANCTUARY

On May 1, the SANGKHLABURI ANIMAL SANCTUARY, which has a well-equipped clinic, celebrated the second anniversary of its foundation.

It currently houses 21 dogs, mainly street dogs that were found abandoned and in poor health or given away by people, but thanks to good and intensive care have turned into lovable dogs and are now ready for adoption.

The sanctuary also makes an important contribution to the whole community in Sangkhlaburi with sterilization and rabies vaccination programs in its own clinic but also outside in temples, schools and in remote settlements in the region, contributing to the safety of all.

We supported this important work was supported with a contribution of 6'400 Swiss Francs, of which 5'600 Swiss Francs were earmarked for this project at the request of some donors. From the general fund of the Charity 800 Swiss Francs were allocated.



7. JOB PROVIDING FOR A YOUNG UNEMPLOYED MIGRANT

Nai is a young 22-year-old Burmese who came to Sangkhlaburi alone 7 years ago and now lives under the care of a local church. Burmese immigrants have a hard time finding work and living a dignified life here.

Due to the rainy season, the only local animal shelter in Sangkhlaburi, the Sangkhlaburi Animal Sanctuary, currently has no volunteers to perform tasks such as feeding the dogs, walking the dogs, cleaning the pens, playing with the furry animals, and general tasks.

In consultation with the Sangkhlaburi Animal Sanctuary, we decided to give Nai a chance and hire him as a full-time employee to perform these tasks.

Since the Sangkhlaburi Animal Sanctuary is a donation-based project and, like all aid projects in this country, is financially not really well off, our charity decided to cover Nai's salary for the first three months.

Nai's monthly salary is 10,000 Thai Baht, which is equivalent to about 250 Swiss Francs, and which is also the legal minimum wage in Thailand. For a single person living in Sangkhlaburi, this is a reasonable wage.

Nai has already completed his first two months and has shown that he fulfills his tasks with a lot of commitment and joy and to the full satisfaction of the entire team. He has also assisted the veterinarians in the sterilization program in the Mon Village Wangka with much interest.



Once again  many thanks

Urs Schmid, Charity President «Schaffhauser Freunde helfen Sangkhlaburi»

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