



ANNUAL REPORT 2025 / 2026

HEARTFELT THANKS

to all our donors, friends and members who, once again during the past fiscal year, have enabled us to support meaningful and sustainable projects in the Sangkhlaburi region. Many families with children affected by poverty or other social disadvantages have benefited from your help.

Our work and administrative tasks are carried out on a voluntary basis; every cent donated goes towards a worthwhile project.

Special thanks go to the Canton of Schaffhausen in Switzerland, which once again gifted us with a generous donation of 10,000 Swiss Francs from the Swiss lottery winnings fund; in accordance with our application, this contribution was forwarded to our local partner organisation, the 'One Sky Foundation', for its valuable assistance to disadvantaged families in this region.



In the past fiscal year (August 1, 2025 – July 31, 2026), we received donations totaling 20,890 Swiss Francs, of which 10,000 Swiss Francs were provided by the Canton of Schaffhausen. 20,277 Swiss Francs were used for various projects, to support disadvantaged families and vulnerable children in this remote region, or as scholarships for young students.

OUR PROJECTS 2025 / 2026

1. ONE SKY FOUNDATION
2. WEAVING FOR WOMEN
3. FAMILY SUPPORT
4. SANGKHLABURI ANIMAL SANCTUARY
5. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

1. ONE SKY FOUNDATION

A heartfelt thank you to the Canton of Schaffhausen, Switzerland, for the latest donation of 10,000 Swiss Francs from the Swiss lottery winnings fund, which we have forwarded – in accordance with our application – to our partners, the local “One Sky Foundation”, for the purpose of supporting disadvantaged families and vulnerable children in Sangkhlaburi. Thanks to my presence on the ground, I maintain close and trusting contact with the “One Sky Foundation” and regularly monitor their activities.



“One Sky Foundation” is a registered Thai foundation that works to address the needs of vulnerable children in the Thai-Burmese border district of Sangkhlaburi. It takes a holistic approach and strives for sustainable, family-oriented solutions that are guided by the best interests of the children and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). We have reported in detail on the activities of the “One Sky Foundation” in recent years and in our previous annual reports, but will provide further information on request.

A report on how the funds provided by the Canton of Schaffhausen have been used can be found later in September on our website. Further information about the “One Sky Foundation” can be found on its website.

www.oneskyfoundation.org



A click on OK opens One Sky’s website



In Sangkhlaburi:

- Children suffer from neglect, domestic violence and other forms of abuse
- Support is needed to prevent and more effectively handle child protection cases

In Sangkhlaburi:

- There are 17 children's homes, housing over 600 children
- Over 90% of children in these homes are not orphans, and in many cases are in institutional care due to family poverty

In Sangkhlaburi:

- Many families earn as little as 3000 Thai baht (~US\$100) per month
- Poverty puts children at risk, poses barriers to education and healthcare, and leads to family separation

In Sangkhlaburi:

- Children die from malaria, infections and other treatable ailments
- Monthly salaries can be as low as 3,000 Thai baht per month, treatment at a local hospital can cost tens of thousands

2. WEAVING FOR WOMEN

The “Weaving for Women” project was founded in 1995 by Ms. Daisy Dwe to help stateless families and single mothers from various ethnic minorities in this area generate their own income so they can contribute to their own livelihoods. The project is now led by her daughter, Ms. Nimar Dwe, who took over from her mother in 2015.

In the past year, our charity supported Nimar's project and her social commitment to the underprivileged in Sangkhlaburi with a donation of 1,800 Swiss francs.

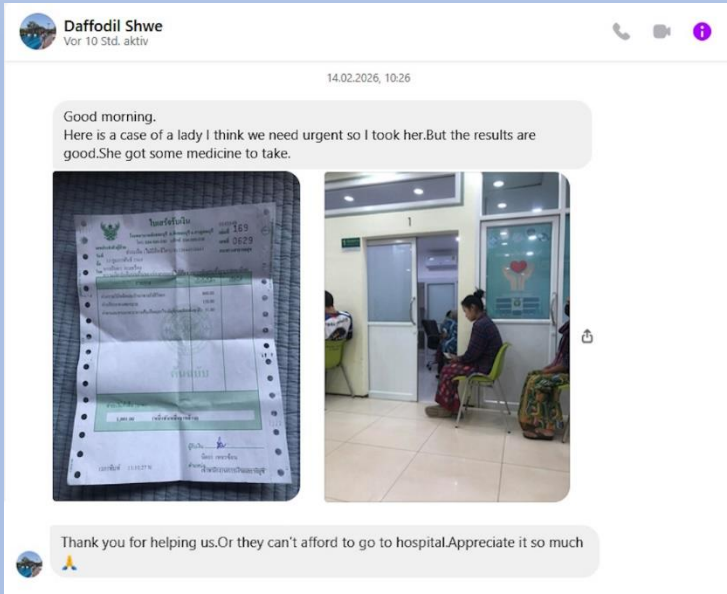
With our donation, Nimar not only provides the families of the weavers, but also other disadvantaged families in the Sangkhlaburi region, with basic food supplies such as rice, cooking oil, eggs, and canned goods; she also helps with hospital bills.

In 2025, she also gave gifts of essential items to those in need at the Parish Christmas celebration. Nimar provides me with receipts for everything she purchases to help people in need.

WEAVING FOR WOMEN



Nimar and her mother Daisy, founder of Weaving for Women



3. FAMILY SUPPORT

During the past year, we supported P Fah, a single mother, with donations totaling 1,450 Swiss Francs.

P Fah is originally from Burma and runs a small, basic four-room guesthouse in Sangkhlaburi called “Grandma’s Homestay,” which she took over from her mother, affectionately known to everyone as “Grandma.” Her guesthouse is mainly used by young backpackers on a tight budget or by volunteers who work in Sangkhlaburi for a certain period of time.

For 12 years, P Fah has been caring for her foster daughter Mimi, who is now 15 years old. Mimi’s mother died when she was young, and her father found work on a fishing boat in southern Thailand. He was unable to care for Mimi on his own. It is thanks to P Fah that she took Mimi in as her daughter instead of having her placed in a children's home. Mimi has been attending public school since this year, after spending her first nine years at a children's home school.

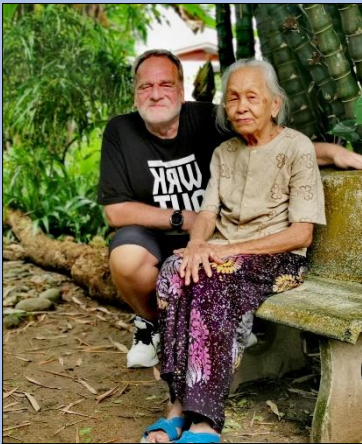
Because the homestay isn't very busy during the rainy season, as is usually the case, and even though she earns a little extra by offering a laundry service and running a small shop at the homestay, the monthly fixed costs and the expenses for Mimi's school, which she has to cover herself, are a major burden.

P Fah's plan now is to set up a food stand in downtown Sangkhlaburi, where she will serve Burmese dishes at lunchtime to generate additional income. She is already preparing lunch menus at home, which she promotes to friends and in the neighborhood.

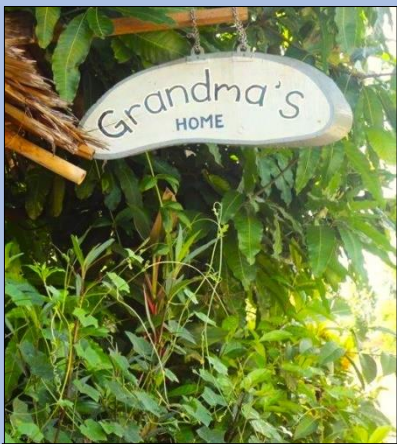
We have decided to cover Mimi’s school expenses, which amount to approximately 230 Swiss Francs per year; the remaining balance of the approved grant is intended to cover P Fah’s fixed costs and her expenses related to setting up her food stand. P Fah has agreed to keep us regularly updated on her project.



P Fah with Mimi



Grandma with Urs



The Homestay



4. SANGKHLABURI ANIMAL SANCTUARY

The Sangkhlaburi Animal Sanctuary celebrated its 5th anniversary on May 1.

Like all nonprofit organizations, the Sangkhlaburi Animal Sanctuary has to work hard for every donation. Nevertheless, the work of this shelter, which also operates a small veterinary clinic, is of great importance to the entire community in this region.

Whenever volunteer vets are available, they perform spaying and neutering surgeries on pets and stray animals at the sanctuary's clinic and through a mobile clinic that reaches remote settlements, temples, schools, and the town center, and vaccinate against rabies and parvo—a highly contagious canine disease.

Spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, and emergency veterinary care are provided completely free of charge. These essential, life-saving services are 100% funded by donations and benefit a region where many families simply cannot afford veterinary costs.

Thanks to years of continuous and widespread vaccinations, the Sangkhlaburi region is now virtually rabies-free, and spay and neuter surgeries have significantly reduced the homeless dog and cat population.

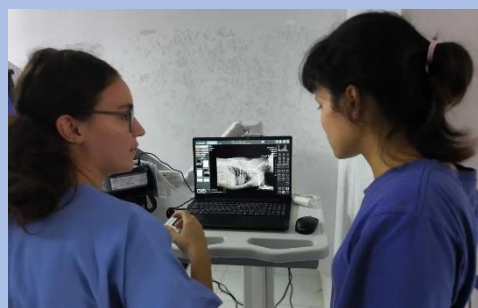
Just recently, thanks to generous donors, the sanctuary was able to purchase a portable digital X-ray machine for its clinic. Previously, a single X-ray required an eight-hour round trip to a veterinary clinic in the provincial capital of Kanchanaburi.

The sanctuary currently houses 26 dogs, some of whom were found in terrible condition but have been nursed back to health. They are now healthy, gentle animals ready for adoption.

At the specific request of several donors, our charity forwarded 3,500 Swiss Francs to the Sangkhlaburi Animal Sanctuary.



A click on OK opens the website of the sanctuary



From the street to a loving home

Megan and Owen, A young couple from England, who had volunteered at the sanctuary for a couple of weeks, decided to adopt Som Jud, a three-legged dog, after they had already returned to England. Som Jud had to have one of her hind legs amputated after a concerned resident brought her to the sanctuary's clinic, because of an injury that was hopeless to heal. Som Jud has been living with the couple in England since May.



A click on OK opens a YouTube video about the Sangkhlaburi Animal Sanctuary

5. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

In 2022, we began awarding scholarships to two young female students, Chayanit and Asa, from Sangkhlaburi to help them cover their university and living expenses at their place of study and to ease the financial burden on their families. Last year, we also awarded a scholarship to Prakaifah for her final year of study at Rangsit University, where she was studying business administration.

We are very pleased that all three of them recently successfully completed their studies. Congratulations! After completing an internship, Chayanit will take one more subject during the summer semester; Asa has already started a good job in southern Thailand. She is now the head of the reservations department at a company in the tourism industry. What a start to a career!

Chayanit



porsar Chayanit <porsar.roman@gmail.com> 06.05.2025 06:02

Re: University payments

An schmid-urs@bluewin.ch

Dear sir

Hello sawadeeka, I've already received university payment.

Thank you so much for your kindness and support my education, I really appreciate it, that help me a lot. please take care of your health 🙏 .

Sincerely Chayanit



Asa



อาษา <arsanaja333@gmail.com> 10.07.2026 08:56

Thank You for Your Scholarship Support

An Schmid-urs@bluewin.ch <schmid-urs@bluewin.ch>

Dear Urs,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for awarding me this scholarship. Your generous support has played a significant role in helping me complete my university education.

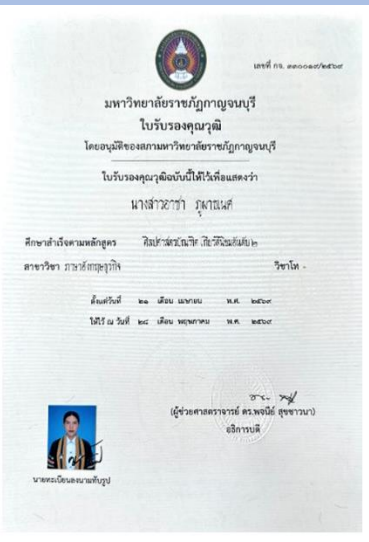
I am delighted to share that I have successfully graduated with Second-Class Honors. I will officially receive my degree certificate at the graduation ceremony next year.

This scholarship has not only eased my financial burden but has also encouraged me to stay committed to my studies and pursue my goals with determination. I truly appreciate the opportunity you have given me, and I will always remember your kindness and support.

Thank you once again for believing in me and investing in my education. I sincerely hope to make good use of the knowledge and experience I have gained and contribute positively to society in the future. 🙏

Yours sincerely,

Asa



Prakaifah



Prakaifah Pinitjaroenku <prakaifah.115@gmail.com>

15.10.2025

An schmid-urs@bluewin.ch

Dear Urs,

Thank you very much for your kind support and generosity. I truly appreciate this opportunity and will make sure to use the funds responsibly for my education and living expenses.

Now I'm study last year and do my project finish and next year. I'm in internship 2 months in Bangkok and graduate.

I just want to say thank you so much for your support regarding my education and better future. I truly appreciate and treasure it. May God bless you always. ❤️

I am deeply grateful to you and the donors in Switzerland for believing in the value of education.

Thank you again for your kindness. 🙏

Best regards, Prakaifah

After these three young women successfully completed their studies at universities, we welcomed two new students into our scholarship program.

Jarumon

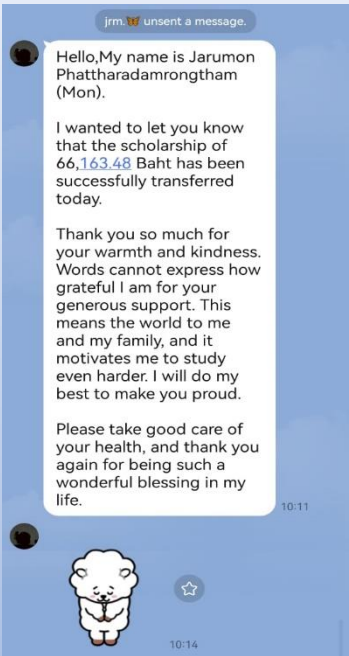


Jarumon turned 21 this year and grew up in Sangkhlaburi, where she also attended elementary school and graduated from high school.

She is now studying traditional Thai medicine at Abhaibhubejhr College of Thai Traditional Medicine in Prachinburi and began her third of four years of studies in June 2026.

Our contribution of 1,650 Swiss Francs covers college tuition fees, housing in the college dormitory, and basic living expenses for one year.

This scholarship will also provide significant financial relief to her family.



Nitchakan



Nitchakan will turn 20 in August. She, too, grew up in Sangkhlaburi and attended elementary and high school there.

She studies business administration in her second year at Charansanitwong Technological College in Bangkok.

Her father passed away after several extended hospital stays, and given all the resulting expenses, it is a heavy burden for her mother, who is now a single parent, to cover the costs of her education.

With a scholarship of 910 Swiss Francs, we have covered her semester fees and her share of the rent for a room, she shares with a fellow student, through the end of the year.



*"Education is the passport to the future,
for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." (Malcolm X)*

Once again, heartfelt thanks for your support and donations

Urs Schmid, Charity Chairman, «Schaffhauser Freunde helfen Sangkhlaburi»