



Dear Child's Dream Supporters and Doners,

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"Education changes everything". Most likely, this will not change in the future. Despite all the changes. Despite all the technologies that seem to make our lives easier. Despite artificial intelligence. Despite, no, rather because of our natural urge for more and more freedom and free time. Most probably, this will have to be earned in the future: through education.

Education is not a necessary evil. It is a basic human need. In rich industrialized countries, satisfying this need is regulated by law, provided largely free of charge - and often taken for granted. For most people in this world, it is a dream: to go to school and be allowed to learn.

This year, Child's Dream is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Two decades of dream fulfillment for disadvantaged children and young people in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar. Along with the chance to lead a more self-determined life in the future. Actively supported by you since 2016 - by my friends, acquaintances, patrons and companies associated with me through my professional life. Helping together according to the motto "You'll Never WORK Alone".

Our current account balance is 30,638 euros. During my last visit to Child's Dream in Chiang Mai in June this year, it was decided to use this money to finance three different training and further education programs, the longest of which will run until 2027.

In detail, these are:

## **1) Three-year High School Scholarship Program in Cambodia**

The aim of Child's Dream is to increase the chances of decent work opportunities and adequate secondary education for disadvantaged pupils in Cambodia by promoting access to secondary education.

Since 2010, a total of 1,038 scholarships have been awarded, of which 520 students have already successfully completed their school education. During their three-year high school education, Child's Dream accompanies the students and offers them targeted training to develop their soft skills and prepare them for entry into working life.

This includes specific training on conducting interviews and preparing applications. From 2024, we will use the donations we generate to support four high school students from Cambodia.

## **2) Nurse / Nurse Aid Scholarship Program in Thailand**

The aim of Child's Dream is to give young adults from disadvantaged families the opportunity to train as caregivers. The program focuses on young migrants and young people who were born in Thailand but have their roots in the migrant and refugee communities as well as other marginalized groups. Students are encouraged to engage in community service, particularly supporting children, and the elderly. There are three types of nurses in Thailand: Bachelor's degree nurses, technical nurses, and nursing assistants.

Nursing assistants are responsible for the general care of patients. They complete a 6-month course. Three months are dedicated to theoretical training, while another three months are spent in practical training. After 6 months, the training is officially completed. Child's Dream also offers scholarship holders a voluntary 3-month internship, preferably at the community health center in their hometown.

This program is very new and was first implemented in 2022. A total of 55 scholarships have already been awarded, of which 43 participants have now successfully completed the course.

With the donations we generated, we supported 2 nursing assistants in 2023.

## **3) University scholarship program in Cambodia**

The goal of Child's Dream is to support the preparation of specialists and leaders who strive to develop and positively shape their home country and communities. We achieve this through scholarships that provide access to specialized higher education in Cambodia. Child's Dream also accompanies the students throughout their careers and offers training that prepares them for starting a career and teaches them soft skills. Since 2015, 146 scholarships have been awarded and 41 students have already successfully completed their studies.

With the donations we have generated, we will support a Cambodian student with a scholarship from 2025.

As we humans - especially children and young people - dream tirelessly, I would be delighted if you would continue to help fulfill these dreams with your donations. As usual, donations can be transferred to our Child's Dream account:


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On behalf of Child's Dream, I would like to thank you once again for your loyalty and your trust in our project work!

I wish you and your families a blessed and peaceful Christmas season. Along with the necessary peace and quiet to look back on the achievements of the past year - and then to tackle the wishes, dreams and goals of the year ahead with confidence and drive.

Together we can make a difference.

Child's Dream Association



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