



Charity Review

Christian Care foundation for Children with Disabilities in Thailand

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Charity Purpose:

Christian Care foundation for Children with Disabilities in Thailand is a Christian based charity which works closely with the government and community to provide rehabilitation services for children with disabilities. The charity has, since its beginning, been based in Nonthaburi in the suburbs of greater Bangkok which is also the area for the government homes for children with disabilities, Pakkred, Nonthaburi. The charity also has community based programs in Nakorn Pathom, Nonthaburi, Pathum Thani and Chai Nat provinces.

The foundation's services include small residential facilities, four day-care Centres, three community based rehabilitation projects, training for parents, caregivers, teachers and other working with "Children at risk", networking throughout Thailand and neighbouring countries to share resources and information to improve outreach to the children with disabilities, help local communities to have better integration of the children in school and public places. Many Similar charities from Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos have come to the foundation for networking and training.

In 1997 The Foundation registered as a Thai NGO with it registered number T83-2540.

Please see the attached CCD annual report of activities for more comprehensive information.

Description of Activities and Programs:

The foundation focuses on rehabilitation for children with disabilities, both in the government home care centre, at Rainbow House and in the community. The foundation primarily works with government's homes for children with disabilities which located outer area of Amphur Pakkred, Nonthaburi. There are more than

2,000 children living in these homes and the foundation has granted and served more than 500 children with disabilities and their families under the foundation projects.

CCD Government Home Projects

CCD's day-care centre at the government home for abandoned children with disabilities

1) Baan Fuang Fah Day Care Centre

Baan Fuang Fah has been running since 1986 and was the first project that CORD (which became CCD) began.

Approach: Providing physiotherapy, pre-school education, play, basic care and medical care, as well as increasing children's exposure to the outside world through day care at the CCD centre, outings and holidays. The Day Care Centre is currently working with 45 children most with multiple disabilities

2) Baan Rachawadee Girls Day Care Centre

History: CCD has been working at the government home for girls and women with disabilities since 2002 and works with girls aged 7 to adults. Most of the girls usually remain in the government institution for the rest of their lives.

Approach: Providing education, basic care, medical care and milk feeding program to the most at risk as well as increasing our girls exposure to the outside world through day care at the CCD centre, outings and holidays. The Day Care Centre is currently working with 23 girls most with multiple disabilities.

3) Baan Rachawadee Boys Day Care Centre

History: CCD previously ran a day-care centre at the government home for boys and men with disabilities, but currently just works with a small number of students and take them to vocational training at Rainbow house.

Approach: Providing education, independence training and increasing students exposure to the outside world through attending vocational training outings and holidays. The Day Care centre is currently working with 24 boys most with cerebral palsy.

Rainbow House Rehabilitation Centre

History: Rainbow Day Care has been running from Rainbow House since 1990 and now serves community families, children from the government orphanage home Fuang Fah and Rainbow House residents.

Approach: Providing physiotherapy, pre-school education, independence skills, parent training and support. Also integrating children in to mainstream society through partnerships with local schools, educational outings and holidays.

Day care students 2017 total 39 children:

Children from community	34
Children from Baan Feung Fah	2
Rainbow House Residents	3
Total	<u>39</u>

Types of Disability in Rainbow Day Care

Autistic	21
Learning Difficulties	3
Down's Syndrome	11
Cerebral Palsy	4

New Hope Centre

1) Early Childhood Development

History: New Hope Centre began in June 2015 as a brand new CCD initiative. The primary aim is to help low income families in the community surrounding Rainbow House, especially those who have one child typically developing and one child with additional needs. The secondary aim is to provide high quality affordable child care and to develop children in a Christian atmosphere teaching Christian ethics.

New Hope is a paid pre-school nursery for children aged 17 months—3 years old. The income helps to fund CCD's work with disabled children.

Children who attended New Hope during 2017

Boys	24
Girls	<u>12</u>
Total	<u><u>36</u></u>

2) Vocational Training at Rainbow House

History: CCD has gradually taken on more and more vocational training as the residents of CCD have grown up. When they reach the limit of their educational ability, thought is given to what type of job each young person could have. Informal to begin with, CCD has now developed a varied program of vocational training to prepare these young people for the work place and secure their future.

Some young people are given work experience opportunities through internships at CCD projects. This could be as a child care assistant or helping the grounds staff. The other type of vocational training is teaching skills like making cards or pots to sell. This prepares these young people for life in the work environment and to get used to working 8 hour days, taking a lunch break, and signing in and out.

Vocational Training Placements	<u>Persons</u>
Rainbow House Residential Carer	1
Assistant to Grounds men	1
Office Assistant	1
Sharing Shop	2
Rainbow House Day Care	1
Donation Box Assistant	<u>1</u>
Total	<u><u>7</u></u>

Residential Care

1) Rainbow House Residents

History: The first Rainbow House opened in 1990 at a rented house. In 2004 CCD opened a purpose-built Rainbow House which encompassed the CCD offices and provided a home for up to 30 children to provide a safe, loving home with a family feel, which meets the emotional, social and development needs of children who live there.

Approach: House mothers are on duty during evenings and weekends. Regular extra curricular activities are

run by staff and volunteers to ensure residents are given opportunities to develop to their highest potential.

Development Education / Occupation

	Boys	Girls
Vocational Training	0	2
Employment outside of CCD	0	1
Special School	0	1
Rainbow Day Care	2	2
Total	2	6

2) Independent Living Homes

History: CCD has run independent living homes for older residents since 2000 and Happy Home began in 2007. In 2013 there was a need to open a second home, Vision House. The houses are home to former Rainbow House residents and young adults with disabilities from the Government Homes. The houses are situated nearby to each other in a housing estate about 1 km from Rainbow House.

Approach: One young man at each home is appointed as a house parent, to oversee the running of the home and assist the less independent residents. Residents cook together most nights and each is assigned chores to ensure the upkeep of the houses. Most of the residents are in full time employment, some are still studying at college and some are part of CCD's Vocational Training Program.

They each have a savings account and are taught how to budget and save for their future.

Education/Occupation	Vision House	Happy Home
Vocational Training CCD	1	2
Employment at CCD	0	2
Full time student	1	2
Full time employed outside CCD	4	2
New Residents	1	0
Total	7	8

Community Based Rehabilitation

1) Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR2) - Nonthaburi Province

CBR2 was the second Community Based Rehabilitation project set up by CCD in 2007, serving families with disabled children living in Nonthaburi province.

2) Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR3) - Chai Nat Province

CBR Chai Nat was the third community Based Rehabilitation project set up by CCD in 2009 serving families with disabled children living in Chai Nat province. Both to support families and children to reach their highest potential by increasing knowledge about the needs of disabled children. To encourage collaboration of public and private organisations in the development of disabled children. This is preventative work to reduce the number of children who are abandoned by their families to government orphanage homes.

3) Community Based rehabilitation Pathum Thani

CBR Pathum Thani began in July 2016 following the closure of CBR Nakorn Pathom at the end of April 2016

Approach: Home visits persons to carry out physiotherapy training and offer advice to carers of disabled children and vulnerable young adults. Parent support groups to link parents of disabled children together and empower them within the community. Provide alternative income sources through handicraft training

to provide extra income to low income families. Support schools in the running of special needs education classes, provide training to teachers and encourage acceptance of children with disabilities into the schooling system. Children under CBR Pathum Thani's care end of 2017 total 28.

Types of Disability in CBR Pathum Thani:

Autistic	8
Development Delay	2
Down's Syndrome	5
Cerebral Palsy	13
Total	28

Key Indicator / Milestone	Nonthaburi Province		Chai Nat Province	
	Target for 2017	Actual 2017	Target for 2017	Actual 2017
Total families worked with	60	57	65	66
Children who come to the centre daily/weekly	10	11	25	25
Number of home visits	200	187	150	118
Parents who attended training	20	7	30	30
Children from CCD who also go to school	20	15	2	2
Children who improved in walking	10	9	5	6
Improved speaking	10	10	5	3
improved in dressing themselves	10	6	5	4
Improved in reading	10	16	10	10
Improved in feeding themselves	10	9	10	11
Improved social interaction	10	16	10	10

Volunteers

The foundation accepts both professional and non-professional volunteers. Minimum age requirement is 18. Person should be in good health, willing to adapt to a different culture and be self-motivated. The foundation is always interested in having professionally qualified therapists, medical staff and others, either living in Bangkok or from overseas, who are willing to donate their time and experience.

Each year the foundation has dozens of volunteers from around the world come to work alongside its staff, and all volunteers are encouraged to remember that they are only here for a relatively short time and to think of ways in which they can make a difference beyond the length of their stay.

Volunteers from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Persons</u>
Portugal	1
Thailand	2
UK	15
USA	5
New Zealand	1
Total	24