



Charity Review

Foundation for Rehabilitation & Development of Children and Family (FORDEC)

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Introduction

The Foundation for Rehabilitation & Development of Children and Family (FORDEC) is a public charitable organization that operates activities to provide help to underprivileged children, poor family, and those in difficult conditions to improve their quality of life, hence reduce the problems of children, family, and society.

FORDEC is registered as public charity organization in Thailand on February 14, 1998, registration number 585. The donation to FORDEC is entitled to tax deductibility.

Awards Received

FORDEC received consecutively NGO's Award in year 2011 and 2012. Also, FORDEC was accredited as an outstanding charitable organization for disadvantaged children and poor people from the Ministry of Education, and an outstanding learning charity in 2012 from UNESCO.

Charity Background and History

Dr. Amporn Wathanavongs personally donated funds to establish FORDEC Foundation on 14 February 1998, a Valentine's Day or "Day of Love" as a symbolic to spread love to those who suffer, especially underprivileged children in Thailand, without restriction on race and religion, for a better life and an opportunity to develop themselves.

It was registered as Foundation for the Rehabilitation & Development of Children and Families (FORDEC) on 10 August 1998 (Kor.Tor. 752)

Objectives

1. To help rehabilitate children and youth who are poor, handicapped, abused, wandering, homeless, addicted to drugs, and HIV/AIDS+ by providing them with opportunities for physical and intellectual growth, to uplift their living conditions regardless of race and religion, and uphold the protection of children's rights.
2. To promote cultural and moral values, good habits and spiritual values among children and youth so that they will become future productive citizens.
3. To help develop families to have good health, decent housing and occupational assistance to increase family income for the attainment of their better living conditions.
4. To work or cooperate with other similar agencies for public interest.

FORDEC's 8 main Projects

1. Day Care Centers (pre-school)
2. Education and Development for Poor Students
3. The Lunch and Agriculture for Lunch Project

4. Promotion of Learning and Social Responsibility Project
5. Occupational Development for Destitute Families
6. Welfare and Development for Poor Families
7. Housing for Poor Families
8. Sanitation/Community Development and Health Care

Performance from 1998-present

1. Number of children and youth : approximately 69,289 persons
2. Number of families : approximately 7,612 families

Performance in 2018

1. Underprivileged children and youth 832 persons
2. Families of misery 800 family

Description of Activities and Programs in 2018

1. Day Care Centers (pre-school)

1.1 Providing services and child development in the nursery Wat Mahawong Community Child Development Center - FORDEC 6, Phra Pradaeng District, Samut Prakan Province. There are 200 sponsored children, 9 teachers, 3 housekeepers-cooks, and 2 regular volunteers. Children age between 2.5-6 years old, are prepared for 4 pre-school levels (pre-K, KG 1-3). The nursery service is provided every day except public holidays.

1.2 Promote and follow up the activities at 6 day care centers

1. Day care center at Wat Dan Tai - FORDEC 2, Kalasin Province, 55 children
2. Day care center at Wat Bho Si Ban Kae, FORDEC 3, Kalasin Province, 56 children
3. Day care center at Wat Sawang Bho Sri - FORDEC 4, 44 children
4. Ban Nong Bon School (Kindergarten - FORDEC 5), Maha Sarakham Province, 49 children
5. Day care center at Wat Burapha Phirom - FORDEC 8, Khon Kaen Province, 40 children

2. Education and Development for Poor Students

Project to sponsor children (age 7-18) with minimum-required education, higher education, or polytechnic training. There are currently 832 children under this project.

- 2.1 Chaiyaphum province, 114 persons
- 2.2 Lampang Province, 30 persons
- 2.3 Chiang Mai Province: 135 persons
- 2.4 Nan Province 21 persons
- 2.5 Udon Thani Province, 100 persons
- 2.6 Samut Prakan Province and Bangkok 332 persons
- 2.7 Other provinces, 100 persons

3. Occupational Development for Destitute Families

Promoting jobs for parents and families to help them make a living by lending or subsidizing fund for sustainable investment such as selling street food, buying and selling scraps, market vendors, etc.

4. Welfare and Development for Poor Families

FORDEC offers advice and assistance to the elderly people who live with families that are poor and are in difficult circumstances. Assurances provided are in the form of medical care and living allowance.

5. Housing for Poor Families

FORDEC supports the building and repairing of old, deteriorated residences for many poor families in Bangkok, Samut Prakan and other provinces

6. Sanitation/Community Development and Health Care

FORDEC together with family and community have provided daycare centers, schools and community with sanitation program such as building toilet, provision of drinking water / water supply , nutrition courses, disease prevention, vaccination, dental care and waste management. Moreover, FORDEC has helped provide electricity, community library, playground and occupational training etc. for youth and parents. FORDEC also provides fund for transportation to poor families to go to hospital and to pay for medical fees.

FORDEC also cooperates with other NGO such as Village Health Center, Rotary Club in a campaign / vaccination to stop pandemic diseases and Polio and to have health check up and follow up of the result of previous treatments.

7. Promotion of Learning and Social Responsibility project

FORDEC strongly encourages Thai youth to seize opportunities to learn from books as well as from hands-on activities. These enriching activities, with the support from both government and private sectors, come in the form of library usage, camping, excursions, organized recreational activities, agricultural activities, artisanal and basic technical training.

Activities

1. Lunch Project is the program to help feed 180 children aged 2.5-6 years old at Mahawong Day Care Center - FORDEC 6. This day care center is supported by the local government's budget of 50,000 Baht per year while the center has monthly expenses of 250,000 Baht. Donation in the amount of 3,000 Baht per day can provide 1 meal, 2 snacks to 180 children at the center.

2. Bicycles for Underprivileged and Remote School Children. This is to help children who have to commute more than 3 kilometres to go to school. Since year 2000 to present, the Foundation had purchase more than 20,000 bicycles for children.

3. Slippers for the Children. Only 25 baht can buy 1 pair of slippers for one child. Slippers can bring smile to poor and underprivileged children especially in child development centers in the community, remote area along the border, and slums.

4. The library. In 2009 Monsanto Fund Grant from the United States gave 60,000 USD or 2,054,896 Baht for the library project which was used to support 10 schools in 3 provinces, i.e. Tak, Nan, and Chiangrai, and Wat Mahawong Community Child Development Center - FORDEC 6, Samut Prakarn. This project focuses in building, repairing, and development of libraries; supplying books, textbooks to develop and enhance the skills of children. The program benefits more than 3,500 people annually.

5. Sharing of Rice and Dry Food. Rice, dry food, especially fish sauce and vegetable oil, are essential for a family to survive. There are still many needy families in Samrong Nua and Samrong Tai districts. Every year, FORDEC helps 180 children from poor families who live around the two Day Care Centers in Samut Prakarn province. The project also helps more than 500 families in Bangkok and adjacent areas per year.

6. Milk for Children Project. At present, there are many new-born up to 3-year-old children who are neglected, orphaned, or are from poor families. FORDEC has raised funds for sponsored children by providing milk powder mixed with Ovaltine or Milo to 200 children at Wat Mahawong Community Development Center. In addition, there are 30 children receiving 2 boxes of milk every day, which costs more than 80,000 baht annually.

7. Children's Playground Project. Playing field, playing equipment have an impact on the development of children, especially physical growth and brain development. In 2010, the Foundation improved the playground and procure additional equipment for Wat Mahawong Child Development Center - FORDEC 6 and Child Development Center Chanukroh - FORDEC 1 with support from FORDEC USA and Samutprakarn International Ladies Club (SILC).

8. Touching Children with Love and Kindness. This project is to seek cooperation to share smile and love to children by donating funds and items such as dolls, toys, clothing, shoes, both used and new, as well as sweets. The project includes organizing special events for the children on various occasions such as

birthday, Christmas, New Year, anniversary, etc.

9. Scholarships for underprivileged and needy children to further their study in order to have a better future. Sponsorships will help reduce burdens of the poor in caring for their children and sending them to school.

10. Sharing Necessities with the Disadvantaged in the Spirit of Love and Friendship.

The Foundation accepts donations in various forms from sponsors and donors, to share them with the families who are suffering and are in need of help, such as clothing, bedding, medicines, milk powder, rice, dry food, and other necessities which are essential for living.

11. One Egg for Two Children. An egg is a source of great nutrition at low cost and is easily available in all places. It is good for people of all ages and also can be prepared for both as food or as a dessert. FORDEC Foundation can provide 30 eggs for 60 children with a donation of 110 Baht.

12. Assisting Abandoned Elderly People. FORDEC has a program to serve the elderly by providing them with living allowance, food, allowance covering transportation to go see the doctor, and other necessities.

13. Sharing Recreation and Outing with Underprivileged Children. "Recreation" helps make people, especially children, happy by relieving physical and psychological stresses. FORDEC organizes outing and fieldtrips to museums, zoos, the seaside, and amusement parks for sightseeing and studying purposes. In 2017, the Foundation received help from the Fund for Friend to take 60 children, 11 staff and volunteers to participate in the activity of "For Hopeful Children" project 27/2560. Annually, FORDEC contributes 5,000 Baht and also donates other items to this project which benefit more than 1,100 underprivileged children nationwide.

Review Process

Mr. Manu Pensawangwat, GBA staff and Mr. Jack Sawyer, GBA volunteer made an initial visit to FORDEC's office, located in Srinakarindra Soi 35, on December 15, 2015 and met with Dr. Amporn Wathanavongs, the President and Founder, Mrs. Sumalee Jarusvichakorn, the Executive Director, to learn about the Foundation and its operation. GBA team also visited the Foundation's Day Care Center (FORDEC-6), located in Samutprakarn, to see the children's activities welcoming Italian supporter group.

Transparency and Report.

From the meeting with Dr Amporn, GBA team also learned about his long experiences working with charitable organization to help underprivileged children. Dr. Amporn's hand-on experiences with the charity with his well-trained working team has led FORDEC to be accredited as one of the outstanding charities in Thailand.

FORDEC has provided GBA with the financial statements for the year 2018, which was audited by Miss Jirasup Plodkratoak, auditor license number 5106.

GBA team found that its administration expenses in 2018 represented 44 percent of the total income received in the same year, which was considered relatively high.

Financial Section

Financials Charity: **Foundation For Rehabilitation and Development of Children and Family (FORDEC)**

| | <u>Audited</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>2018</u> | <u>2018</u> |
| Asset | | |
| <u>Current Asset</u> | | |
| Cash and equivalent cash | 731,172 | 731,172 |
| Promissory Notes | 500,000 | 500,000 |
| Withholding Tax | 17,917 | 17,917 |
| Total current asset | <u>1,249,088</u> | <u>1,249,088</u> |

| Receipts and Outgoings | <u>Audited</u> | | <u>2018</u> | | <u>2018</u> | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Income | <u>Audited</u> | | <u>2018</u> | | <u>Total</u> | |
| | <u>2018</u> | | <u>2018</u> | | <u>2018</u> | |
| Donation box | 4,015,745 | | 4,015,745 | | 4,015,745 | |
| Donation for education | 673,018 | | 673,018 | | 673,018 | |
| General donation | 5,299,751 | | 5,299,751 | | 5,299,751 | |
| Benefactor's donation | 2,336,604 | | 2,336,604 | | 2,336,604 | |
| Bank interest | 144,231 | | 144,231 | | 144,231 | |
| Gain from asset selling | 460,954 | | 460,954 | | 460,954 | |
| Total income | <u>12,930,304</u> | | <u>12,930,304</u> | | <u>12,930,304</u> | |
| Expenses | | | | | | |
| Operation Expenses | | | | | | |
| Support Project run for Poor student | 2,504,957 | 19% | 2,504,957 | 19% | 2,504,957 | 19% |
| Support to Projects run by FORDEC | <u>5,095,932</u> | 39% | <u>5,095,932</u> | 39% | <u>5,095,932</u> | 39% |
| Total operation expenses | <u>7,600,889</u> | 59% | <u>7,600,889</u> | 59% | <u>7,600,889</u> | 59% |
| Administrative expenses | | | | | | |
| Salary | 3,239,295 | 25% | 3,239,295 | 25% | 3,239,295 | 25% |
| Provident fund Schemes | 205,319 | 2% | 205,319 | 2% | 205,319 | 2% |
| Social Security | 91,159 | 1% | 91,159 | 1% | 91,159 | 1% |
| Human Resources Development | 15,600 | 0% | 15,600 | 0% | 15,600 | 0% |
| Remuneration | 178,067 | 1% | 178,067 | 1% | 178,067 | 1% |
| Insurance | 97,143 | 1% | 97,143 | 1% | 97,143 | 1% |
| Office Supply | 68,708 | 1% | 68,708 | 1% | 68,708 | 1% |
| Travel & Gasoline Expenses | 533,788 | 4% | 533,788 | 4% | 533,788 | 4% |
| Public Utility | 55,370 | 0% | 55,370 | 0% | 55,370 | 0% |
| Repair and Maintenance Expense | 94,566 | 1% | 94,566 | 1% | 94,566 | 1% |
| Materials and Supplies | 42,400 | 0% | 42,400 | 0% | 42,400 | 0% |
| Registered Car | 19,436 | 0% | 19,436 | 0% | 19,436 | 0% |
| Electricity Supply | 46,210 | 0% | 46,210 | 0% | 46,210 | 0% |
| Water Supply | 2,444 | 0% | 2,444 | 0% | 2,444 | 0% |
| Communication | 65,418 | 1% | 65,418 | 1% | 65,418 | 1% |
| Advertisements and Promotion Expen | 42,172 | 0% | 42,172 | 0% | 42,172 | 0% |
| Postage | 80,735 | 1% | 80,735 | 1% | 80,735 | 1% |
| Depreciation | 727,561 | 6% | 727,561 | 6% | 727,561 | 6% |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 36,584 | 0% | 36,584 | 0% | 36,584 | 0% |
| Auditor Fees | 10,000 | 0% | 10,000 | 0% | 10,000 | 0% |
| Bank Charges | 41,901 | 0% | 41,901 | 0% | 41,901 | 0% |
| Other Expenses | <u>26,446</u> | 0% | <u>26,446</u> | 0% | <u>26,446</u> | 0% |
| Total Admin. Expenses | <u>5,720,322</u> | 44% | <u>5,720,322</u> | 44% | <u>5,720,322</u> | 44% |
| Total Expenses | <u>13,321,211</u> | | <u>13,321,211</u> | | <u>13,321,211</u> | |
| Surplus (deficit) | <u>(390,907)</u> | | <u>(390,907)</u> | | <u>(390,907)</u> | |