



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

- 2007 Outstanding Organization in Helping People in Difficult Circumstances by The Thai Prime Minister
- 2011 Thailand NGO Award : Regional Awardee from the Rockefeller Foundation
- 2012 Thailand NGO Award : 2nd Runner-Up Category : Medium
- 2012 Thailand Literacy Award from UNESCO
- 2014 A Model of Good People of Thai Virtue from the Association of Persons with Disabilities in Thailand
- 2016 Next Generation Indie Book Award "The Boy with a Bamboo Heart"
- 2019 Parents of the Year 2019 : Best Corporate for Family, second place by Amarin Baby & Kids
- 2022 Tri Sarana Bucha Phra Sema Siam Award

Charity Background and History

Dr. Amporn Wathanavongs personally donated funds to establish FORDEC Foundation on 14 February 1998, 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 Family (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 moral and ethical values, good habits among children and youth so that they will become quality citizens in the future.
- 3 To provide support to families suffering from poverty to have good health, decent housing and occupational assistance in order to increase family income and better life condition.
- 4 To work or cooperate with other charitable organizations, governmental and non-governmental agencies, for public benefit.

Target Group

1. All types of disadvantaged children
2. Poor families and the needy

Main project

- 1) Project for education and development of poor students
- 2) Day Care Center (pre-school)
- 3) Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Volunteer
- 4) Occupational assistance for poor families and community
- 5) Welfare and development for children and families

1) Project for education and development of poor students

With an aim for children to have a decent occupation to support themselves and their family in the future, FORDEC provides support to children aged from 7-18 years old in order for them to have at least compulsory education, and to have a chance to continue higher level of education or vocational study according to their skills, either formal or non-formal education.

FORDEC's supports are in the form of tuition fees, school supplies, school uniforms, and expenses during classes for underprivileged children and youth.

2) Day Care Center (pre-school)

2.1 Provide care and development services for children in nursery at Wat Mahawong Community Child Development Centre - FORDEC 6 in Phra Pradaeng District, Samut Prakan Province covering 120 children, 8 teachers, 2 housekeeper & cook, and one full-time volunteer. Children age between 2.5-6 years old, divided into 4 preparatory levels of pre-school (preparation, 1-3). This day care centre operates daily except public holidays.

2.2 Promoting and continuously monitoring activities of 5 child development centers as follows:

1. Wat Dan Tai Community Child Development Center - FORDEC 2, Kalasin Province, 41 children
2. Pre-training center in Wat Pho Si Ban Kae, FORDEC 3, Kalasin Province, 115 children
3. Pre-training center in Wat Sawang Pho Si - FORDEC 4, 87 children
4. Baan Nong Bon School (Kindergarten - FORDEC 5) Maha Sarakham Province, 60 children
5. Child Development Center, Burapha Phirom Temple - FORDEC 8, Khon Kaen Province, 62 children

3) Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Volunteer

The Foundation promotes and supports children and youth to have the opportunity to study, learn about life skills, enhance life experience to acquire knowledge through various learning activities. Those activities have been supported by both private and public sectors such as setting up

the library, organizing youth camp, recreational activities, agriculture for lunch project etc. to develop and encourage the children and their family to improve life quality.

4) Occupational assistance for poor family and community

To support parents of poor family who know how to make a living or have the skills but lack of opportunity by providing financial assistance so that they can start the career and earn a decent income, for example selling grilled food, dried food, buying/collecting second hand stuff for resell, selling vegetables and fruits etc.

5) Welfare and development for children and families

The Foundation provides advice, guidance, assistance on various aspects to the families, the elderly, and those in need under both normal and critical circumstance, to solve family or life problems. The supports are such as medical care, living allowance, transportation expense, small business investment, occupational assistance, scholarships, as well as food and shelter on a case by case basis or continuously.

Activities

1. Lunch project focus on raising children in Wat Mahawong Community Child Development Center

FORDEC 6, Samut Prakan Province, more than 120 cases under care. FORDEC receives financial support from the government of 50,000 Baht per year. By donating 2,000 Baht, 200 children can be fed with good nutrition food suitable for their age.

2. Sandals for children, only 25 Baht can buy 1 pair of sandals for 1 child and can bring smile to poor and underprivileged children especially in schools, pre-school child development centers in communities along the remote border, slum communities.

3. 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 purchased more than 20,000 bicycles for children.

4. One Egg for Two Children. 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 can be prepared as food or as dessert. FORDEC can provide 30 eggs for 60 children with a donation of 110 Baht.

5. Milk for Children Project. This project is for children to drink 1 bottle of milk per day or at least 1 glass per day because Wat Mahawong Community Child Development Center - FORDEC 6 does not receive any government support for this project but get money support from the government for the lunch project of 20,000 baht per year and 1 teacher to help this group of children only. The Foundation will incur expenses of approx. 250,000 Baht per month to run this project.

6. Children's playground, playground equipment and children's play affects all aspects of development of children, especially the growth of body and brain. Standard and safe playground equipment can help promote and stimulate the development of children both physically and mentally, develop muscle, learn how to share, wait, being confident, brave, and practicing awareness, movement and balance skills.

7. Scholarships for underprivileged and needy children to further their study in order to have a better future. Sponsorships will help reduce burden of the poor parents. There are over 1,000 children in Bangkok, Samutprakarn, Udonthani, Chiangmai, Lampang, Nan, Chaiyaphum, and other areas, receiving the scholarships.

8. Library Project, to support the construction of library for schools and children centers including the repairment, maintenance, as well as supplying books, textbooks, encyclopedia, dictionaries, media, electronic media, stationeries etc. for the library to enhance children's knowledge and develop skills. This project can benefit more than 3,500 children each year.

9. Dried food project can help children in 2 child development centers which have more than 285 children and about 20 families who need this support (rice & dried food) continuously. In addition, this project can also help other communities in Bangkok Metropolitan and provincial areas on average of 300 families per year.

10. To spread love and kindness to children This project was created to ask for cooperation with those who are kind to join hands share love and smiles with children by donating money, food, things such as dolls, toys, clothes, shoes, all kinds of teaching aids both old and new, including snacks, etc. Organizing activities on special occasions such as birthday, annual merit event, Christmas, New Year's day, Valentine's day, children's day, anniversary of company, or a merit-making day. Such activities can share happiness with more than 3,500 children throughout Bangkok and vicinity as well as other provinces.

11. Share dreams, recreation, excursions to disadvantaged children. It is a fun, stress relief activity with the purpose of enhancing opportunities, promote the development of potential learning that is valuable and meaningful to oneself and others by taking children to recreational activities and excursions to places such as museums, zoos, amusement park, sea, etc. Results of past project activities can create happiness, fun, relaxation to over 200-300 children per year.

12. Helping the poor and neglected elderly. The Foundation helps alleviate the suffering by giving assistance in the form of living expenses, food, travel expenses for medical treatment, and other necessities to the elderly who are poor and in some cases neglected.

Review Process

Ms. Kamonchanok Chanton received information about the foundation's charitable projects from Ms. Rumpasri Pratepasen, Project Manager and Social Welfare Service Division of the Foundation to prepare the assessment report.

Transparency and Report

Ms. Rumpasri Pratepasen has provided GBA with the financial statements for the year 2021, which was audited by Ms. Jirasup Plodkratoak, auditor license number 5106.

It is noted that projects expenses in 2021 represented 85 percent of the total income received in the same year, which was considered relatively high.