



HANDS ACROSS THE WATER

Who We Are

Hands started as a charity in response to the Boxing Day Tsunami of 2004 to support children who had lost their families and homes and were living in a tent. Hands Founder, Peter Baines and a colleague from the UK set about to raise funds to build the children a home.

It was only upon opening the first home in 2007, that the real challenge and the need for a long-term commitment was realised. In the years that followed, Hands Across the Water grew and expanded its reach well beyond those initial 32 kids. Today, Hands supports 250+ children living in 7 homes and projects across Thailand.

The kids who come to live in a Hands home are there because they have no choice. This is often the result of one of three heartbreaking situations:

- They have no known family to care for them.
- They have a family member who is known to them but is unable to care for them.
- They are living in an unsafe environment and have been placed in our care by the police or government.

All of the children and young adults in our homes were created equal. Society stepped in and put limitations on what they could achieve. At Hands, we believe that everyone that comes into our care deserves a life of choice, not chance.

The money raised and entrusted to Hands to bring about change is used to provide the life-saving necessities for those in our homes and importantly it supports many families in an outreach program to keep kids out of our homes. We know the best place for kids when all things are equal is in a family. When that doesn't exist, we provide a home for those kids, which really is just one big family.

We believe that all children deserve the chance to build a future full of possibilities, opportunities, and dreams. Just as important as filling their bellies with healthy food, our role is to help them to see the opportunities that lie before them.

Your support will enable us to continue this life-changing work.

Learn more about Hands Across the Water by scanning the QR code.



Our Impact

The difference we make at Hands is not measured in numbers of homes built, dollars raised or spent, kilometres ridden or the even the number of children we care for. The impact of Hands is measured in the choice we create for the kids when it comes time for them to leave our homes.



We provide funding to support 7 projects across Thailand



We have 250+ kids in our care that will live a life of choice thanks to the generous support of our donors



Each night over 350+ children will sleep in a comfortable bed waking up safe



In one year we provide 380,000+ meals to the children and communities we support



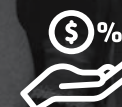
We have raised over AU\$30 million (THB 660 million)



Running our homes costs AU\$1.5 million (THB 33 million) per year



We currently have 23 students at University



85% of donations go to the children and communities we support



Our bike riders have ridden a combined distance of more than 600,000km



We have had 1,000+ people ride with us

Home Hug,
Yasothon
90% of Funding



Home Hug,
Surin
100% of Funding



The New Life Project,
Kanchanaburi
Child Sponsorship Funding

Pama House,
Chanthaburi
100% of Funding



The New Life Project,
Chumpon
Child Sponsorship Funding

Baan Tharn Namchai,
Khao Lak
80% of Funding

Baan Nam Khem Community
Centre & Tsunami Refuge,
Khao Lak
100% of Funding



PROJECTS THAT WE SUPPORT

To learn more about
our journey and
the homes we are
working with scan
the QR code.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

At Hands, we are proud to say that we meet 14 out of the 17 UN SDGs.



To learn more about how
we specifically meet each of
these goals, see our impact
page on our website here:



How you can support

JOIN AN EXPERIENCE

Our approach at Hands is to offer shared experiences that will build strong engagement within our supporters.

We know that we can change the lives of the kids we are supporting. We know we have the people on the ground to educate, care and love the children. But all of that is only sustainable if we engage our supporters on a different level.



SPONSOR A CHILD & SPONSOR A FUTURE

We measure our success at Hands by the choice the children have when it comes time for them to leave. Our job is not done by providing our kids with the basic food and shelter. That is not enough.

We measure ourselves by the opportunities that lie before each of the children when the time comes for them to leave. We want them to have a life of choice rather than one of chance.

We believe that the greatest commitment we can make to society is not merely caring for those in need, but building our leaders, creators, thinkers, and designers of tomorrow. You can help us achieve this by sponsoring a child and a future.



750
THB

NECESSITIES

Food, clothing, basic human rights for every child in our care
Dental care for 1 child
2 Chickens for our sustainable farm
Rice for 16 people for 1 week



2400
THB

HOMES

Safe and loving homes without abuse, neglect, or exploitation
Fortnightly Hands home maintenance
Counselling and social support for 1 child for 1 month



5500
THB

FUTURE PATHWAYS

Providing career opportunities and showing our kids what's possible
University education – 1/3 term
Career training, mentoring, tutoring programs



10000
THB

EDUCATION

Quality education in a supportive and positive environment
Cost of educating a child including supplies and uniforms for 1 year



MAKE A DONATION

Scan the QR Code to make a donation to the Thai Foundation

To see more of our work or to make a donation in Australian dollars, follow the QR code below.



To make a donation in Thai Baht, follow the QR code below and email us at team@handsgroup.org.au to arrange a tax receipt.



Hands Across the Water has tax deductibility in Australia, Thailand and New Zealand.



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