

Highlights from 2014 - Giving is receiving

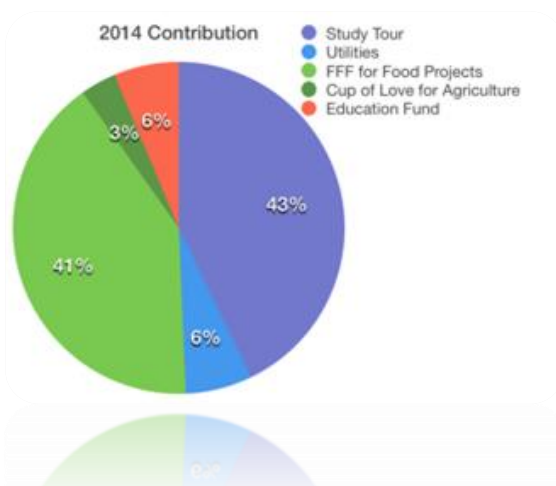


“Giving is receiving” is what we believe in, giving to children in need, helping them with our small or big contributions.



In 2014 Friends of ChuayDek helped the Buddha Kasettra School in many ways; participating to fun&fundraising events, sharing their personal times, giving gifts, funding children education, supporting self-sustainable projects, and a number of other activities. But most important of all, we all shared joyful and heart-felt moments and laughters.

FUN & FUNDRAISING EVENTS AND DONATIONS



<i>Our Contribution</i>	<i>BHT</i>	<i>€</i>
<i>Study Tour</i>	<i>135,211</i>	<i>3,380</i>
<i>Utilities</i>	<i>20,500</i>	<i>513</i>
<i>FFF for Food Projects</i>	<i>128,997</i>	<i>3,225</i>
<i>Cup of Love for Agriculture</i>	<i>11,000</i>	<i>275</i>
<i>Education Fund</i>	<i>20,000</i>	<i>500</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>315,708</i>	<i>7,893</i>

Snapshot of 2014 donations to Buddha Kasettra School, 1€=40B.

Thanks to [Sheepshank](#), Bangkok, for hosting a solidarity dinner with style and amazing taste, contributing to the well-being of the 120 children of the Buddha Kasettra School – we thank Joke, Regan and all the staff and partners for their hard work to make this event happen and for the delicious meal; big thanks also go to [Improv Bangkok](#) for their hilarious performance and to Monica for the co-organization of the event and performance (more [information](#) on the event).

In general, we thank all Friends of ChuayDek who donated throughout 2014 for the wellbeing of the kids.

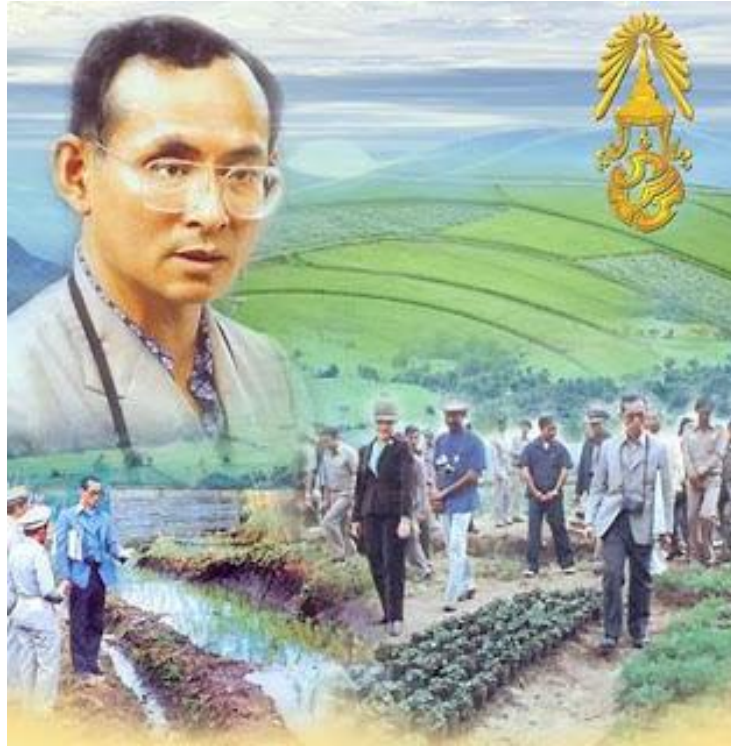


A Cup of love campaign

In August 2014, in collaboration with Common Object we launched a ‘Cup of Love’ campaign, which raised 330 USD to support agriculture project at the Buddha Kasettra School. We thank Common Object and all the Friends of ChuayDek who allowed us to reach this goal. (More [info](#))



[Lower Left] In-kind donations were also given, like these handmade body lotion from Journey Recipe to sooth children’s skin pain from the dry and cold weather in the winter of the north of Thailand.



EDUCATIONAL TOUR... with a great honor

First hand learning is extremely important for the intellectual and personal growth of kids and teenagers. In 2014 we organized the second edition of “From mountain to ocean” study tour, an educational experience to help opening the world of the children of the Buddha Kasettra School. (Visit the [photo-album](#) and learn more on the [event](#))

The children and teachers visited different localities with environmental, historical, agriculture or social educational purpose. In this edition they also lived a special moment, joining hundreds of people in welcoming his majesty King Bhumiphol at Chung Hua Man Royal Project in Cha-Am, an



experience that the majority of Thai people would dream for an entire lifetime. Here the Buddhakasettra family learnt about the King initiatives and self-sufficiency projects, among other things, learning how to maximize crop by better land planning and management.

News link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzNEklDY9kl



AGRICULTURE PROJECT, revolving funds

Raising “greener generations” is a hard task and commitment; to do so, the Buddha Kasettra Family is also implementing small projects on food security. Months of hard work on land improvement as well as on raising hen for eggs, showed progresses, improvements and edible results.

We are deeply thankful to ‘Fasting for Food’ (FFF) for their financial help.



Organic rice produced at the Buddha Kasettra School and packaged thanks to the support from FFF. Varieties such as red jasmine and rice berry rice are available for purchase at the School in Mae Hong Sorn.



LIVING LIFE TOGETHER

ChuayDek is more than donations or projects; we believe in the importance of spending time and giving love and care to the children we are helping. This year we managed to visit the School in few occasion, especially thanks to the ChuayDek co-founder Vivi, and Thai Friends of ChuayDek. Every time is a double learning occasion, we maybe bring some “pepper”, excitement and learning experiences in the lives of our young friends, and indeed we carry on learning from their strength, their joy of life, their spirits and from the dedication of all the teachers of the School.

With this short snapshot of the highlights of 2014 activities we also want to wish you a very happy 2015, hoping you will continue joining us in giving a little but valuable help to children in need. Listen to the voices of the children thanking all of you at [“Our 2014 thanks”](#) video



A New Year has come by, and with it, the renewed desire to continue finding creative ways to support this incredible School. Last year it was a fundraising dinner with some theatre performance and some clothes collection among friends... what about this year? Well, I will let you know!

The energy of the kids and the tireless and joyful dedication of the teachers of Buddha Kasettra have been a pure inspiration for me and I couldn't be more thankful to Vivi and Serena for having me involved in this wonderful Chuay Dek Affair.

Best wishes to the Budda Kasettra School and everyone for a prosperous, peaceful and healthy 2015.

Monica



My last week of 2014 with the Buddhakasettra School - my second family - was one of the most rewarding times of my life. Donating my time to help school with rice processing was exceptional experience. To hold hands of the little ones who showed me their sleeping corner, and took me to the veggie plantation that they water daily and weed by hands so that they can pick it up and deliver it to the kitchen and feed other friends in the class. I experienced simple living and self-sustainable here at the Buddhakasettra School, Mae Hong Sorn and ChuayDek is proud to be a piece of coordination that bringing all other kind generous supports to this hard working family. Vivi



2014 has been a peculiar year from my side.. many difficult moments at work and in my personal life, but everytime a tough moment was arriving, I used to look up to the pictures of the Buddha Kasettra Family School that surround my desk and computer, close my eyes, breath in, and fly to Khun Yoam, with the children, with their energies and spirit ... and when opening again my eyes, a smile was generally there on my face reminding me what the real problems of life are and what the real values of our life should be. The memories of the days spent at the Educational Tour and many other moments are always fresh in my mind, and I always think the efforts we put in helping the children of the School become so little when compared to the energy and happiness they - even without knowing it - pay me back with. Serena

Coming UP 2015

- ☺ Get healthy with Rice-Berry ☺ Rice4Kids plantation in July
- ☺ 4th Saikia Scholarship Award
- ☺ Education Fund - Step toward better future
- ☺ Warm Winter - Loving is Giving in December
- ☺ Reach out activities to start helping a new School



“ChuayDek - Raising greener generations” is a small nonprofit organization that aims to improve the lives, level of education and environmental knowledge of children in selected schools in Thailand.

Our aim is that underprivileged children have access to **nutritious food**, appropriate for them to study and grow, to **education** for a better-off present and a future in which they can sustain themselves in a **healthy environment**. We hope to contribute to a stronger and greener generation, a generation of kids who will become responsible adults, respecting each other and protecting the environment, using its resources in a sustainable way.

ChuayDek means "help the kids" in Thai. As it is suggested also by its simple straight-forward name, ChuayDek is a very transparent association; it is a **voluntary** contribution from people who care about children and their improved conditions, their access to food and education, people who care about the environment. **All the work undertaken is fully and only on a voluntary basis.** Funds are collected through a collaborative effort and fully assigned to respond to the needs of the identified school and kids.

ChuayDek supports only one school at time, to maximize the efforts and resources and to be able to bring not only financial support and knowledge, but also care and affection to the children. Working with only one school at time also allows us to properly monitor the progress of the work and the use of donations, to plan activities with them and helping them becomes self-sufficient. Selected schools respond to the criteria of **transparency and pro-activity**, with kids coming from low income families, lacking of opportunities or with difficult access to education facilities, children at potential risk of falling into the trap of drugs, prostitution or begging.

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