

# Phuket Has Been Good To Us Foundation

Annual Report  
2016



## Mission Statement

Our mission is to improve the economic opportunities and life chances of young people, by funding and implementing high quality, practical English language education in government schools in Phuket. Our goal is to help Thai youth become capable and confident English speakers so that they may secure well paid employment.

## Statement from the Chair of the Board

In 2016 we are proud to have continued to teach English language classes for free to over 1,200 underprivileged Thai children in Thai Government schools. Our teachers and volunteers also ran Coconut Club, an afterschool programme for 170 children who live full time at school as they are orphans or their families cannot look after them.

Highlights this year include the introduction of kindergarten classes at Kalim School, where we extended our teaching to include two hours of English a week to students aged 5 to 7.

This year, at the Rajaprachanukroh school in Kamala we expanded our English Integrated Programme to children in their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years of primary school. We now teach over 50 children not only English, but also Mathematics and Science in English.

2016 saw us enter our second year of teaching English to Kindergarten students at Kamala Children Development Center (KCDC).

At Coconut Club, in Kamala School, our teachers started a guitar club to encourage the older students to do something positive with their free time.

Our strength comes from our supporters who maintain their belief in our cause. From the teachers, volunteers and helpers who dedicate countless hours in our schools, to our donors from all over the world, we couldn't continue our mission without you. Thank you.

2017 will be another great year for our foundation and we thank you in advance for being part of our success. If you are in Phuket and have time please come and visit our afterschool programme Coconut Club and meet some of our students, teachers and volunteers.

**Khun Pensri McNamara**

Chair of the Board of Directors

# In Review

## I. Our Teaching Team

Our English programme is taught by seven qualified teachers.

- Head Teacher Jerraleen Balais from the Philippines
- Teacher Yulia Sorokina from Russia
- Teacher Grace Santos from the Philippines
- Teacher Diego Demaria from Italy
- Teacher Hamant Singh from Singapore (Kalim and Kamala Schools)
- Teacher Bella Rebusora from the Philippines (KCDC and Kamala School)
- Teaching Fellow Helen Torreggiani from Malta.



## II. Our Office Volunteers

Our volunteer Office Fellows work full-time (a 40 hour week) plus additional hours planning and running our fundraising events. Office Fellows also assist our teaching team at weekend activities including Saturday Swimming and Birthday Parties. We typically have two or three volunteer Office Fellows at a time and each applicant commits to a six month contract with possibility of extension.

2016 Office Fellows:

- Leo Ferrari, Brazil
- Ruth Hall, UK
- Erin Grout, US
- Claire Martin, US
- Evi Veerdoodt, Belgium

## III. Our Schools

In 2016, we taught English for free to over 1,200 children aged from 3 to 18 in three Government schools in Phuket: Baan Kalim School, The Rajaprachanukroh (RPG) 36 School in Kamala, and Kamala Children Development Center (KCDC).



*The Rajaprachanukroh (RPG) 36 School also known as Kamala School*

- A)** At Kalim School we taught English to 120 children aged 5 to 12. With the introduction of Kindergarten classes at Kalim this year we extended our teaching programme to provide English classes for the preschool children aged 5 and 6.
- B)** In Kamala, at the RPG 36 School (Kings Fund School), we taught English classes to 850 students aged 5 to 18. We also ran an English Integrated Studies (EIS) programme to teach science and mathematics in English to the children in their first and second year of primary school. We plan to expand this programme in 2017 to include students in their third year of primary school.
- C)** Our second year at KCDC proved successful. We continued to teach Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students many of whom will move to RPG 36 School as primary year 1 students. At KCDC we taught English to 280 children aged 3 to 6.

#### IV. Coconut Club

There are 170 children who live full time at the RGP 36 School in Kamala as they are orphans or their families are not able to look after them. PHBGTU English Teachers and volunteers run an afterschool programme, Coconut Club, where these children have fun with arts, crafts and sports. Saturdays are dedicated to swimming, with senior year students attending swimming lessons at Thanyapura Sports and Leisure Club Phuket and primary level students learning water safety and play at local hotel pools or Kamala beach.



Coconut Club provides fun activities for these children who otherwise have very few recreational opportunities. The programme also supports the Foundation's English language programme by offering additional opportunities for our students to practice their conversational English outside the classroom in a more relaxed social environment.



This year we started a successful guitar club which has attracted the older students to attend the club regularly during week days. One of our teachers also has plans to start a Rugby Club in 2017 with a donation of Rugby balls we received.

Our teachers and volunteers also organize quarterly birthday parties for the residential students with the support of local hotels who provide amazing venues, food, and cake. We collect Birthday gifts for the students throughout the year from generous donors who visit our Foundation.



## V. Fundraising Events



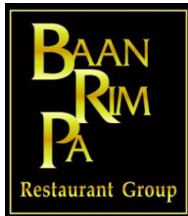
We ran 3 major fundraising events in 2016: Pop Up 2 at Bliss Beach Club on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016, A Night at the Opera III at Trisara on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2016, and Black Tie Muay Thai III on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 at Outrigger Laguna Beach Resort. Thanks to the generous donations from business and individuals in Phuket, the Foundation was able to raise 5% more net income than in 2015 with these fundraising events.

It is also important to mention smaller community based events that guarantee funds and exposure for the foundation for example: Going The Extra Mile, a sponsored bike ride around Thailand spearheaded by Teacher Hamant Singh; the Christmas Tree Campaign made possible thanks to hotels in Phuket and Ride4Kids organized in conjunction with two other Phuket based charities The Good Shepherd and Outrigger Share 4 Change.

## VI. Sponsorship

Corporate and individual sponsorship represents over 40% of our total direct income. This sponsorship, in addition to our fundraising events, is essential to enable us to recruit qualified English language teachers who deliver high quality English education to disadvantaged Thai children.

## A) English Programme Sponsorship



**Baan Rim Pa Restaurant Group** -The English Programme at Baan Kalim School.



**MontAzure** –The English Programme at Kamala Children Development Center.

## B) Sponsor a Teacher



**Phuket Condos & Homes** –Teacher Yulya Sorokina.

## C) Sponsor a Class



**Anantara Vacation Club Maikhao Phuket** –Kindergarten class at RPG 36 Kamala School.



**Jean-Claude and Khun Kantaya** – Primary level 6 at RPG 36 Kamala School.

**The Hunter Family** – Primary level 2 English Integrated Studies (EIS) at RPG 36 Kamala School.



**XL Catlin** – Primary level 1 class at RPG 36 Kamala School. XL Catlin also generously sponsor our Foundation vehicle for transporting children to Saturday swimming, birthday parties, and staff to meetings and events.

#### **D) Sponsor a Child**

Our Sponsor a Child programme matches donors with one or more of our Kamala school residential students. This enables individual donors to support the Foundation with a yearly donation whilst we send them updates on their sponsored child(ren) and their progress in our English classes. Sponsoring a child is 10,000 THB per child per year. A total of 47 children were sponsored by 38 sponsors in 2016.

#### **E) In kind donations**

We also receive a semi-regular stream of donations throughout the year from visitors and short and long term supporters. Donations include items for our teachers and administration such as A4 and A3 paper, laminating sheets, notebooks, clipboards, printer ink, whiteboard markers, etc.. We also receive donations of Coconut Club supplies and Birthday Gifts for our quarterly parties for the Kamala School residential students. While we typically receive more in-kind donations during high season months we receive on average about 5,000 THB a month or about 60,000 THB worth of supplies over the course of the year.

## VII. Ways To Get Involved

- Sponsor a Child, Class, or Teacher.
- Support our Fundraising Events – donate a prize for our silent auction, help us sell tickets, sponsor our printing costs or other necessary event costs.
- Organise your own Community Fundraising Event.
- Request Donations at your wedding.
- Give In-kind Donations.
- Give Monetary Donations.
- Support our Christmas Tree Campaign.

A copy of our audited accounts is available on request.

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