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Target Group

Scholarships will be awarded to no more than fifty (50) children. The children will be (a) orphans of parents who have died of AIDS and that are living with a relative in the extended family unit, or (b) children that are affected by AIDS in that they are residing with a parent or parents that are living with HIV/AIDS.

In Thailand, the school year is divided into two terms: one term begins in May and ends in September and the second term begins in November of the present year and ends in March of the following year.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Background and Rationale

The Ministry of Public Health estimates that 1,200,000 people all across Thailand have been infected with HIV since the first AIDS patient was reported in 1984. Among them, 320,000 have died and 880,000 are currently living with HIV/AIDS. Among those infected, 55,000 will develop serious AIDS related complications requiring medical care this year. Approximately the same number will die of AIDS. It is also estimated that 29,000 new infections will occur this year. Half of these are women who will get the virus from their husbands or sex partners. Twenty-five percent will be infected through drug use, 20 percent of the infected will be sex workers and their clients, and five percent will be children.

Thailand is facing a huge increase in the number of orphans. A UNAIDS report said that in 1995 there were 63,000 children that had lost their parents to AIDS. In 2001 the number of AIDS orphans increased to 289,00 and this report predicted that there would be 380,000 AIDS orphans by 2005. This figure may be much higher as some people in Thailand are not included in the census but still form part of the HIV/AIDS affected communities. Rayong is a province in the eastern part of the country with the highest number of people with HIV/AIDS therefore it can be assumed that the number of orphaned children will increase.

AIM

The aim of this project is to award scholarships to forty (40) children who are orphans and whose parents have died of HIV/AIDS or children who are living with parents that have HIV/AIDS.

Proposal

Scholarship for children affected by AIDS

The Camillian Social Centre, through the Eastern Network of PLWHA, will provide scholarships to children of members of the association that have died of AIDS or children that are affected by HIV/AIDS. The children should be attending school and be enrolled in the six-year compulsory education program, in a vocational education program or other post-secondary institute. The scholarships will help the students to receive the necessary education to make a decent living.

The children that qualify for the help will be awarded a scholarship of 500Baht or 1,000Baht per month for 9 months. The amount of the scholarship will depend upon the students' needs and circumstances. At the beginning of each semester, in May and October, the CSC gives each student one thousand baht (1,000baht) to help cover the cost of school uniforms and books. The CSC does not disburse any funds for the months of April and October as these are National school holiday periods. The guardians of these students will receive these funds until they finish secondary school, vocational or other post-secondary institute education programs. The amount of the scholarship should be

sufficient to cover the costs of the students' daily expenses for travel, lunch, stationery, books, and other expenses and enable them to continue their studies.

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The Camillian Social Center (CSC) is a non-profit social organisation dedicated to the caring of PLWHA in their terminal stage and the prevention of HIV infection. The CSC employs a number of PLWHA that work at the Centre. It also provides accommodation, literacy classes and a loving environment to orphans whose parents died of AIDS and to children of PLWHA.

The CSC, through its Prevention Department, provides training sessions on HIV/AIDS and how to prevent it to students, factory workers, community members and civil servants.

The CSC operates a palliative care unit for PLWHA who are in their terminal stage of life, as well as providing accommodation wards for PLWHA, both men and women, who can still help themselves. The CSC supports the Eastern Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS and has set up a self-sustaining community of PLWHA in another district of the Province of Rayong.

All the programs are operated on behalf of the St. Camillus Foundation, a religious congregation dedicated to the sick. The St. Camillus Foundation is a legal entity according to the Thai law.

The Camillian Social Centre of Rayong (CSC) fully supported the Bantaojai Association. This is an association of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in Thailand. At the beginning, all members of this association lived at CSC. Later, as news of the association spread, it attracted more members from the local area. In 2002, a regional network of PLWHA was established to help co-ordinate the local associations of the seven eastern provinces. This regional network is called the Eastern Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS and is headquartered at CSC. The Eastern Network of PLWHA's main focus is the PLWHA who live at home with their families in one of the seven eastern provinces of Thailand: Trat, Chantaburi, Rayong, Chonburi, Chachoengsao, Prachinburi, and Srakaew.

After two years in operation, the Eastern Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS is now working with 40 local associations of PLWHA in the seven eastern provinces, with a total membership of 1,678 people. A committee made up of two representatives from each of the seven eastern provinces supervises the Eastern Network. The committee meets every two months to consider their needs and to plan what assistance will be given to the local associations. The Network employs six full-time employees to manage the Network: a President, a Coordinator, 3 Field officers, 1 person in accounts and administration.

The Eastern Network of PLWHA performs the following functions:

- (a) The counselling of PLWHA and their families,

- (b) Home visits to PLWHA,
- (c) The distribution of powdered milk to mothers living with HIV/AIDS
- (d) The purchase and distribution of affordable anti retroviral drugs

Administration

Every month, the children that receive scholarship funds are obliged to write a letter in their own handwriting (if they can) reporting on their studies of the previous month and their living situation. Only upon receiving this letter, will the CSC then proceed to send the monthly stipend to them. The children that live close to the Centre report their progress in person on a monthly basis. The CSC maintains files on all the children and sends the stipend every month by post to the guardians of those that write a letter. The guardians of the children that report directly to the CSC are paid in cash at the time. Requests for scholarships are received from PLWHA that are members of the network and their local member associations.

The following is a graphical representation of the recipients of the Scholarships:

Infants	Nursery	Primary	Secondary	College	University
3	4	18	11	2	1
7.5%	10%	45%	27.5%	5%	2.5%

Five students live with PLWHA that are employed by the CSC. Six of the students and the three infants live with their mothers who are PLWHA and one student lives with his father who is a PLWHA. Five students live with their grandmothers and nine students live with other relatives or members of their extended family. Seven orphans that are non-HIV positive live in an orphanage in Chantaburi and one lives in the Redemptorist orphanage in Pattaya. One student is living on his own in Rayong and two students are studying in post-secondary institutes and live on their own in Bangkok.

The Network staff visit each of these children at their homes once a year to view the living situation and to check on the quality of the education. The Network also visits these children to monitor how they spend the funds and to find out about their future plans. During the visits, the staff of the Network provides counselling to the children and their relatives. The students that live outside of the eastern area are monitored through the PLWHA associations in those areas.

Communications

Should there be any queries about this project please feel free to contact Father Giovanni Contarin at the mailing address, e-mail address and phone numbers on page two of this project paper.

BUDGET

Estimated Expenses

1. Uniforms & Books for 40 children	(40 x 1,000 x 2)	80,000Baht
2. Scholarships for 40 children	(40 x 500 x 8)	160,000Baht
3. University Tuition & Books	(60,000 x 1)	60,000Baht
4. Stationery (files)	(40 x 50)	2,000Baht
5. Postage	(40 x 12 x 9)	4,320Baht
6. Transportation for home visits	(40 x 600)	24,000Baht

Total Cost of the project: 330,320Baht

6,882 EURO

Exchange rate: 48Baht = 1 EURO

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The following is a short biography of the children that are receiving scholarship funds from the Camillian Social Centre in Rayong. Generally, the children come from poor families with low levels of education and they are trying to overcome the stigma of a member of the family living with HIV/AIDS. It would be appreciated if the data on the children are not disclosed to another party.

1. Nathapon was born on the 3rd October 1993 in Trat province. His father abandoned the family and his mother died of HIV/AIDS. Nathapon lives with his grandmother. He attends Primary II at Wat Hungnamkera School where he is maintaining excellent grades. He is the tenth highest graded student in the school. His grandmother is an Officer of the Health Department that counsels members of the AIDS Network. The funds that are provided by the Network Scholarship Program help to keep Nathapon in school.
2. Warunee was born on the 5th of June 1986 in the province of Ubon Ratchatane. She is in her first year of Commercial College in the district of Walinchambran. Her father has died of complications with AIDS and her mother is a person living with HIV/AIDS. When she is hired, the mother is still able to do odd jobs in the village. The Network scholarship funds allow Warunee to continue her education.
3. Wuttichai was born on the 12th of May 1993 in Amnatchelean province. Wuttichai's father died of AIDS and his mother is a PLWHA living with her second husband. She is a small merchant in Bangkok and the Network scholarship funds allow her to keep Wuttichai in school. Wuttichai is in Primary 4 at the Prachasatattam School in Bangkok. He is getting good grades and especially enjoys the arts subjects.
4. Watcharaporn was born on the 29th of May 1994. Her father died of AIDS and her mother is a PLWHA living with her second husband in Bangkok. Watcharaporn is Wuttichai's sister but lives with her grandparents in Amnatchelean province and attends Primary 4 in Baan Dondeng School. She is maintaining a very good average and the Network scholarship funds are allowing her to get an education.
5. Artid was born on the 18th of August 1991 in Buriram Province. His father died of AIDS complications and his mother is a farmer and a PLWHA. Artid attends Baan Nongchua School in Satuk District of Buriram province. He is in Primary 6 and because his mother is poor, the Network scholarship funds are allowing him to get an education.
6. Kannikar was born on the 25th of January 1987 in Nakhon Pathom province. Her father is a PLWHA and a gardener and her mother is also a PLWHA who does odd jobs around the village. Kannikar is in Secondary 3 at the Malee Oppatam School where she is getting fair grades. The Network scholarship funds are allowing her to continue her education.

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7. Watchareewan was born on the 1st of October 1985 in Nakhon Sawan province. Her father died of AIDS complications and her mother is a PLWHA. She is getting fair grades in Secondary 5 at Watmungkonsattit School. The Network scholarship funds allow her to continue her schooling.
8. Taksin was born on the 3rd of August 1995 in Chonburi. He is presently attending Primary 2 in Somkitchitwittaya School in Chonburi. His father is handicapped and his parents are separated. Taksin lives with his cousin, Mr Panya Sucksawan and the Network scholarship funds help to keep Taksin in school.
9. Krengsak was born on the 3rd of February 1992 in Mukdaharn. His mother and father have both passed away due to AIDS complications. He lives with his grandmother and is presently attending Primary 4 in St Joseph Thala School in Sakhon Nakhon. He is getting fair grades in his subjects. The grandmother is poor and the Network scholarship allows him to continue his schooling.
10. Wanida was born on the 14th of October 1993 in Mukdaharn. She is Krengsak's sister and her mother and father have both passed away due to AIDS complications. She also lives with the grandmother and is presently attending Primary 3 in St Joseph Thala School in Sakhon Nakhon. The grandmother is poor and the Network scholarship funds allow her to continue her schooling.
11. Sririruk was born on the 25th of August 1997 in Chantaburi. He is presently attending Nursery 3 in Ratwittaya School in Chantaburi. Her father passed away from AIDS complications and her mother is a PLWHA. The mother works at any odd job that she can find so the Network scholarship funds allow Sririruk to continue her schooling.
12. Namfom was born on the 19th of April 1998 in Udon Thani province. Her mother is a PLWHA that received care at CSC and was rehabilitated to her province. The girl's father left the family home. Namfom is attending Nursery 1 in Udon Thani. The mother can only do menial jobs because of her condition so she manages to send her daughter to school with the help of the funds from the Network scholarship.
13. Warunyou was born on the 30th of October 1987 in Saek Kaew province. His father is a PLWHA and is separated from his mother. Waranyu lives with an uncle and is attending Secondary 3 in Tuenhindon School in Saek Kaew where he is getting fair grades. The uncle manages to keep Warunyou in school with the help of the scholarship funds.

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14. Chairut was born on the 3rd of December 1994 in Chonburi province. He was born into a single parent family. His mother died of AIDS complications while being cared for at CSC. He lives with a friend of his mother's and is presently attending Primary 1 in Bankai School in Rayong and he is getting excellent grades. The mother's friend is poor and the Network scholarship funds allow him to continue his schooling.
15. Kamolnat was born on the 19th of October 1992 in Rayong province. Her father and mother died of AIDS complications. She lives with her aunt and is attending Primary 5 in Watkorktkinmithapap 42 School in Rayong where she is getting good grades. The aid that the aunt gets from the Network scholarship funds help to keep Kamolnat in school.
16. Orathai was born on the 5th of February 1989 in Rayong province. Her father died of AIDS complications and so did her mother while being cared for at CSC. She lives with her aunt and is attending Secondary 2 in Watgofyaicha School in Rayong and is getting good grades. The aid that the aunt gets from the Network scholarship funds help to keep Orathai in school.
17. Anuwat was born on the 4th of April 1995 in Rayong province. His father and mother are dead of AIDS complications. He lives with his grandmother and attends Primary 3 in Wathuaypong School in Rayong and is getting fair grades. The grandmother is poor and the Network scholarship funds allow him to continue his schooling.
18. Payungkiat was born on the 17th of November 1994 in Rayong province. His father died of AIDS complications and his mother is a PLWHA at the Camillian Social Center. Payungkiat is non-HIV positive and lives with an aunt while attending Primary 3 at Wat Taguun School in Rayong. The aid that the aunt gets from the Network scholarship funds help to keep Payungkiat in school.
19. Tanyamai was born on the 31st of August 1995 in Rayong province. Her father and mother died of AIDS complications. She now lives with a cousin and attends Primary 2 at Taisaban Mathaput School. The aid that the cousin gets from the Network scholarship funds help to keep Tanyamai in school.
20. Chanvit was born on the 20th of April 1986 in the province of RoiEt. His father and mother have died of complications with HIV/AIDS. He lives with his uncle and is getting fair grades in Secondary 5. The scholarship money that the uncle gets helps to keep Chanvit in school.

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21. Rutikarn was born on the 12th of March 1992 in Chantaburi province. Her father died of AIDS complications and her mother is a PLWHA. Rutikarn is living in an orphanage in Chantaburi and is attending Taisaban Muang Chantaburi School. She is in Primary 4 and is getting good grades. The Network scholarship funds that the head of the orphanage receives helps to defray the cost of her schooling.
22. Panlop was born on the 22nd of December 1993 in Chantaburi province. His father died of AIDS complications and his mother is a PLWHA. Panlop is living in an orphanage in Chantaburi and is attending Taisaban Muang Chantaburi School. He is in Primary 3 and is getting good grades. The Network scholarship funds that the head of the orphanage receives helps to defray the cost of his schooling.
23. Phitsanu was born on the 19th of January 1993 in Chantaburi province. His father and mother have died of AIDS complications. Pitsanook is living in an orphanage in Chantaburi and is attending Primary 3 in Wat Jantanaram School where he is getting good grades. The Network scholarship funds that the head of the orphanage receives helps to defray the cost of his schooling.
24. Ratchadawan was born on the 25th of December 1988 in Chantaburi province. Her father has left the family home and her mother is a PLWHA. Ratchadawan is living in an orphanage in Chantaburi and is attending Taisaban Muang Chantaburi School. She is in Secondary 3 and is getting fair grades. The Network scholarship funds that the head of the orphanage receives help to defray the cost of her schooling.
25. Rungarun was born on the 11th of November 1991 in Chantaburi province. Her Father died of AIDS complication and her mother left the family home. Rungarun is living in an orphanage in Chantaburi and is attending Taisaban Muang Chantaburi School. She is in Primary 4 and is getting very good grades. The Network scholarship funds that the head of the orphanage receives help to defray the cost of her schooling.
26. Napaporn was born on the 7th of December 1993 in Chantaburi province. Her Father died of AIDS complications and her mother left the family home. Napaporn is living with her sister Rungarun in an orphanage in Chantaburi and is attending Taisaban Muang Chantaburi School. She is in Primary 4 and is getting good grades. The scholarship funds that the head of the orphanage receives help to defray the cost of her schooling.
27. Chanarong was born on the 29th of April 1991 in Chantaburi province. His father and mother have died because of AIDS complications. Chanarong is living in an orphanage in Chantaburi and is attending Taisaban Muang Chantaburi School. He is in Secondary I and is getting fair grades. The Network scholarship funds that the head of the orphanage receives help to defray the cost of his schooling.

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28. Ben was born on 11th of May 1995. His mother was HIV positive and took anti-retroviral drugs to protect the foetus. Ben was born non-HIV positive but his mother subsequently died at CSC of complications with AIDS. Ben was sent to live at the Pattaya Orphanage where he is in Primary II at a local school. The Network scholarship funds that the head of the orphanage receives help to defray the cost of his schooling.
29. Nathapon was born on the 20th of December 2000 in Rayong province. He lives with his mother in the district of Ban Chang. His father is a PLWHA and has left the family home. The money that the mother receives from the scholarship fund helps her to take care of Nathapon. (Dec 2001)
30. Kanokwan was born on the 21st of July 2003 in Rayong Province. He was born to a single parent family and his mother is HIV positive. His mother is working in Bangkok selling clothes from a stall in the street. Kanokwan lives with his mother's younger sister and his mother picks up the funds at the CSC. The money that the mother receives from the scholarship fund helps her to take care of Kanokwan.
31. Teewakhon was born in 2000 to a person living with HIV/AIDS. He is non-HIV positive and lives with his mother in Nakhon Ratchasima. His father has died; the mother received treatment at CSC and has been repatriated to the community. The money that the mother receives from the scholarship fund helps to take care of him.
32. Chayanon was born on the 18th of September 1990 in the province of Nakhon Sawan. He is the son of a person with HIV/AIDS that lives and works at the CSC. He lives with his father in Nakhon Sawan and is in Secondary I at Watsawanwong School. The aid that the father gets from the Network scholarship funds helps to defray the cost of his schooling.
33. Choosak was born on the 2nd of February 1987 in Chiang Rai province. His father has died of Aids complications and his mother is a PLWHA working at the Camillian Social Centre in Rayong. Choosak is attending Secondary 3 in Rayongwitthayakhom Schol in Rayong and is getting fair grades. The Network scholarship funds that the mother receives help to defray the cost of his schooling.
34. Choochai was born on the 1st of March 1985 in Chiang Rai province. His father has died of Aids complications and his mother is a PLWHA working at the Camillian Social Centre in Rayong. Choochai is in his second year at Don Bosco Technical School in Bangkok and is getting good grades in a mechanical technician course. The Network scholarship funds that the mother receives help to defray the cost of his schooling.

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35. Natkamool was born on the 1st of January 1983 in Chiang Rai province. Her father has died of Aids complications and her mother is a PLWHA working at the Camillian Social Centre in Rayong. Natkamool is in her second year of a Guidance and Counselling course at the nursing school at St. Louis College in Bangkok and is getting good grades. The scholarship funds that the mother receives help to defray the cost of her schooling.
36. Chitpawee was born on the 24th of March 1992 in Chantaburi province. Her father has died of AIDS complications and her mother is working as a teacher in the Camillian Social Centre in Rayong. Chitpawee is attending Primary 5 in Wuttinan School in Rayong and is getting good grades. The Network scholarship funds that her mother receives help to defray the cost of her schooling. (May 00)
37. Tanadbadee was born on the 10th of December 1996 in Mahasarakhan province. His father is a PLWHA presently serving a prison term and his mother is working in the Camillian Social Centre in Rayong. Tanadbadee is attending Nursery 3 in Wuttinan School in Rayong. The Network scholarship funds that his mother receives help to defray the cost of his schooling. (Feb 98)
38. Natthanun (Peter) was born on the 3rd of October 1997 in the province of Chonburi. His mother has died of complications with HIV/AIDS. Peter is non-HIV positive but he is a down-syndrome child. He lived with his grandmother until she could not take care of him any longer. He came to the CSC on 18 September 2000 and has a stepmother. Peter is now attending Kindergarten at the CSC Childcare Centre. The scholarship money that his stepmother gets helps to take care of him. (Sep 00)
39. Amorntip was born on the 26th of November 1995 in Singburi province. Her father is a PLWHA that left the family home and her mother is a PLWHA working at the Camillian Social Centre in Rayong. Amorntip is attending Nursery 3 in Wuttinan School in Rayong. The Network scholarship funds that her mother receives help to defray the cost of her schooling. (June 02)
40. Chayamon was born on the 5th of May 1987 in Chonburi province. Her father has died of AIDS complications and her mother is a PLWHA working in the Camillian Social Centre in Rayong. Chayamon is attending Secondary 2 in Ban Chang Wittaykhom School in Rayong province. The Network scholarship funds that her mother receives allow her to continue her schooling. (Jan 02)