



## **Annual Report 2015**

## About together for charity

Founded in May 2011, together for charity is a non-profit organization registered in Sweden. Together for charity have no political or religious affiliations.

### **Purpose**

Together for charity works for less fortunate children in Asia and beyond, focusing on education and improvement of living conditions.

### **Philosophy**

- Making charity and charitable donations part of everyday life, without too much effort
- Actively promoting donations as a substitute for presents leading to less consumption and environmental benefits
- Involving the next generation in sharing the wealth and understanding inequalities
- A little goes a long way

### **Operating policies**

- Fundraising based on private donations
- No administrative costs apart from banking fees deducted from donated funds
- Close partnerships with trusted local contacts for selected projects
- Focus on long-term relationships
- Quarterly follow-ups with selected projects
- Quarterly newsletter/info for all donors

## Annual Review 2015

**Registration No:** 802460-1786

**Registration Address:** c/o Tham, Hagagatan 17f, S-113 47 Stockholm, Sweden

### **Management Committee:**

Chairman:	Charlotte Tham
Secretary:	Elisabeth Lewenhaupt
Treasurer:	Kristina Mönnich
Registrar:	Alexandra Magnusson
Web Master:	Anna-Lena Granell Griffiths
Project Coordinator:	Stina Hotine

## Supported Projects

### *The English School of Mui Ne (ES-MN), Vietnam*

A non-profit organization committed to supporting the young, ambitious and less fortunate children of Mui Ne village. The school has 200 students aged between 11-17 years. ES-MN



actively promotes higher education amongst their students, but English and computer skills also hugely increase chances of good jobs, leading to a better life for the students as well as their extended families. 'Next Step' is an extension of ES-MN and supports students who has moved on to high school and university. Students can apply for funding for housing travel and tuition.

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[www.es-mn.com](http://www.es-mn.com)



*Luang Prabang Orphanages, Luang Prabang, Laos*



Andrew & La Brown run a project supporting 3 orphanages in the Luang Prabang area; Deak Kum Pa, Numbuk and Suan Luang. The orphanages are government run and home to over 1500 children, aged 6 to 17. The orphanages also operate as schools providing basic education, thus a possibility of a brighter life in a country where more than a quarter of the population live below the poverty line.

The project also supports children's health schemes in selected villages as well as further education (through scholarships) for the children who are old enough to leave the orphanages.

[www.supportlaoschildren.com](http://www.supportlaoschildren.com)



**New Project 2015**

*The Bread of Life Education Centre*



With the Syrian migration crises developing during 2015 together for charity sought to help the affected children in the area. When introduced to the Bread of Life Education Centre we saw an opportunity to extend our support beyond Vietnam and Laos. The Bread of Life Society is a small Christian charity in the northern part of Lebanon, not far from the Syrian border.

With small means they provide schooling for 40 students – all Syrian refugees - aged 5 to 12 (with a long waiting list!). Their main focus is Arabic, English and Maths. The founders have lived and worked in the region for the past 13 years and speak the local language. Together for charity provides ad hoc support for the education centre.



## Our Objectives

Provide quarterly donations to the two projects in Laos and Vietnam, providing stability for our local partners. Develop the partnerships and focus on continuous follow-ups. Provide ad-hoc donations for needs arising within the projects and the newly introduced project in Lebanon.

## Fundraising activities



Friends of together for charity continued to support the organization in a number of ways throughout 2015. The majority was privately held events where donations were requested as a substitute for more traditional gifts:

- Children's birthday parties
- Adult's birthday parties and anniversaries
- Farewell parties
- Housewarming
- Teacher's gifts
- Seasonal parties such as Christmas, Lent and Easter

The popular Semmel (sweet seasonal cream buns) and Soup Lunch has become an annual together for charity event in Singapore, this year donors gathered at the Swedish Ambassador's residence celebrating breaking Lent. A closet sale was held, also in Singapore, where people came together donating and purchasing vintage clothes.



2015 saw a significant donation from Cameron House School in London, money was raised by the students through a creative bake off and cake sale. Art historian Monica Gutierrez continued her popular art tours in London in support of together for charity.

Ulrika Ekman and Gunilla Arthursson of 8design very generously donated money through sales of their cashmere products.

As the Syrian migration crises unfolded the new project in Lebanon became the topic for the annual Christmas Drive. Money was raised to aid operational costs at the Bread of Life Education Center for Syrian refugees.

In 2015 together for charity celebrated its 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary at a successful party in the city centre of Stockholm, Sweden. Both an auction and a silent bid auction were held at the well-visited event.



## Media & Communication

Together for charity has communicated with interested individuals through a facebook page, quarterly information letters and via the web site [www.togetherforcharity.se](http://www.togetherforcharity.se).

In December 2015 together for charity was awarded the prestigious 'Swedish Person of the Year' by the Swedish Business Association and the Swedish Women's Education Association in Singapore.

<b>Financial Statement</b>	<b>12/31/15</b>	<b>12/31/14</b>
in SEK		

**Profit & Loss**

Incoming donations	454,093	671,812
Interests		248
Exchange rate differentials		
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>454,093</u>	<u>672,060</u>

Outgoing donations (1)	495,778	527,775
Bank Costs	1,819	
Exchange rate differentials		
<u>Total Donations &amp; Costs</u>	<u>527,775</u>	<u>527,775</u>

<b><u>Profit &amp; Loss</u></b>	<b><u>- 43,505</u></b>	<b><u>144,285</u></b>
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**Balance Sheet**

Assets

Nordea Accounts	272,575	297,865
PayPal Account	0	0
Cash	0	18,215
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>272,575</u>	<u>316,080</u>

<u>Accumulated Funds</u>	<u>272,575</u>	<u>316,080</u>
Short term liabilities		
<u>Total funds &amp; liabilities</u>	<u>272,575</u>	<u>316,080</u>

(1) Donations 2015		
(for details see donation details)		
	495,778 sek	~ 55 700 usd
Luang Prabang Orphanages	318,658	~ 35,400 usd
ES MN & Next Step	167,000	~ 19,100 usd
The Bread of Life Education Centre	10,120	~ 1,200 usd

### Donation Details 2015

Luang Prabang Orphanages, Laos

Dec 22, 2014	USD 4000 USD 2000	Q1 Food program DKP Q1 Food program SL
Jan 28, 2015	USD 4000 USD 2000 USD 5100 USD 1200	Q2 Food program DKP Q2 Food program SL Q1&Q2 Kowpia English lessons 2015
Jun 2015	USD 4000 USD 2000 USD 2550	Q3 Food program DKP Q3 Food program SL Q3 Kowpia
Sep 2015	USD 4000 USD 2000 USD 2550	Q4 Food program DKP Q4 Food program SL Q4 Kowpia

English School of Mui-Ne (including Next Step), Vietnam

2015	SEK 25 000	Operations Q1
	SEK 25 000	Operations Q2
	SEK 25 000	Operations Q3
Oct 2015	USD 8000	Scholarships & incidental costs Next Step 2015/16
	SEK 25 000	Operations Q4

Bread of Life Education Centre, Lebanon

Sep 2015	USD 1200	Operations
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Together for charity supports the projects in Vietnam and Laos on a continuous, quarterly basis. For the English School of Mui Ne we support general operational costs such as salaries, rent and school materials. The Next Step is supported through an annual donation assisting high school and university students through scholarships and incidental costs.

In Laos we support two orphanages, the Luang Prabang orphanage and the Suan Luang orphanage and the funds are dedicated to food programs mainly aimed at complement different sources of proteins. Supplementary English evening classes have also been supported during 2015. Together for charity started to support scholarships for 3 university students, Jortor, Juntor and Ounsay, with an aim to see them through 4 years of study.

The Bread of Life Education Centre had its first donation during 2015, the support will continue with funds raised through the Christmas drive and on-going on a needs basis.

Ad hoc payments are made as a function of funds available and needs arising at the projects. At the Luang Prabang Orphanages in 2014 ad hoc donations supported kowpia – a nutritious morning meal and milk for the youngest children at the two orphanages.

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