

# Annual Report 2017



In 2017 funds were raised in 4 countries by both private and corporate donors

In 2017 we supported over 1300 children on a regular basis

**together**<sup>®</sup>  
together for charity

In 2017 we supported 3 projects; in Laos, Vietnam and Lebanon

In 2017 we had NO administrative costs (apart from bank fees)

In 2017 we raised more than SEK 800 000

## About together for charity

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

## Our Purpose

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

## Our Operating Policies

- Volunteer based charity leading to no administrative costs apart from bank fees
- Close partnerships with selected projects, based on regular follow-ups with trusted local contacts
- Long-term support aimed mainly at project operations
- Fundraising based on private and corporate donations

## Our Objectives

Together for charity provides quarterly donations, with a long-term perspective, to the selected projects resulting in increased stability and predictability for our local partners. This enables the projects to focus on operations and development for the children. When possible we provide ad-hoc donations for special needs arising within the projects.

## Annual Review 2017

Registration No: 802460-1786

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Management Committee:

Chairman:	Elisabeth Lewenhaupt
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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 80 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. [www.es-mn.com](http://www.es-mn.com)



### *Luang Prabang Orphanages, 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 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.

Their organization Support Lao Children also provides for children's health schemes and food programs in selected villages as well as further education (through scholarships) for the children who are old enough to leave the orphanages. Through their different programs, aid reaches approximately 4000 children.

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



### *The Bread of Life Education Centre, Lebanon*



Founded in 2013, the Bread of Life Education Centre is a small Christian charity in the northern part of Lebanon, not far from the Syrian border. With small means they provide schooling for 50 students – all Syrian refugees - aged 5 to 12. Their main focus is Arabic, English and Maths.

They also provide support to the refugee families. The founders have lived and worked in the region for the past 14 years and speak the local language.



## Fundraising activities

### *Private donations*

Friends of together for charity continued to support the organization in a number of ways throughout 2017.

The majority of the activities were privately held events where donations were requested as a substitute for more traditional gifts or at special events in association with schools and/or workplaces.



A number of fundraising events have become recurring activities as they have proven to be popular and successful.

The golf tournament '**Spring Swing**' has become a solid contributor every year. For the second time a '**Back to School**' beach party was held in Wassenaar, Holland for 100 people, all proceeds going to together for charity. A **Christmas Bazaar** in Luxembourg awarded, via our long-time patron Monica Oscarsson, together for charity part of its proceeds – also for the second time. In Singapore the annual **Soup and Semla** (Cream Bun) lunch at the ambassador's residence was yet another success.

In April an **after work event** including a silent auction was held at Eriksberg Catering AB in Stockholm. Also in Stockholm - a **lecture on 'How screens affect our children'** with PhD Mari Swingle raised funds. And as every year, a number of children (and adults) contributed through **birthday parties** where they asked for donations instead of birthday gifts.

Together for charity's **gift cards** which have been part of the fundraising since the inception of the charity continue to be used by many people. 2017 also saw the largest private donation in the history of the charity, which contributed to some significant ad hoc project support mainly in Laos.



### *Corporate donations*

Ulrika Ekman and Gunilla Arthursson of **8design** continued to be one of together for charity's largest contributors with part of their profit set aside for donations. **8design** are also part of many shopping events for the charity including a Gothenburg based **pop-up sale** as well as a shopping evening at **Furetti Shoe Shop**. In November a well visited **pop-up sale** was at the **Elite Plaza Hotel** in Stockholm, for the second year running, where a number of high profile brands provided their products at a discounted price.

**Interogo Treasury** continued its support in 2017. '**Just nu tryck**' in Gothenburg sponsored the printing of gift cards.

## 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). Together for charity also shared information via an Instagram account.

Donations channels were communicated on our website and through the newsletters.

Donations were received via:

- Paypal on website:  
[www.togetherforcharity.se](http://www.togetherforcharity.se)
- Swedish Nordea bank account:  
IBAN: SE85 9500 0099 6026 0073 1927  
SWIFT: NDEASESS
- Within Sweden:  
Plusgiro: 731 92-7  
(clearing 9960)  
Bankgiro: 788-7714  
SWISH: 123 093 85 63

<b>Financial Statement</b>	<b>12/31/16</b>	<b>12/31/17</b>
<b>in SEK</b>		
<b>Profit &amp; Loss</b>		
Incoming donations	465,296	801,050
Interests		
Exchange rate differentials		
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>465,296</u>	<u>801,050</u>
Outgoing donations (1)	512,845	496,391
Bank Costs	2,480	3,189
Exchange rate differentials		
<u>Total Donations &amp; Costs</u>	<u>515,325</u>	<u>499,580</u>
<b><u>Profit &amp; Loss</u></b>	<b><u>- 50,029</u></b>	<b><u>301,469</u></b>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
<u>Assets</u>		
Nordea Accounts	222,546	524,015
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>222,546</u>	<u>524,015</u>
<u>Accumulated Funds</u>	<u>222,546</u>	<u>524,015</u>
Short term liabilities		
<u>Total funds &amp; liabilities</u>	<u>222,546</u>	<u>524,015</u>

(1) Donations 2017

(for details see donation details)

SEK 496,391

Luang Prabang Orphanages

321,773

ES MN

75,000

The Bread of Life Education Centre

99,618

## Donation Details 2017

Together for charity supported the projects in Vietnam and Laos on a continuous, quarterly basis. Our aim is to give the projects peace of mind knowing they can expect funds coming in every quarter.

For the English School of Mui Ne we supported general operational costs such as teacher salaries, housing rental and school materials with SEK 25 000 quarterly supporting 80 students.

In Laos we supported two orphanages, the Luang Prabang orphanage and the Suan Luang orphanage and the funds was dedicated to food programs aimed at complementing different sources of proteins. Support Lao Children received USD 6000 (approximately 48 000 SEK) quarterly during 2017 supporting 1040 children.

Together for charity continued to support scholarships for 3 university students, Jortor, Juntor and Ounsay, with the aim to see them through 4 years of study. Ad hoc payments were made as a function of funds available and needs arising at the projects. At the Luang Prabang Orphanages in 2017 ad hoc donations supported a nutritious morning meal for the youngest children at the orphanages in Luang Prabang and Suan Luang. Due to a generous private donation in 2017 the charity was also able to support 130 children in a village outside Luang Prabang with a nutrition and medical program as well as a further 4 university scholarships.

In 2017 together for charity continued the support for the Bread of Life Education Centre for the third year running. The donation was, in keeping with the charity's principles, focused on operational support and was made as a one-time donation of USD 11 000 (approximately 100 000 SEK) supporting 50 children.

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