# Annual Report 2019



In 2019 funds were raised in Sweden, and Netherlands by both private and corporate donors

In 2019 we supported over 1400 children on a regular basis



In 2019 we supported 3 projects; in Laos, Vietnam and Lebanon

In 2019 we had NO administrative costs (apart from bank fees)

In 2019 we raised more than SEK 500 000

# 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 2019**

Registration No: 802460-1786

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Management Committee:

Chairman: Elisabeth Lewenhaupt
Secretary: Charlotte Tham
Treasurer: Kristina Mönnich
Project Coordinator: Stina Hotine
Social Media Coordinator: Irma Nordenfelt

Web Master: Anna Lena Granell Griffiths

# **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

## 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.



In July 2019 a new nursery was opened by the couple to provide for orphanges up to six years of

age. The nursery is built on the same grounds as the Luang Prabang orphanage with a view to welcome up to x children in the first 12 months.

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 2019.

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.





For the fourth consecutive year a 'Back to School' beach party was held in Wassenaar, Holland for 100 people, all proceeds going to together for charity.

**'Spring Swing'** an annual golf tournament in Falsterbo, Sweden made another donation in 2019.

Also in the spring of 2019 a charity gathering combining dinner and sales of cashmere, bags and jewelry was held in Gothenburg in Sweden.

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.



## 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**. In November a well visited **pop-up sale** was at the **Elite Plaza Hotel** in Stockholm, for the fourth year running, where a number of high profile brands provided their products at a discounted price.

Another pop-up event was held in Falsterbo in southern Sweden, also in November,

with the same concept as the one in Stockholm.



#### Media & Communication

Together for charity has communicated with interested individuals through a facebook page, regular newsletters and via the web site <a href="www.togetherforcharity.se">www.togetherforcharity.se</a>. Together for charity also shared information via an Instagram account @togetherforcharity.

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

- Paypal on website:

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



Financial Statement in SEK	12/31/18	12/31/19
PROFIT & LOSS		
Incoming donations Interests Exchange rate differentials	503,718	443,201
<u>Total Income</u>	503,718	503,718
Outgoing donations (1) Bank Costs Exchange rate differentials	548,866 3,397	610,171 3,679
Total Donations & Costs	<u>552,262</u>	613,850
Profit & Loss	<u>- 48,544</u>	- <u>170,649</u>
BALANCE REPORT Assets		
Nordea Accounts	475,471	304,823
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>475,471</u>	<u>304,823</u>
Accumulated Funds Short term liabilities	<u>475,471</u>	<u>304,823</u>
Total funds & liabilities	<u>475,471</u>	304,823
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#### **Donation Details 2019**

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

For the English School of Mui Ne in Vietnam 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 were dedicated to complementing government food programs with different sources of proteins. Support Lao Children received USD 6 000 (approximately 48 000 SEK) quarterly during 2019 covering approximately 1000 children.

Ad hoc payments were made as a function of funds available and needs arising at the projects. At the Luang Prabang Orphanages in 2019 ad hoc donations supported a nutritious morning meal for the youngest children at the orphanages in Luang Prabang and Suan Luang. Fruits were also handed out at the orphanages when funds allowed.

Due to a generous private donation in 2019, from the same donors as in 2017, the charity was also able to continue to support 230 children in Ban Gieuw Ha village outside Luang Prabang with a nutrition and medical program. The village of Ban Na Lae was helped to a new water system and 87 children were included in the program. This private donation also continues to support 4 university scholarships, provides breakfast for three quarters and will also pay for one child for a year at the new nursery. All in Luang Prabang and surrounds.

In 2019 together for charity continued the support for the Bread of Life Education Centre in Lebanon for the fifth year running. The donation was in keeping with the charity's principles focused on operational support, such as salaries, rental and school supplies. A total of SEK 100 000 were paid in quarterly installments.

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