



Children's Shelter Foundation

Home – Education – Advancement of Life Skills
for underprivileged and/or orphaned children
from Northern Thailand and Burma.

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Breaking the Circle of Poverty SHAPING FUTURE

... the road is
quite long and sometimes steep and stony
but always worth walking it hand in hand.

Children's Shelter Foundation Chiang Mai Northern Thailand

Children's Shelter Foundation is an internationally funded children's aid project in Northern Thailand, launched in 2006 by Ulrike Meister and Joy Hanfaifa.

What is CSF's target group?

CSF's programme is aimed at helping children and young people from the mountain villages of Northern Thailand and Myanmar. The various tribes differ considerably from one another in culture, mentality, social environment and way of life, as well as in the resulting problems. Correspondingly, the children's and young people's vulnerability has very different causes.



Inequality of opportunity through a lack of rights

Exposure to poverty or neglect

Exposure to abuse

Escape from the military (Myanmar - child soldiers)

Drug problems of single families or whole villages

Children without parents:

Orphans, unwanted children, children of deported or imprisoned parents

Children with untreated acute and chronic diseases

The concept

my future *breaking the circle of poverty*

CSF has set itself the goal, using the slogan "my future", of breaking cycles of poverty and vulnerability and of working hand in hand with the children and young people to shape a future that is secure and over which they have control.

The concept of the Children's Shelter Foundation is adapted to the requirements of Thai middle class society as well as to the culture and traditions of the various tribes.

Family Education for life School and vocational training Support for a own life

A colourful potpourri of children and young people live together as an extended family along with their teachers, educators, and caregivers in a loving and secure home.

They grow thanks to their everyday, age-appropriate tasks within the community and receive schooling and vocational training that is both good and tailored to the individual's needs.

Support for young adults as they begin their own lives and a door that remains open for the rest of their lives complete this concept that has already stood the test of the past 10 years.

Departments of the Children's Shelter Foundation

Living area for children & young people

CSF provides a safe and loving home

with living quarters for children and young people, living rooms and dormitories, a large kitchen, a lounge area, playground, organic garden, hen house, dogs, cats and plenty of space for activities.

Personal development and learning for life within the security of an extended family take centre stage. The big ones help the little ones and each child mucks in with everyday tasks. Carers and teachers live with the children and young people in the project and are mother and father to the younger ones and trusted confidants and support for the older ones.

Education

School classes 1-6

Our children are taught individually according to their emotional needs and levels of achievement in their own classroom or in the nearby school. Many of our children need to learn the Thai language first and catch up on their schooling because they have never attended school.

School and practical experience Non Formal Education classes 7-12

Our young people in classes 7-12 attend the public NON FORMAL SCHOOL at the weekend. Even without Thai nationality, they have the opportunity to take a school leaving certificate here.

They are taught in the mornings in the project's own classroom from Tuesday to Friday. In the afternoons, the young people have the opportunity to try out different areas of work and to gain their first work experience in the practical placement they have chosen themselves.

Training/University in the dual system

University or college

After completing year 12 and passing the entrance exam, young people can study at Rajapath University or at the college, even without Thai nationality. Studies take place mainly at the weekend.

The young people also complete a practical training programme at the training centre of the Children's Shelter Foundation from Monday to Friday and receive a training allowance commensurate with this.

Courses of study in the dual system:

Hotel management or the tourism industry	Work experience Joy's House guesthouse
Food and nutrition or food and cooking	Work experience Tamarind Garden restaurant
Technology, agriculture, social development	Experience in CSF practice groups

Learning for life

Courses & workshops "Classroom without walls"

For all children and young people there are joint workshops and additional classes, in order to provide a comprehensive general education. Most teaching at CSF takes place not in the classroom, but outdoors.

Arithmetic, biology and geography suddenly come alive, and are tangible and exciting.

In accordance with the slogan "Classroom without Walls", young people work out the quantities of crops grown in the centre's garden, keep chickens in a way appropriate to the species, write poems on signs in Thai and English and draw world maps in the sand.

In addition, a wide variety of courses are available and certificates can be gained.

Art, Hip Hop, Zumba, yoga, guitar lessons, first aid, composting & EM, baking, cooking, massage, languages, personality training, theatre, bike workshop, building and repairing, traditional dance, sewing and much more.

Love * Courage * Hope

Wings that carry a life long, good education and strong life skills along with a large dose of self-confidence. That's our goal for every child.

Presidents CSF Thailand

Ulrike Meister

Joy Hanfaifa

Offers and Activities

Children's Shelter Foundation

Holiday & Charity

Joy's House and the Children's Shelter Foundation

The Joy's House guesthouse, also run by Joy Hanfaifa and Ulrike Meister, is a supporter and sponsor of the Children's Shelter Foundation and offers training places for CSF young people who are studying Hotel Management or Tourism Industry.

In addition to their desire to offer their Holiday & Charity guests a genuine insight into Thai culture, the owners Joy and Ulrike have pursued another goal from the start: that of supporting and promoting the Children's Shelter Foundation in all areas.

The connection has been incredibly successful.

A concept from which both guests in Joy's House and the children and young people of the Children's Shelter Foundation benefit.

Booking and Information www.guesthouse-chiangmai.com

Non Profit Restaurant Tamarind Garden

Excellent Italian cuisine in Chiang Mai

Since November 2015, the CSF's newly-opened NON-profit restaurant, the TAMARIND GARDEN, has also been offering training courses for our young people.

It is only a short walk away from the Children's Shelter Foundation and serves good Italian cuisine in a quiet, lovingly designed garden restaurant. Many of the ingredients come from our own organic cultivation, and the eggs come from our own chickens.

Training content: cooking, nutrition, English, service, barista cafe, hygiene standards in Europe, European culture and mentality, bookkeeping, management.

In the future, the income from the non-profit restaurant is intended to support the Children's Shelter Foundation.

Camps for Schools and Universities

Completely successful are our camps for international schools, which provide fun and also impart knowledge. Offered are 2 - 10 day programs for groups (10 - 20 students). Different program points can be arranged individually.

Program Points: Classroom Without Walls, Open Your Hearts, Getting Close to Nature, Organic Farming, Traditional Thai and Hilltribe Life, Experience Nature Through Art, Chiang Mai - Beside the Beaten Tourist Path and many more.

We are currently working with international schools and universities from Thailand, Singapore, China, Indonesia, the USA, and soon we plan to open our doors to Europe.

Holidays for Deaf Guests and Deaf Groups

CSF and the Association for Deaf People of Northern Thailand

In cooperation with the President of the Deaf Association Northern Thailand we built good contacts with deaf groups.

CSF young people have the opportunity to learn both Thai and American Sign Language, and to complete a diploma for translators. Therefore our students and our staff are mostly able to sign and to offer guided Tours to deaf people.

We are happy to give you a special offer for deaf groups or deaf schools.

CSF Volunteers

If you are interested in an internship in our project, then we should get to know one another better, so that we can decide together whether the Children's Shelter Foundation is the right place for you.

First, some information and requirements

Duration of an internship:	at least 5 months
Age of volunteers:	at least 18 years
Language requirements:	English
Your contribution for accommodation and meals:	150 euros / month

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