



Chefs Without Borders

A Program of the Asian Chef's Association of San Francisco
A Report on Projects & Impact

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Chefs Without Borders is focused on bringing short- and long-term relief to children in need across Asia. CWB works with local organizations in India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Cambodia that understand the critical needs of local communities and have the cooperation of local leadership to make significant improvements in people's lives.

CWB has worked with Give2Asia to establish relationships with local groups, develop project plans and make grants to the region. For the next year, G2A will monitor and report back on grantee progress of the funded projects.

The eight projects currently underway represent the diverse needs and opportunities in the areas where CWB is focusing its resources.

- Creating new means of livelihood: projects are in place that will help teens and young adults support themselves in the new post-tsunami environment with vocational training, which includes training to become a cook.
- Helping children in need: CWB is helping create new opportunities for children affected by the tsunami with education and programs for children at risk, and helping orphans who need continued care and education.
- Building communities: In Sri Lanka, where the tsunami leveled entire communities and their infrastructure, CWB is helping build a new arts center for one community and helping restore sanitation in another.

Please review the details of the current projects on the following pages for more information on how CWB is meeting the needs of survivors and communities in tsunami-affected areas of Asia.

INDIA

1. HELPING YOUNG WOMEN IN INDIA TO BECOME CERTIFIED MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

PARTNER: Cross Trust



The tsunami caused many Indian families to lose their means for livelihood, making life a constant struggle. Women who wish to join the work force to assist their families are hampered by limited education and skills. In the Colachel village, one of the areas in the Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu that was badly affected by the tsunami, women cannot afford the fees required at the vocational training center in the city. Cross Trust has built a new center in Nagercoil to provide free medical training to women interested in starting new careers. Thanks to help from CWB, 150 of those from Colachel are now studying to earn diplomas to become nurses, midwives, lab technicians and X-ray technicians.

INDONESIA

2. CARING FOR TSUNAMI ORPHANS IN ACEH

PARTNER: Rahmania Foundation



Following the tsunami, thousands of school-age children in Aceh found themselves living in unhealthy, makeshift tents assembled amidst the rubble and wreckage where reconstruction has yet to begin. Many of these children lost their parents and family to the tsunami, and have been struggling with trauma and privation ever since. The Rahmania Foundation and its partner boarding schools have identified 1,500 tsunami orphans ages 6 to 18 that are in great need of care and education. Thanks to these boarding schools and support from CWB, children now have access to food, lodging, and education.

3. BRINGING HOPE TO AT-RISK YOUTH & STREET CHILDREN

PARTNER: Friends International



Hundreds of children live on the streets in Aceh, while thousands more live in at-risk environments where children forego education, and support themselves and their families. These children are unable to create a better life without direct support from the community. Friends International, founder of an innovative street children's organization in Cambodia, is working hand-in-hand with local organizations in Aceh to actively seek out these children, establish a drop-in center, and develop services that help these children survive and thrive. At the same time, Friends is helping local groups build new programs for children, and is supporting projects that seek to provide peace education, social services, vocational training, and life skills for these children.

LAOS

4. TRAINING AT-RISK TEENS TO BECOME COOKS

PARTNER: Friends International, Laos



Laos is one of the poorest countries in Southeast Asia and is just now beginning to develop any infrastructure to promote international tourism and business. Many in Laos lack access to education to move away from poverty and establish a new livelihood for themselves. Friends International has been helping young adults living on the streets in Cambodia escape poverty by offering drop-in centers and vocational training programs. One of the most successful is a cooking school that trains teens to become professional cooks, and then finds jobs for them. This model is being replicated to help young adults in Laos, and the CWB is helping with the initial launch of a cooking school.

SRI LANKA

5. IMPROVING SANITATION FOR FAMILIES IN SRI LANKA

PARTNER: Sarvodaya



In the village of Thalpitya, poor families whose homes were damaged by the tsunami are cooking in unsanitary ruins. In addition, households with as many as 12 people are sharing broken toilets that flood in the rainy season. With funding from CWB, toilets and kitchens for 26 of these families are being repaired and replaced to provide sanitary and safe living conditions and to improve public health conditions.

6. BUILDING AN ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTER TO REUNITE THE BALAPITIYA COMMUNITY

PARTNER: Sarvodaya



Balapitiya is a fishing village on Sri Lanka's southern coast devastated by the Tsunami. As a response to the deep trauma in the community, Sarvodaya is constructing a large Community Centre where local children and teenagers can be taught their traditional cultural arts by Sri Lankan experts. The liveliness of their traditional dancing, drama with vibrant costumes, and instrumental music will encourage the community's healing and provide an appealing and exciting venue for positive learning and interaction for youth and children. In addition, the village people will have the opportunity to develop their own livelihoods and create a sustainable local income through the ticket sales for cultural performances to visitors and foreign tourists.

7. TRAINING NEW CHEFS IN SRI LANKA

PARTNER: Chef's Guild



Employment opportunities are limited in villages such as Gurupokuna, especially for educated youth and those who lost their livelihood to the tsunami. The best option available to these survivors is to acquire a different set of skills for employment. This is difficult because vocational training institutes are found only in the bigger cities, and they charge high tuition fees. The Chef's Guild has taken in 100 youths from affected villages to train them in cooking and culinary art. The program, which includes English classes and topics about food safety and hygiene, will make them more employable both locally and internationally. After their one-year training, the Guild will assist the students in finding employment through their wide networks.

THAILAND

8. EMPLOYING A PERMANENT TEACHER FOR SEA GYPSY CHILDREN

PARTNER: Roong Aroon School Foundation



While volunteer teachers in tsunami-affected Thailand are filling an important need for children going to school, the consistency of teaching and transience of staff often make for sub-standard education. On Golden Buddha Island in Thailand's Phang Nga province, sea gypsy students were sent to the Kiet Pracha School, where funds were not available for hiring permanent staff. With support from CWB, a teacher named Mr. Chakkrit Chaisupa has been selected and employed until April 2008. His dedication and ability to relate to the children will provide a good, continuous and consistent education for the benefit of the entire community.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

I. GIFTS **\$83,949**

II. GRANTS

INDIA

1. Helping Young Women in India to Become Certified Medical Professionals \$5,000

INDONESIA

2. Caring For Tsunami Orphan in Aceh \$12,000

3. Bringing Hope to At-Risk Youth & Street Children \$10,838

LAOS

4. Training At-Risk Teens to Become Cooks \$12,000

SRI LANKA

5. Repairing Toilets & Kitchens For Families \$5,000

6. Building an Arts & Cultural Center to Reunite the Balapitiya Community \$15,000

7. Training New Chefs in Sri Lanka \$15,000

THAILAND

8. Employing a Permanent Teacher For Sea Gypsy Children \$5,000

SUBTOTAL OF GRANTS **-\$79,838**

III. OTHER ACTIVITY

Fund Administration Fees -\$180

Grant Fees -\$792

Reimbursement to ACA for event costs -\$3,980

Interest Earned \$841

IV. REMAINING ACA CHEF'S WITHOUT BORDERS FUND BALANCE **\$0**