

CARA

Children At Risk In Asia



CARA is a UK-based charity no. 1165824 that supports children in Asia by providing financial and in-kind support directly to local organisations in the field.

We are:

- Non-political
- Non-religious
- Strongly committed to the best interests of the child and the UNCRC.

Newsletter

If you are one of our many local supporters you may like to note **Sunday 7th July** in your diary as the date of this year's garden party.

2:00 to 5:00 pm at
10 Greystoke Close, Berkhamsted
Tel: 01442 873439

Once again Gentle Jazz have kindly agreed to play for us. Come and enjoy Pimms,



cakes and teas.



**By popular request
CARA's Garden Party
this year is on 7th
July**



If you would like to support our cause you can donate using this link www.carauk.org/donate

Remember you can donate for free when shopping online by going to

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Select CARA as your charity then search for retailer of your choice

Other CARA events this summer

Wednesday 10 July: Presentation by Andrew Lillicrap co-founder of One Sky on their work with disadvantaged families along the Thai/Myanmar border at Sangkhlaburi North West of Bangkok. The event is organized by The Justice and Peace Group, Tring to be held at the High Street Baptist Church, 89 High Street, Tring HB23 4AB. Refreshments from 7 pm.

Thursday 11 July: Talk by Andrew Lillicrap co-founder of One Sky on their work in Sangkhlaburi plus short video and photo exhibition at the Open Door, Way Inn 360 -364 Berkhamsted High Street. Wine and Thai snacks will be available from 6 pm.

Saturday 13 July: Market stall Berkhamsted High Street selling craft goods from Myanmar

Regular Donations are very valuable – they bring certainty to the long term support to which CARA is committed.

If you would like to make regular donations you can set up a direct debit made payable to CARA's bank account at HSBC; account no 22075849; sort code 40-08-39.

One Sky's Family support centre opened

The family support centre was opened by General Suchardt one of five top generals who flew by helicopter from Bangkok. He said he wanted the Royal Thai Police to fully cooperate with One Sky. He also presented Aye and Auntida with awards for their fantastic work as family support and child protection team leaders.

The Centre is the first of its kind in Kanchanaburi province of 1,000,000 people and provides dedicated counselling rooms where children and their families can seek help from trained One Sky staff in a private and friendly environment.

In a recent case, acting on intelligence from Australia and with cooperation of the police One Sky uncovered cases of young boys as novice monks being raped. The boys were very clear that it was a huge relief for them that they could talk to someone safely about what happened with no shame. With all NGO and government partners working together we can only hope that we will slowly break down these barriers to disclosure that prevent children, but especially boys, from seeking help.



Changing children's futures through education



Students who will finish high school at end of year

Education support programme continues to expand

The education support programme, starting its fourth year, will enable 150 children to continue their education this year. A group of older students will graduate from high school this year with some ready to apply to university and colleges to further their education. These children have overcome immense barriers to get this far but now have opportunities denied to their parents. CARA believes this is the most effective way to break the cycle of poverty in which these poor migrant families have been forced to live. We are now trying to raise further funds to provide scholarships to these bright young people to enable them to achieve their full potential and return to make a difference in their communities.



Some of the younger children that your donations support

Children supported for 2019/20 school year

- Children from all 13 schools in Sangkhlaburi district can now receive support based on an assessment of their needs
- 150 children to receive monthly bursaries
- Salaries of two American teachers paid by One sky to teach English in local high school at the request of the school

CARA is committed to supporting these children until they graduate from high school. We are now raising funds to provide scholarships to those students who are ready to move on to further and higher education. This presents a major funding challenge which we can only meet with your continued support. **Your donations have given these children the opportunity of an education which should be the right of every child**

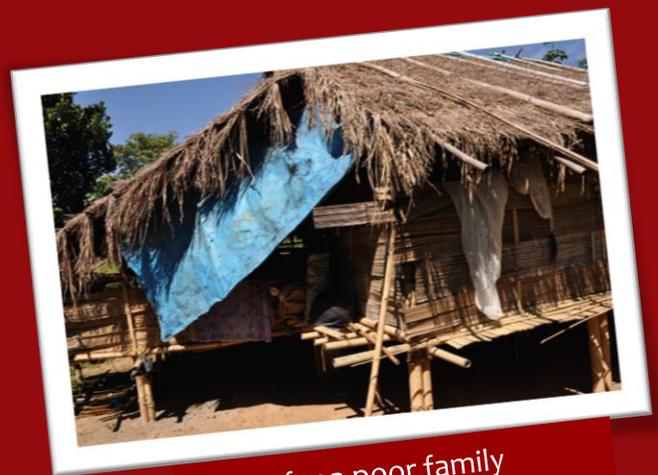
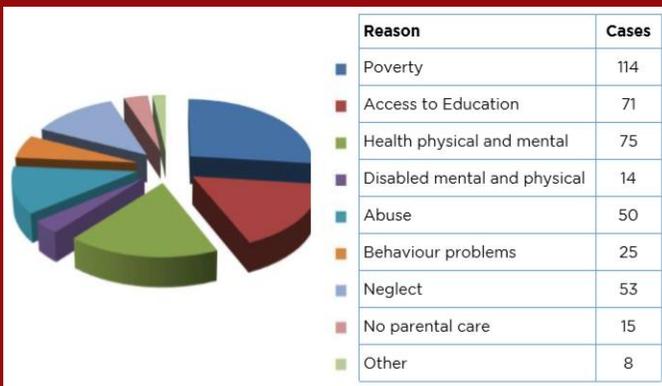
One Sky's welfare work

The One Sky Team

One Sky operates as a closely knit team. In this newsletter we give you a brief insight into the welfare work they carry out



Reasons children and families are referred to One Sky



Home for a poor family

Examples of solutions provided by One Sky

Child risk reduction: 103 cases

Accommodation: 8 families (rent and fixing)

Sexual abuse court support: 6 perpetrators sent to jail. (2 more under police supervision, 4 more ran away and 1 couldn't be identified)

Broom making: 8 families (supports 24 children, 13 adults)

Home-based food production: 9 families (25 children, 19 adults)

Hospital fees (transport, food, accommodation and medical costs): 57 cases

Youth support groups: 10 girls and 8 boys

One to One Psychosocial Support (multiple sessions): 30 children

Family Psychosocial Support (multiple sessions): 8 families

Student camps – 2 events with 21 and 17 children

Monthly food drops to poor families together with monitoring weight and height of malnourished children

