



Losing a loved one can be devastating, the grief can leave us feeling lost and alone with nowhere to turn. These emotions can often be amplified if you also have young children to care for.

For one young mother struggling to cope after the loss of her husband, it was too much. Having relied on her husband's salary to provide for her children, she found herself having to take out loans to survive each month.

This turned into a vicious cycle of debt, as each month the interest on the loans meant she was worse off. She was left with no option, but to move out of her small village and travel to the city, where there were more opportunities for her to make money.

To keep her family together, she left her three children with their grandmother,

in the hope that they would have a more stable family life.

This is how baby Tam, 8-year-old Fahsai and 10-year-old Moo came to live with their loving grandmother Nu Yee. Nu Yee is 72, and despite the fact that she adores her grandchildren, she often finds caring for three small children quite challenging.

Given her age and immobility, she is unable to work and therefore cannot earn enough money to send her grandchildren to school or put food on the table. Many families in a similar position feel pressured to either place their children into the care system, or remove the elder siblings from school, so they can start earning money to provide for the family.

Thanks to your support we are able to help Nu Yee, by providing her day care services for Tam along with food supplies and educational materials, so that Moo and Fahsai can attend school, giving them the chance of a better future.



Keeping Families Together



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Double your donation!
12pm Tuesday 3rd - Tuesday 10th December 2019

Safe Child Thailand is taking part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge again this year with an aim to raise £30,000 to fund the Keeping Families Together project in the slums of Bangkok for another year.

The Big Give gives donors the chance to double their donation for free. The doubled funds come from our “matching pot” made up of pledges from donors like you, and donations from trust funds connected to the Big Give.

The long term impact of your support will be felt by families suffering the effects of severe poverty for decades to come. Through tailored training and support they will learn the skills they need to feel empowered to support their children and ensure their children have a brighter future.

No family should feel that they have to give up their children due to poverty. Your support will ensure the continuation of this vital project, and help us to reach even more families!

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Safe Child Thailand safeguards vulnerable children in Thailand and empowers them to reach their fullest potential. With your support, we strive to create a Thailand where all children are respected, protected and enjoy equal opportunities.





You can help a child feel loved, nurtured and supported

Dear friend,

Because of you, a family in Thailand is able to put food on the table every night for their child, a parent is able to provide their child with access to health care and a single mother can afford to send her child to school after starting her own business.

With your support, family strengthening projects enable vulnerable families who are at risk of separation and exploitation to stay together and become stronger and more resilient.

Poverty is the number one reason for family breakdown in Thailand. Combined with a lack of social services, many families lose hope in their ability to provide for their child and often feel forced to put their child into care. Over 80% of children in care homes have been separated from their families for this very reason.

Who would we be without our family? They help shape us, with their love and support, to become the people we are today. From a child's first moments, they thrive from the individual care and attention they receive from their parents. It is this bond that allows them to grow and develop in a safe, nurturing and loving environment.

Through tailored family strengthening services which provide the best possible outcome for the life of the child, to teams of dedicated social workers providing mentoring and support as well as advice on how to manage their finances, and access vital services like health care and education. These family strengthening projects you support, aim to help these families overcome the hardships they face.

Your kind support allows children to enjoy their right to a safe home and enables them to live up to their fullest potential. Family strengthening achieves this, and you can make it a reality.

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You have helped fight poverty and family separation by providing vital care which keeps children and families together in a safe and nurturing environment.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT?

Your support is:

- > **Providing vocational training, income generation and microloan schemes to communities in Thailand**
- > **Providing educational opportunities to children through scholarship programmes, school supplies, uniforms and transport**
- > **Advocating and campaigning for better social care, family tracing and foster care**
- > **Helping support hundreds of children access welfare**
- > **Giving children and families the support they need to cope under difficult circumstances**

What you can do to help...

As you know, these projects are only as sustainable as their support. It's why we need generous supporters like you.

You can have a lasting impact in Thailand; keeping children with their families and securing a healthy future for all children.

To make a real and lasting change, you can sign up to become a regular giver, safe in the knowledge that your support will have a generational impact in Thailand: starting today, with a child and their family.

- > £40 a month can provide a child with essential care
- > £20 a month covers a whole family's medical needs
- > £10 a month provides a child with educational support to enable them to go to school

There is power in giving regularly. It enables our partners to consistently provide the best care for children and build programmes that are sustainable and community-led.

We cannot thank you enough for the life-changing impact your generosity has for children in Thailand. It is truly appreciated.



Anong's father works as a rubber farmer deep in the thick dense jungle of western Thailand, whilst his mother stays at home caring for his three younger siblings. His family is of Mon Burmese ethnicity; a minority group in Thailand who are often excluded and on the margins of society.



Anong pictured with his family, next to his mother

Anong's father only earns 4,000 Thai Baht (£95) a month collecting rubber sap from trees.

Collecting rubber sap is a gruelling physical job which takes all of Anong's father's time and energy. Although his father is doing his best, £95 a month is barely enough to feed his family, provide shelter, clothing and an education. Out of sheer desperation, his father was going to ask Anong to drop out of school and help him on the rubber farm.

Anong has to walk 45 minutes through rough, dangerous terrain to get to school, so keeping him home seemed like the better option.

Luckily, this was all avoided. Our local partners provide support to families who are on the brink of exploitation and separation. Anong's mother is provided with the necessary essentials, to ensure that her children are all able to eat, as well

as having all the vitamins and minerals they need to grow and develop properly. Anong's school fees and transport are paid for, so he no longer has to walk to school and has the opportunity to become who he wants to be.

The biggest challenge for the family is that the price of rubber has dropped in recent months which has really affected their household income. Our partners provide necessary financial support to compensate for their loss and to ensure that they have the means to thrive.

Anong's mother wants all of her children to go to school and receive the best education. Her dream is to have a secure family life and for her children to have stability when they grow up.

Family strengthening makes her dream a reality.

