

Camillian Social Centre Takuapa And The Sarojin

Introduction

The Camillian Social Centre Takuapa, www.camilliantakuapa.org, is 15 minutes' drive from The Sarojin. It is part of the St. Camillus Foundation of Thailand and is a non-profit organization providing day care and rehabilitation for children with disabilities. The centre provides free of charge day care for currently 20 children. Ages range from 4 - 16 years. Disabilities include down's syndrome, physical disabilities and autism. It is the only centre providing care for down's syndrome in Phang Nga province.



The centre's programs involve psychological and social development, dance, music, arts, crafts, daily physiotherapy care overseen by a doctor and team from Phang Nga Hospital, home visits and counseling for families. Two minibuses operate providing transfers for the children to and from the centre. By providing day care for the children the centre not only helps the children but also provides invaluable support to the parents and family by allowing them to go to work and attend other daily activities etc.

Fundraising

The centre is targeting to fundraise THB 50,000 per month / USD 1,700 to help cover some of its monthly operating expenses such as utilities, fuel, transport, meals, doctor visits, activities equipment etc.



The centre organized in November 2013 the first "Charity Bike Ride for Children Living With Disabilities", in November 2013 and this event has been ongoing annually every November. Over 200 adults and children from the community participate including staff and guests from The Sarojin, all helping raise much needed funds.

The Sarojin and Camillian Social Centre Takuapa

- The Sarojin has worked with the Camillian Social Centre since 2012 through the work of The Sarojin Khao Lak Community Fund.
- Guests are welcome to visit to see and learn more about the centre or join with staff and volunteers to assist with arts and crafts sessions with the children.
- The "Street Food Cook For Kids" initiative combines a local street food tour and street food cooking class with The Sarojin chef at the Camillian Social Centre with guests and chef cooking lunch for the children and staff at the centre – a truly wonderful experience!

