

Baan Than Namchai Orphanage and The Sarojin

Introduction

Baan Than Namchai Orphanage, (BTNC), www.bnc.or.th, is approximately 15 minutes' drive north from The Sarojin. The orphanage was set up as an immediate response to the December 2004 tsunami by volunteers from The Duang Prateep Foundation, who were working with slum children in Bangkok providing schooling and medical care. Initially existing in tents and meant only as a temporary solution, the need for a permanent orphanage became quickly apparent. The orphanage moved into permanent buildings in 2006. Today, BTNC provides home for 85 children with an environment focused very much on love, care and education.

The Children, Their Stories, Dreams and Ambitions

Today the children range from age 14 months to 21 years. Now more than a decade on, several of the older children are becoming real success stories, studying at university and acting as role models for the younger ones; fueling their dreams and ambitions together to become lawyers, doctors, pilots, teachers. An overriding theme is that these children are keen to give back.

The Sarojin and Baan Than Namchai

- The Sarojin has worked with and supported BNTC since January 2005 through the work of The Sarojin Khao Lak Community Fund.



- Guests are welcome to visit to see and learn more. Donations of essential items from a recommended shopping list - rice, cooking oil, sugar, fish sauce etc. are very welcome; there are also opportunities to become more involved in the work of BTNC, sponsor some of the work and children.
- The hotel trainee scheme is a partnership between The Sarojin and BTNC offering older children hotel trainee placements at The Sarojin during school holidays. This is a valuable introduction to the working adult world and a great confidence booster for the children to help them “step out” and help a little with the onward transition to university or work.
- Rice sacks saved from The Sarojin kitchens are used to make innovative and gorgeous bag designs sold in the BTNC shop.