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## Looking back, looking forward

*Dear Kids Home Partner,*

*2007 was a very exciting year for Kids Home. "Our" children continue to thrive and new kids have joined our programs. We now support more than 50 children in the province of Chiang Mai (Thailand). We are still a small organization, working with a "start up mentality"; but our partners' involvement is growing and so do our responsibilities. There are now 25 Kids Home Partners who, like you, provide the majority of our resources. The challenge is to keep growing steadily while making sure we remain loyal to the 2 key rules that make Kids Home unique:*

*1. Donations are used entirely for our projects in Thailand. We have no paid staff nor office in Europe. The few administrative costs are covered directly and entirely by our board members. This means that 100% of the donations we receive are spent for the kids, in Thailand.*

*2. We target our support to meet each child's specific needs. We know each of them individually. We know their needs and their capacities. We know what they have suffered and what they dream of. On this basis, we adapt our projects to make sure they receive the best support possible.*

*This short report provides you with a snapshot of each of the 3 programs through which we help children in Chiang Mai. On the last page we offer information on our 2007 budget and how we spent the donations we received. Much more detailed information and some heart-warming pictures can be found on our web site:*

[www.kids-home.org](http://www.kids-home.org)

*On behalf of the kids, let me thank you, once more, for all that you have done, and all that you will do...*



Nicola Crosta, President - Kids Home

## The Kids Home

The Kids Home has now been open for 4 years. We have welcomed 3 new kids during 2007, bringing the total up to 11 full-time "residents". Our staff is doing a great job in providing them support and affection. It is a constant challenge...but the task is a hugely rewarding one!

We are working hard to make sure they find at Kids Home a family-like environment and the opportunity to learn English and acquire computer skills that will help them in the future. This year, 5 of our kids made us particularly proud when they were admitted to an excellent, selective school which should offer them better education opportunities.



New challenges are arising as the children grow up. Some of the children are now entering the difficult adolescence phase. Others, already teenagers, will need to gain progressive autonomy so that one day they are ready to leave the Kids Home. We are also multiplying our efforts to maintain and cultivate, where possible, their relations with existing family members. We are also considering opening our doors to 2 more kids in the year to come.

*"I want to become a teacher. I want to teach kids how to read books."*

Mile, 12 years old

## The Smile Project

This after-school program has become a successful and regular feature of the Kids Home. It supports kids, selected in cooperation with the local school, who suffer from particularly difficult family situations.

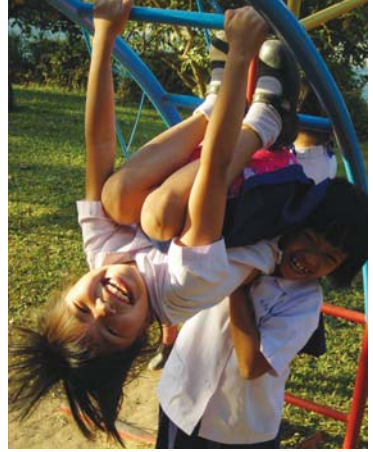
2007 has seen an impressive increase in participation in the Smile Project, reaching 45 children (almost tripling in size from the 16 last year). Children benefit from drawing and handicraft lessons as well as sports and English classes provided by our staff and skilled volunteers. This unexpected but welcome success required greater resources and a logistics reorganization to meet the additional transport and food requirements.

During 2008 we will focus on increased after-school support and computer classes as well as a closer cooperation with the nearby Wat Jed Jod school to develop complementary education programs.

In order to improve the quality of the activities proposed, we will soon start a system of self-evaluation where we will ask the kids themselves to rate our work and to provide us with ideas on how Kids Home can best support them.

*“The Smile Project? It is like a small vacation after school.”*

Sai, 9 years old



## The Individual Support Program

This program supports families encountering great socio-economic difficulties by providing their children with schooling as well as fulfilling their basic needs for food, clothing and safety. This is not a large scale 'distance adoption program'. We have chosen to keep the program small enough to tailor our support to each specific situation and thus maximize impact.

During 2007, 3 new children joined the program which now supports 12 kids. We have increased our visits and meetings with the families so as to deepen our understanding of the problems and potential of each family. Clearly, the more we know about them the better we can help.



All of the children sponsored were able to attend school and receive adequate healthcare, clothing and food. Occasionally we provide ad hoc grants (for instance to improve housing conditions) when we consider that this can have great benefits for the family as a whole.

This year we intend to increase the number of children we support while keeping quality as our main ingredient. We are also working to promote greater solidarity among participating families to encourage their initiative. The ultimate objective is to help them to achieve sustainable economic conditions without our help.

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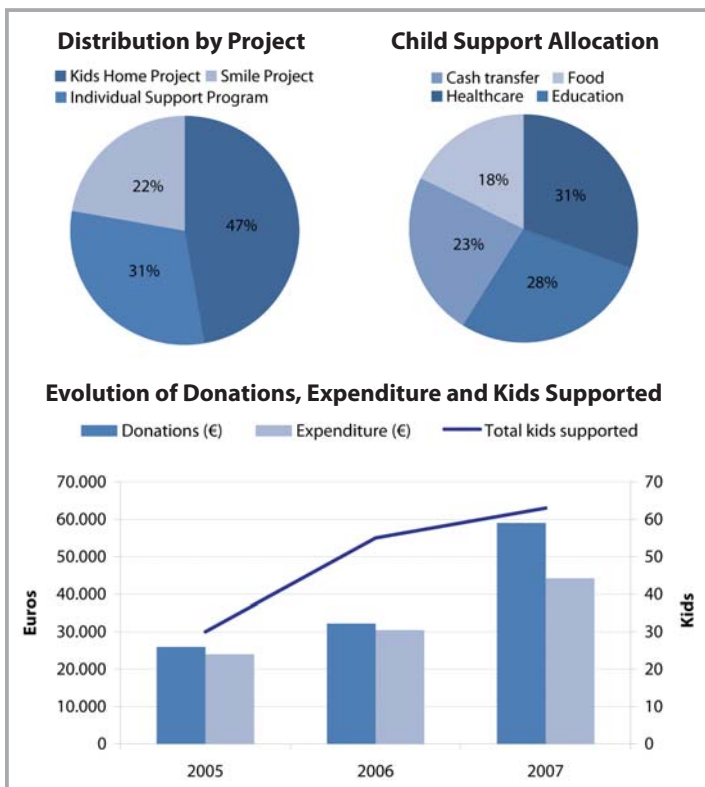
## 2007 Financial Highlights

**Total donations: 59 300 €**

**Kids directly supported: 58**

**Total expenses: 44 000 €**

**Total kids supported: 63**



Our accounts are audited by a certified accounting firm.  
For more information please visit:

[www.kids-home.org](http://www.kids-home.org)