



HANDS ACROSS THE WATER

Who We Are

Hands started as a charity in response to the Boxing Day Tsunami of 2004 to support children who had lost their families and homes and were living in a tent. Hands Founder, Peter Baines and a colleague from the UK set about to raise funds to build the children a home.

It was only upon opening the first home in 2007, that the real challenge and the need for a long-term commitment was realised. In the years that followed, Hands Across the Water grew and expanded its reach well beyond those initial 32 kids. Today, Hands supports 350+ children living in 7 homes and projects across Thailand.

The kids who come to live in a Hands home are there because they have no choice. This is often the result of one of three heartbreaking situations:

- They have no known family to care for them.
- They have a family member who is known to them but is unable to care for them.
- They are living in an unsafe environment and have been placed in our care by the police or government.

All of the children and young adults in our homes were created equal. Society stepped in and put limitations on what they could achieve. At Hands, we believe that everyone that comes into our care deserves a life of choice, not chance.

The money raised and entrusted to Hands to bring about change is used to provide the life-saving necessities for those in our homes and importantly it supports many families in an outreach program to keep kids out of our homes. We know the best place for kids when all things are equal is in a family. When that doesn't exist, we provide a home for those kids, which really is just one big family.

We believe that all children deserve the chance to build a future full of possibilities, opportunities, and dreams. Just as important as filling their bellies with healthy food, our role is to help them to see the opportunities that lie before them.

Your support will enable us to continue this life-changing work.

Learn more about Hands Across the Water by scanning the QR code.



Our Impact

The difference we make at Hands is not measured in numbers of homes built, dollars raised or spent, kilometres ridden or the even the number of children we care for. The impact of Hands is measured in the choice we create for the kids when it comes time for them to leave our homes.



We fund seven homes across Thailand



We have 350+ kids in our care that will live a life of choice thanks to the generous support of our donors



Each night over 350+ children will sleep in a comfortable bed waking up safe



In one year we provide 380,000+ meals to the children and communities we support



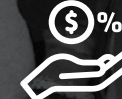
We have raised over AU\$30 million



Running our homes costs AU\$1.8m per year



We currently have 23 students at University



85% of donations go to the children and communities we support



Our bike riders have ridden a combined distance of more than 600,000km



We have had 1,000+ people ride with us

Home Hug,
Yasothon



Home Hug,
Surin



The New Life Project,
Kanchanaburi



Pama House,
Chanthaburi



The New Life Project,
Chumpon



Baan Tharn Namchai,
Khao Lak



Baan Nam Khem Community
Centre & Tsunami Refuge,
Khao Lak



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HOMES

To learn more about
our journey and
the homes we are
working with scan
the QR code.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

At Hands, we are proud to say that we meet 14 out of the 17 UN SDGs.



To learn more about how
we specifically meet each of
these goals, see our impact
page on our website here:



How you can support

JOIN AN EXPERIENCE

Our approach at Hands is to offer shared experiences that will build strong engagement within our supporters.

We know that we can change the lives of the kids we are supporting. We know we have the people on the ground to educate, care and love the children. But all of that is only sustainable if we engage our supporters on a different level.



ATTEND AN EVENT

We host many events throughout the year including our International Women's Day Breakfast, our Future of Leadership Conference series and our Night of Celebration. These sell out events provide great value to all who attend, and we'd love to see you join us.



GRIND TO PROVIDE

We partnered with Black Bag Roasters, one of Australia's leading boutique coffee roasters, to create Grind to Provide. We've sourced beans from sustainable coffee growers across Brazil, Colombia and Peru. The result is rich and smooth blend of Arabica coffee beans, with hints of milk chocolate and marzipan.

A bag of Grind to Provide coffee beans is more than just delicious coffee, it's coffee that makes a difference with 100% of profits helping us change the lives of over 350 children.



SPONSOR A CHILD & SPONSOR A FUTURE

We measure our success at Hands by the choice the children have when it comes time for them to leave. Our job is not done by providing our kids with the basic food and shelter. That is not enough.

We measure ourselves by the opportunities that lie before each of the children when the time comes for them to leave. We want them to have a life of choice rather than one of chance.

We believe that the greatest commitment we can make to society is not merely caring for those in need, but building our leaders, creators, thinkers, and designers of tomorrow. You can help us achieve this by sponsoring a child and a future.



HANDS COMMUNITY REWARDS

Imagine if you could buy the things you love, automatically save and give to Hands Across the Water, without any additional out-of-pocket expenditure!

Now you can with Hands Community Rewards.

As a member of Hands Community Rewards, you can receive some very special discounts every time you shop.





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