

Father Ray Foundation Sponsorship Program

We need people willing to help support a child/student. To this aim, our Foundation has setup a special sponsorship program. Its objectives are: (1) to let each child know that there are people who really care about them, (2) to provide the child with communications with their sponsor(s), via on-site visit or correspondence, reinforcing the first objective and (3) to provide financial support for the children.

Here is how that program operates.

The average expenses we incur to support a student or child is about €1,800.00 per year. This covers all their room and board, their education, medical care, clothing and other necessities of life. When you become a sponsor, we work with you to select a project and an appropriate child for you to sponsor.

We have three levels of sponsorship available for those wishing to help out.

A) A Full Sponsorship at €1,800.00 per year. The child is informed that you are their sponsor. Every year you will receive a Christmas card, a birthday card and if appropriate a wedding anniversary card from your sponsee. We encourage you to write often to your child and you can be assured your letter is translated and read to them. You will always receive a translated reply from the child.

B) A Partial Sponsorship at €180.00 per year means that you will share the expenses of your sponsee with 9 other Partial Sponsors. You will receive both a Christmas card and a birthday card from your sponsee. We encourage you to write to your child often. Every letter will be translated and read to the child. But except at Christmas, you may not receive replies. It may be too much burden on smaller children and we will handle this on an individual basis.

C) A Supporting Sponsorship at €80.00 per year. You will be assigned a special child and are encouraged to write to them. Every letter will be translated and read to the child however you should not expect to receive cards nor any replies to your letters, except in special cases.

All sponsors will receive a picture and a case history of the child they are sponsoring. Each sponsor will also receive a login ID and password so they can review the progress of their sponsee online. Many sponsors send their sponsee a small gift at their birthday or at Christmas. This is not a requirement but we will work with you and even buy the gift here to avoid all the mailing expense if you wish to do this.

If you are interested, please fill out the form below. Your donation should be paid by personal check made out to the Fr. Ray Foundation. You may defer payment until we work with you to select a child for you to sponsor. You can also arrange to make monthly payments rather than a lump sum payment.

I wish to help the Sponsorship Program in the _____ project.
(These are described on the next page):

- Full Sponsorship: €1,800.00 per year Partial Sponsorship: €180.00 per year
 Supporting Sponsorship €80.00 per year I just want to help, but not sponsor.

Enclosed is a check for _____

Please Print

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, Country, Post Code: _____

Birthday: _____

Wedding: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Spouse Birthday: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Date: _____



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Description of the Father Ray Foundation Projects

The Father Ray Foundation is the funding organization for several social projects in Pattaya, Thailand. It takes its name from Father Ray Brennan, who was an American Redemptorist priest. The Foundation manages and provides financial support for all of the projects described below.

Father Ray Children's Home: The Children's Home, formerly known as the Home for Street Kids, was opened in 1990 with the aim of offering street kids a chance to have a normal childhood again. Currently, we have over 180 children in our Home which is located 9 kilometers outside of Pattaya City. Most of the children come from broken homes and have been exposed to a life of begging, use of drugs and even child prostitution.

Redemptorist Vocational School for People with Disability: People with Disability in Thailand have a very difficult life. Looked down upon by society, many are reduced to doing menial work or to beg for a living. In 1984, Father Ray founded the School with just four disabled students. Today there are over 220 young Thai adults studying Electronic Repair, Computer Programming and Computer for Business in English, learning a trade that will allow them to become independent and productive members of society. All graduating students are guaranteed a job before they leave the School.

Pattaya Redemptorist School for the Blind: The 1980s were a busy time for Father Ray. Apart from opening the School for disabled young adults, he also opened, in 1986, a School for the Blind. Now over 140 blind children receive an education that is consistent with the national curriculum, as well as independent living skills. The students learn to read and write Braille, walk using a white stick and how to take care of themselves. The School is also home to many children who are multi-handicapped as well as blind.

Father Ray Outreach Work and Drop-In Center for Street Kids: Compared to the whole of Thailand, Pattaya is a very prosperous city. Many children who have run away from home end up on the streets trying to earn a living. Some steal, some end up taking drugs, others even prostitute themselves. The Drop-In Center was established in February 2004 to provide street children with temporary shelter, providing food, clothing, a sleeping place, bathing facilities, rest, relaxation, fundamental health care and more importantly counseling by qualified social workers. Our social workers visit the streets nightly to try to gain the trust of the kids, before inviting them to stay at our Center. After being at the Center for a few months, some of them accept the move to the Children's Home or the Children's Village; for others we find employment and some go back to vocational school or college to learn a trade.

Father Ray Children's Village: Father Ray Children's Village is a place that allows orphaned, abandoned and neglected children to belong to a home and a family. Competent and responsible Mothers and Co-workers provide unconditional love and inspiration, support and encouragement which allows these children to grow up normally, enriched with their God-given talents, and contribute their share to the progress of the human family.

Father Ray Day Care Center: A slum area is not a safe place for a young child during the working hours, but many poor parents have no option but to leave their children to fend for themselves while they are working. Father Ray Day Care Center allows the poorest of the poor to have their under school-age babies and toddlers to be cared for while their parents are working. We provide food, health care, and a safe and loving environment for the babies and toddlers as well as giving them a good preparation for primary school.

Father Ray Center for Special Needs Children: This is our newest project and is aimed at assisting children with special needs such as autism, cerebral palsy and down syndrome. We offer support to both the child and the family. Parents and siblings are encouraged to attend the different daily sessions, so that they can learn how best to cope with a child with special needs.

