

# Pistorio Foundation Newsletter

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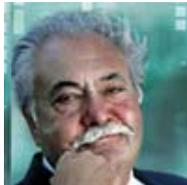
### Make A Donation

*Join our efforts to make this a world fit for children. Support a child in Thailand:*

**with only 150 Euros (300 Singapore Dollars) you can support the education of one child in Thailand for one year**

*Sponsorship covers uniforms, meals in school, transport to school, school supplies, backpack, and medical check-ups.*

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### About Us

The Pistorio Foundation is dedicated to improving the living conditions of less privileged children in developing countries, with a focus on education and primary health care. In addition to providing long-term scholarships and primary health care to extremely poor children, the Foundation builds and improves school infrastructures where needed.

To date we support the long-term education of 1078 students from primary to professional school, for a total of 1363 children including pre-school and kindergarten age children across the four regions - Burkina Faso, Tibet (China), Thailand, and Cambodia. This is significant increase from 2008 in which we supported the long-term education and primary health care of 868 students, 500 in 2007, and 283 in 2006, our first operational year.

The Foundation operates through a network of volunteers in close partnership with selected NGOs.

**We currently operate with no overhead costs: 100% of all donations and resources go directly to projects on location to benefit the children we support.**

## The Pistorio Foundation reaches out to Haiti

Due to the desperate need for aid, the Pistorio Foundation donated a total of **US\$30 000** for the victims of the earthquake. \$10 000 was given to Medecins sans Frontière (to assist immediately for urgent medical needs), \$10 000 to Lumiere pour Haiti (a small organization that focuses on education for children) and \$10 000 to Entrepreneurs du Monde (in order to contribute to the reconstruction effort).

## Ban Mhai Pattaná LIBRARY ROOM

Two new projects for a library and computer room at the Pistorio Foundation's Primary School in Ban Mhai Pattana, Chiang Rai were successfully completed.



### Library Room

The project offers disadvantaged Hill Tribe children enhanced learning opportunities by providing over 500 bilingual books (Thai and English) and a reading room for the pupils (171 in total), as well as for their families and the community of Ban Mhai Pattana and the neighboring villages. The library will thus aid the acquisition of knowledge and language skills not only amongst the pupils, but also within the community at large, thereby encouraging a more active involvement in the children's learning.



### Computer Room

The project provides the pupils with access to a fully-equipped computer room (including 10 computers, Internet connection, headsets and microphones, chairs, blinds and carpeting). The creation of the computer room offers students the opportunity to gain essential computer skills. Furthermore, it allows both the pupils and teachers to discover knowledge of the outside world and in turn to expand opportunities for their futures.

### Testimonial

*"I am so grateful to have been given the chance of my dreams to go to school, to study computer, to know how to use computer, and to have more education materials than other schools."* -Apha Binglae, Grade 2.

### Volunteers' visit to Phnom Penh Project Visit to families of students on scholarships

Board Member Elena Pistorio and volunteers Sarah Meisch and Country Manager and Auditor Angela Mitakidis, as part of their audit trip, met with some families of children supported by the Pistorio Foundation at the Pour Un Sourire d'Enfant (PSE) center in Phnom Penh. One of the families lives in



center for the past several years and has recently given its commitment to support another 50 children, bringing the total number of children's education in Cambodia

sponsored by the Foundation to 183. The Foundation's commitment to these children is for the long term, that is, from entry into the PSE school program through to completion of professional school.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to donors and supporters worldwide who allow us to reach out to more needy children. Donations outside of Singapore in 2009 have totalled over **58,000 CHF**. Together with donations in Singapore, the Foundation raised the equivalent of over **205,000 CHF**. Heart felt thank you to our generous donors in Europe and US, including Techint Finanziaria Spa, Mr and Mrs Martinotti, Mr and Mrs Monney, Aristoncavi, and many others. 100% of donations go straight to projects on location.

In Ostuni, Italy, Maria Grazia Maraffa donated one day of proceeds of her retail business activity, Istituto Privilege, to the Foundation.

Thank you!

## News from the Singapore Chapter

Congratulations to the tireless efforts of our Singapore Chapter team which is growing in number and reach, spearheading the Foundation's fundraising drives, and creating more opportunities for raising awareness and funds for needy children in neighbouring countries. In 2009, the Chapter raised nearly 200,000 Singapore Dollars! Our most sincere thanks to our volunteers and our generous Donors and Sponsors! Well done!!!

100% of these funds have gone to school projects in Thailand and to support the education of hundreds of children education in Thailand and Cambodia.

### January 2010

**Pucci Fashion Show at the home of the Italian Ambassador to Italy**  
Summer, bold "Italianism" and evolving the body conscious silhouette into a fresh wardrobe for today's Pucci woman was the theme of a fashion show to benefit the Pistorio Foundation held in January at the residence of HE the Ambassador of Italy Folco de Luca Gabrielli and Mrs. De Luca Gabrielli.

Guests were treated to a vibrant show from Pucci's 2010 collection, featuring prints & embroideries inspired by an aquatic palette of blue, pink, yellow, red and sun bleached khaki, with gold and silver accents.

Following the show, guests had a private shopping opportunity to buy all the designs shown, as well as additional accessories, and Pucci generously donated 3,810 Singapore Dollars to the Pistorio Foundation.

All monies donated to the Foundation go toward furthering the reach in northern Thailand and Cambodia, with the aim of increasing the number of children supported. Just SGD 300 will support a child for one year in Thailand, and SGD 864 will provide a scholarship in Cambodia for one year.

The Foundation works on an exclusively volunteer basis, which means that 100% of all donations go toward helping the children.



### November 2009

#### A Scuola per La Vita Charity Dinner

The Singapore Chapter of the Pistorio Foundation held a Charity Dinner on November 3rd at the Shangri-La Hotel. The Italian themed event conducted by Vernetta Lopez celebrated talent and passion and the credo that given the right opportunities children can fulfill their lifelong dreams. The evening featured performances by primary school age pupils of the John Monteiro International Music School, eleven year old singer Harry Mills, and acclaimed Jazz vocalist Rani Singam. The event was graced by Guest of Honor, Mr. PhilipYeo, Chairman of Spring Singapore, former Chairman of the EDB from 1986 to 2001 and of A\*Star, and HE Italian Ambassador Folco de Luca Gabrielli and H.E. Ambassador of Switzerland Jörg Reding.



Thanks to all the generous performers, guests, and sponsors including Denise Wines, The Italian Wine List, Ermenegildo Zegna, Missoni, Bawa House 87, Furla, Audemars Piguet, Aman Resorts, Pucci, Autium, Il Lido, Forlino, Moschino, Mr Renato Guarino and Shufong Singapore, Pioneer Investments, Techmat, Crossinvest, The Italian Trade Commission, STMicroelectronics, for their support and for enabling the Foundation to raise

## compassion

**Children have demonstrated their creativity and care in coming up spontaneously with ideas to raise funds for the more needy. Well done kids!**

### Cupcake Sale

After hearing about the plight of underprivileged children at a school presentation hosted in October 2009 by the Pistorio Foundation, 4th graders Bryce Pampell and Cindy Lee of the Canadian International School took it upon themselves to raise funds for this cause. They baked cupcakes and, together, approached fellow residents at their condo selling their baked goods. They managed to raise almost half of the \$300 needed to fund a child in Thailand for an entire year of schooling. The Foundation matched the amount raised by them and the result is that another child in Thailand now has the opportunity to go to school. The Foundation was very moved by the initiative of these two children who have received certificates acknowledging their generosity.



### Garage Sale

At the Canadian International School's 'garage' sale in May 2009, a group of 8 and 9 year-olds got together to sell unused toys, books, games, Lego, videos, etc., with the aim of donating 30% of the proceeds to Pistorio Foundation. By the end of a busy day, they had raised more than \$110 dollars for the Foundation. Parents pitched in the remaining \$190 to provide funding for one child to attend school for a year in Thailand.

### LucianoContini's Birthday

Luciano Contini asked that for his 10th birthday his friends instead of getting him a gift make a free donation to the Foundation to support children's education. Luciano would like to thank Matthew Mitakidis, Nicolas Pizzo, Nicolas Kaufmann, Bryce Pampell, Alexander Pye, Rahul Hingorani, Max Daniel Slater, Gabriele Guarino, Samy Keane, Federica and Vincenzo Camilleri, Pasqualino Pistorio.

Thanks to their donations, 656 Singapore Dollars were raised, and matched by Luciano's mom for a total of 1,312 Singapore Dollars. This will allow 4 hill-tribe minority children in Thailand to attend school for one year.

## Upcoming Visits

President Pasquale Pistorio and volunteers will be travelling to Chiang Rai, Thailand on March 6 to inaugurate the newly constructed primary school in Huay Kuk, donors and supporters are welcome.



For more information on this trip and inauguration, please contact Elena Pistorio at Contact Email [elena.pistorio@pistoriofoundation.org](mailto:elena.pistorio@pistoriofoundation.org)



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