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Pasquale Pistorio Inaugurates Secondary School of Sogpelcé, Burkina Faso, February 2009



On February 19 the inauguration of the Secondary School in Sogpelcé was attended by Pasquale Pistorio and Piero Martinotti as well as Valeria Dragone from CIAI. The school, which consists of four buildings, opened in October 2008 with 76 students.

Due to lack of infrastructure, Burkina Faso has a very low secondary school enrolment rate (according to UNESCO, only 52% of pupils continue to secondary school). The project was born to allow the elementary children we support in the Nibagdo region to continue their schooling through to secondary school. The children of seven neighbouring villages can finally look forward to attending a secondary school.

The Pistorio Foundation's first infrastructure project in 2006 was the Nibagdo primary school where it continues to support the scholarships of 50 children. The Foundation supports the education and primary health care of a total of 100 children from six different villages.

Pasquale Pistorio Inaugurates School Campus in Ban Mhai Pattaná, February 2009



The Pistorio Foundation held the inauguration of the Ban Mhai Pattaná primary school on February 9 in the presence of Pasquale Pistorio, H.E. Italian Ambassador to Thailand Ignazio di Pace, local Partner representative Gianni dalla Rizza, and Elena Pistorio, among other Foundation volunteers and journalists including Mr. Massimo Morello and photographer Andrea Pistolesi.

Ninety-one children are currently attending the school. The parents of the hill tribe children mentioned, "a school close to our village has always been our dream, the future will be brighter for our children, unlike us they will learn to read and write." Previously, children spent the school area in remote towns to be able to attend school, as one parent claimed, "for our children to go to school and be with the family in the evenings is the biggest gift we could have ever asked for."

The construction of a school and dormitory in Hmong village has also been completed and the school opened in May 2009 with 100 pupils, and will hold up to 200 children in full capacity. The school caters to three different hill-tribe villages.

Global Crisis hits the poorest of the poor in Cambodia especially hard: Pistorio Foundation increases support to new flood of destitute children



The current economic crisis has had devastating consequences on the garbage scavengers of the municipal dump of Stung Mean Chey. Families that were previously living on an average of \$2 per day are now only making a quarter of that. Combined with rising unemployment rates there is a now a new flood of poor children on the streets whose families are on the brink of starvation. The Foundation has decided to support the long-term education and health

care of 50 more children at the PSE (Pour un Sourire d'Enfant) center which rescues and provides an education to children working at the dump and to street children. The Foundation supports a total of 183 children at the PSE center.

Upcoming Events in Singapore

June 2009

Tiffin Club "Bawa House 87" Charity Launch

In support of the Pistorio Foundation, on the 25th and 26th of June, Ajai Zecha and Michelle Saram of the Tiffin Club generously held a lucky draw for a five night stay at a unique new property in Sri Lanka. Fifty percent of the proceeds, amounting to S\$1885 went directly to support The Pistorio Foundation.

May 2009

Pistorio Foundation Charity Cocktail Reception

On Friday 15 May a Charity Cocktail Reception was organized, sponsored, and hosted by art-dealers Carole and Frédéric de Senarclens in support of the Pistorio Foundation's Chiang Rai Village Project. Italian Barbera Sant'Emiliano wine was sponsored by the Marchesi Incisa della Rocchetta family, and Laurent-Perrier champagne by Ludovic de Lageard. Over S\$16,500 were raised during the evening from voluntary personal donations as well as from an auction of a lithograph by British contemporary artist Adam Dant.

<http://www.pistoriofoundation.org/press/97.pdf>

April 2009

Springtime Lunch April 28, 2009:

On April 18th a Springtime Lunch was held in the historic black and white style home of Elizabeth and Phillip Badge. Gourmet food was catered by Fine Palate, fine wine by Denise Wines and mineral water from Acqua Panna, our generous event partners. An impressive amount of **\$24,455** was raised, 100% of which went towards the building the school in Hmong village of Huay Kuk (see photos above).



The activities of the day included a live auction of Universal Restaurant dinner for 6 and Selected Wines donated by Denise Wines, 'silent' auctions of items donated by Bulgari Fine Palate, The Shophouse, The Fort Printers (Sri Lanka) and Koupaia art studios, and raffle draws of exclusive items donated by Narumi Photography, Samsonite, Carrot Banana Peach, Lee Carrington golf professional, Urban Nail & Beauty, CeleVenus, Chateau de Sable, Hediard, and Stuffed Parties.

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Thanks to our fundraising events in Singapore, the Foundation has been able to finance 75% of the construction of a new primary school in Huay Kuk, a Hmong hill-tribe village in Chiang Rai. The school opened its doors in May 2009 with 100 students and will be able to hold up to 200 students.

We would like to thank all hard-working and devoted volunteers and generous donors and sponsors for their continued support.

News

The Pistorio Foundation is the charity officially supported by Denise Wines and Carrot Banana Peach.

Articles on the Pistorio Foundation appeared in the April issue of the Expat Living magazine (<http://www.pistoriofoundation.org/press/94.pdf>) and the Denise Wines Wine Talk publication (<http://www.pistoriofoundation.org/press/96.pdf>).

Upcoming Events in Singapore

November 3, 2009

"A Scuola per la Vita", "School for Life" Charity Dinner will be held on 3 November at the Shangri-La. The proceeds of the dinner will go towards the education of Thai and Cambodian children. Your support would be greatly appreciated.



November 28, 2009

Jungle Book Family Fundraising Afternoon

The Little Company Production of "The Jungle Book"

2pm, 28 November, 2009

DBS Arts Center

20 Merbau Road/Robertson Walk

Fifty percent of ticket sales will go to support Pistorio Foundation's projects to provide an education to underprivileged children in Thailand and Cambodia.

Book via SISTIC hotline ONLY 6348 5555

or at SRT Box Office (opening hours: Mon to Fri 11am to 7 pm)

Tickets at \$53 for this performance only.

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