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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



TWENTY YEARS ALREADY!

This year, the **HopeHouse Sawatdi Foundation** is celebrating two decades of commitment, encounters and shared hope. These twenty years are inseparably linked with **Ernst Zgraggen**, my husband and our president, who devoted time, energy and heart to the Foundation and to the people it is supporting. He was in excellent shape and perfect health, when we were struck, last year, by the devastating diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. Three months later, in December, he passed away.

Until the very end, the foundation's future and continuity remained close to his heart. Donations made in his memory enabled us to add CHF 10,000 to the **foundation's emergency fund.** We are deeply grateful.

For his daughter, **Carole Zgraggen Linser**, and myself, it was obvious that the Foundation had to continue on its path, true to his spirit and values. Almost at the same time, our dear long-standing treasurer, **Monika Baert**, also had to step down from the committee for health reasons; we extend our warmest thanks to her.

This is why Carole Zgraggen Linser, the daughter of Ernst Zgraggen, will now be responsible for administration and finances, while I have taken over the presidency of the Foundation.

On the ground, **Dr Gilles Bernard and his wife Lamphun**, our wonderful team in Thailand, continue their work with undiminished dedication and enthusiasm. They support schools, pupils and university students, not only financially, but also through advice, attentive guidance and practical help. I for my part will continue to personally oversee the activities of **Magda's Soup Kitchen** in South Africa.

All of us carry out this work on a voluntary basis, without any remuneration. On the reverse side, you will discover what your donation has made possible over the past year. Thanks to you, important projects can continue, opening up opportunities for young people to build their future.

We thank you with all our hearts for your continued support of the Foundation, in memory of Ernst Zgraggen. Wishing you only the best for 2027 – and, above all, great health! At the same time, we would like to send our warmest thoughts to the founder of HopeHouse Sawatdi, **Claude Delachaux.**



With gratitude and warm regards,

Doris Ammann Zgraggen

President

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Category	Sponsorship per student/item per year	Details	Number
Primary	150 CHF	Transport, lunch meals, uniforms (school, sports, scouting), shoes.	23
Secondary	150 CHF	Transport, lunch meals, uniforms (school, sports, scouting), shoes.	285
University	1'000 CHF	Tuitions/fees, laptops.	6
Language skills (English, Chinese)	550 CHF	Foreign teachers.	32
Computer room	550 CHF per computer	Computers, equipment, maintenance, internet.	15 computers
Families in need	According to the urgency	Support to vulnerable families in case of illness, hardship or emergency situations.	4 families
TOTAL			**346** students



Primary | Secondary | University | Language skills (English, Chinese) | Computer room | Families in need

Each school has a local representative (teacher) on behalf of the foundation.

No funds are given directly to a family or to a student.

Each student is unique, as is their environment, so we adapt to their specific needs.

