



Photo of school supplies from the yearly back-to-school support, including age-appropriate backpacks



Photos of the sponsored children on the excursion during Susanne's visit in early 2024



1.Su Pone (0103M)

Su Pone is managing to maintain a stable lifestyle thanks to your continued support and kindness. However, it's heartbreaking to share that she is no longer attending school. She had to leave because she's now too old for her grade (5th grade) and also needs to contribute financially to her family. Su Pone lives with her grandparents, and they rely on any extra income they can get. After losing her father, Su Pone's mother remarried and left Su Pone and her two siblings in the care of their grandparents. This has been difficult for the children, as they don't receive the love and care they would have if they were still with their mother.

To help, Su Pone assists her grandparents by arranging plastic and metal materials for their small buy-and-sell business. She has also started working at a plastic factory, where her job is to clean bottles. Social workers have visited their home and discussed with Su Pone and her caregivers the possibility of enrolling her in vocational training. They hope she can develop skills to secure a better job in the future, but nothing has been decided yet. We remain hopeful that she will find something she is passionate about to build a stronger career path.

Despite her challenges, Su Pone finds joy in small things like watching movies, listening to music, and cooking at home. She stays strong and tries to enjoy life as much as possible. She also wanted to share her excitement about this year's Thingyan festival, where she had a wonderful time celebrating with her family and community. *"During Thingyan, everyone comes together to celebrate, and it feels like the whole city is alive with joy. We set up a small water station in front of our house, and my friends and I splashed water on everyone who passed by. It's so hot here, so it's the best way to cool off and have fun. My favorite part was when we visited the pagoda with my sister to pray for a better year ahead. Afterward, we went to the night market for some festival snacks like mont lone yay paw, those sticky rice balls with jaggery inside. Even though life can be tough, Thingyan brings happiness and excitement, and for a few days, we all get to forget our struggles and just enjoy being together."*



Photo of Su Pone receiving essential household items



Photo of Su Pone receiving monthly food package



Photo of Su Pone at home



Photo of Su Pone at home with her younger brother

2.La Pyae Win @Kit Kit (0197M)

La Pyae turned 14 this year and is still attending school, although she is repeating 5th grade after missing her final exams last year due to health issues and severe flooding that affected both her school area and their home. Her family consists of just her and her father, as her mother passed away from a lifelong illness. She also has a 16-year-old older brother, but he lives separately. Her father continues to receive therapy at the clinic and earns a living by providing transportation services with his three-wheeler bike while caring for La Pyae.

At school, La Pyae loves science, stories, and poems, and she dreams of becoming a nurse one day so she can take care of her father as he gets older and help with his illness. Although she sometimes struggles with short-term memory and forgets things she studies, she works hard to keep up with her schoolwork. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her friends, jumping rope, and watching videos.

Her favorite story is the classic "rabbit and tortoise" race, and her favorite time of the year is Thingyan, the water festival. During the festival, her father gets many customers during the day, and in the evening, he takes her around on his three-wheeler. They enjoy the free festival snacks and have fun getting splashed by water in their neighborhood. They also visit the Shwe Dagon Pagoda together, where they pray for her mother and for a better future.

While her father is busy earning money, La Pyae helps around the house as much as she can, doing the dishes, laundry, ironing, and cleaning. She is a thoughtful, hardworking girl who balances her studies with taking care of her home and supporting her father.



Photo of La Pyae receiving monthly food package and essential household items



Photo of La Pyae with the back to school supports



Photos of La Pyae and her father at their rented room



3. Shin Thant Maung Maung (0201M)

Shin Thant is now in 2nd grade, continuing his education with your support. While he loved English class last year for its fun poems, his interests have shifted, and he now enjoys history and stories at school. His favorite activity, both at home and school, remains playing football with his friends.

Shin Thant's family includes his mother, his stepfather, one uncle, and four older brothers. His older brother, Thu Nhaing Kha, is also sponsored by you, and the family is deeply grateful for the support that helps both boys with their education and essential needs. The family's income comes from the three older brothers, who work in factories and take on odd jobs and the stepfather who is a truck driver.

Shin Thant, one of his older brothers, his mother and the stepfather continue to receive free therapy at the Lotus clinic for their lifelong illnesses. Sadly, earlier this year, his mother was diagnosed with uterine cancer and is now undergoing treatment at Yangon General Hospital and our clinic is supporting the necessary expenses such as travel and medical expenses. Despite the challenges, Shin Thant dreams of becoming a successful businessman one day, so he can take care of his family, especially his ailing mother.

His playful nature sometimes makes it hard for him to stay on schedule with his therapy, but the family remains hopeful that with continued support, their children will have a brighter future and be able to break the cycle of poverty.



Photo of Shin Thant receiving monthly food package and essential household items



Photo of Shin Thant with the back to school supports



Photos of Shin Thant, his older brother Tu Nhaing Kha and their mother at their rented home



4.Tu Nhaing Kha (0202M)

Thu Nhaing is now in 2nd grade, studying alongside his younger brother, Shin Thant, who is also one of your sponsored children. Math remains his favorite subject because he enjoys calculating and working with numbers. He also loves football and dreams of becoming a football player when he grows up.

His family includes his mother, the stepfather, one uncle, and four brothers. The family's income comes from his three older brothers, who work in factories and take on odd jobs and the stepfather who is a truck driver. Thu Nhaing, his younger brother, their mother and the stepfather all have lifelong illnesses and continue to receive free therapy at the Lotus Clinic. Unfortunately, earlier this year, his mother was diagnosed with uterine cancer and is currently undergoing treatment at Yangon General Hospital. The clinic is supporting her with medical and travel expenses.

Thu Nhaing's favorite time of the year is the Thingyan festival, Myanmar's New Year celebration, where he enjoys getting splashed with water, listening to festive music, and eating free snacks. It's a special time for the family to relax and spend time together during the long holiday, making it a cherished memory for him. With your support, Thu Nhaing and his family are able to focus on their health and education, and they remain hopeful for a brighter future.



Photo of Tu Nhaing receiving monthly food package



Photo of Tu Nhaing receiving essential household items



Photo of Tu Nhaing with the back to school supports



Photos of Tu Nhaing, his mother and his younger brother



5.Zay Yar Lin (0235M)

Zay Yar is currently in 2nd grade, continuing his education despite facing challenges. He and his grandmother were both sick during the final exam period, which prevented him from passing his previous grade. However, he remains enthusiastic about learning, especially enjoying English as a subject. He finds it fascinating because it's a whole new language and believes it will be helpful in the future if he becomes fluent.

Zay Yar dreams of becoming a trader when he grows up so that he can earn enough money to take care of his aunt and grandmother, who have been his caregivers since his father left after his mother passed away. His family's income comes from his aunt, who works hard selling fish at the local wet market. Life has not been easy for Zay Yar, as he suffered a permanent injury to his left eye from a chicken attack when he was young, and he continues to battle a lifelong illness. Thankfully, with support from the SANNI Foundation, he receives free therapy at our Lotus clinic.

In his free time, Zay Yar enjoys drawing, playing football, and spending time with his friends playing marble games. He is also very helpful at home, often cooking rice for the family and assisting his aging grandmother with daily tasks.

One of Zay Yar's favorite festivals is Theemithi, a traditional fire-walking festival where devotees walk barefoot over hot coals to show their faith and seek blessings from the goddess Draupadi. Celebrated primarily in India and Southeast Asia, the ritual is part of a larger event that includes prayers, fasting, and cultural performances. For Zay Yar, the festival is a symbol of courage, devotion, and the strength to overcome challenges, values that resonate deeply with his own journey.



Photos of Zayar Lin receiving monthly food package and essential household items



Photo of Zayar Lin with the back to school supports



Photo of Zayar Lin and his aunt at their rented home



6.Wai Zin Phyto (0236M)

Wai Zin Phyto, now 11 years old, is in the 5th grade and continues to excel in school with a particular love for math. He dreams of becoming a teacher, and recently, he's also become interested in driving express buses. Wai Zin lives in the peaceful town of Ingapu, located in Myanmar's Ayeyarwady Region, where rice fields and lush greenery create a serene backdrop. His close-knit family consists of his grandpa, two aunties, and his mother, who grow and sell vegetables to support the household. Both Wai Zin and his mother continue to receive free therapy at the Lotus clinic, supported by the SANNI Foundation, and regularly travel to Yangon for medical appointments and visits to the child program office.

This year, Wai Zin faced the sadness of losing his pet cat, which wandered off and never returned. Despite this, he finds solace in drawing and listening to music, which help calm his mind. One of his favorite times of the year is the Thadingyut Festival, when homes and streets are decorated with candles, colorful lights, and paper lanterns. During the festival, he enjoys visiting relatives to pay respects, and in return, receives small gifts of pocket money, following tradition.

Wai Zin's family, especially his mother, aunties, and grandpa, are deeply grateful for the support he receives through the sponsorship program, which provides for his essential needs, allowing him to grow up healthy, happy, and well-educated.



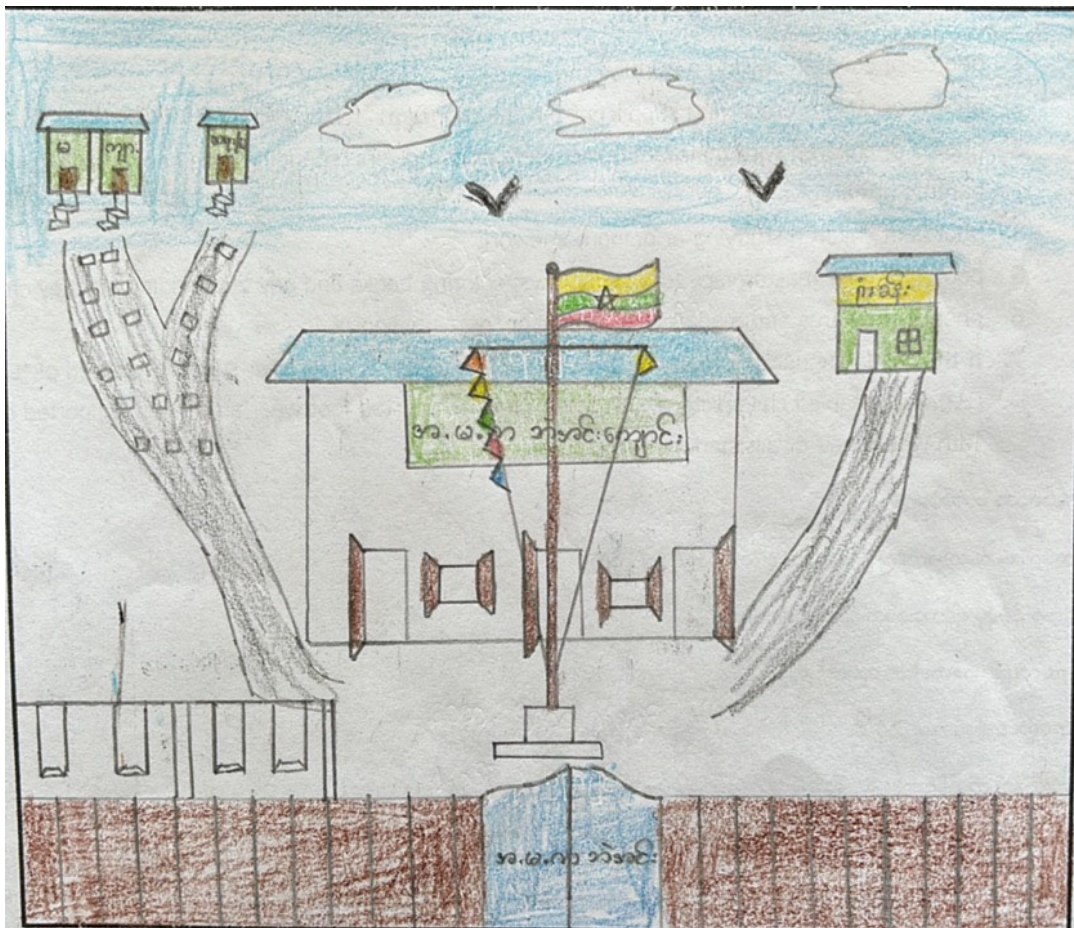
Photo of Wai Zin Phyto receiving monthly food package



Photo of Wai Zin Phyto receiving essential household items



Photo of Wai Zin Phyto with the back to school supports



A drawing from Wai Zin Phyto which he made for you to show you the school he is going back in his village

7.Aung Ko Min (0239M)

Aung Ko Min, now 14 years old, continues to receive vital support through your sponsorship, allowing him to maintain a stable lifestyle and good health despite the challenges he and his family face. His grandmother, who has been his primary caretaker, is aging and often unwell, while his father has remarried and left them. To help support the family, Aung works at a factory, sorting and packing fish for export.

With additional help from the SANNI Foundation, his grandmother has started a small fried vermicelli and meat stick stall in front of their house, providing some extra income for their household. Despite these hardships, Aung finds joy and solace in playing football, which helps him momentarily escape the difficulties of his situation. He even dreams of becoming a football player one day if given the chance.

Aung continues to receive free therapy for his lifelong illness at the Lotus clinic, supported by the SANNI Foundation. Although his academic journey is currently on hold, your sponsorship has provided crucial assistance in other areas of his life. Whether through vocational training or a return to education, we remain committed to supporting Aung in his future endeavors, ensuring he has the best opportunities ahead.



Photo of Aung Ko Min receiving monthly food package



Photo of Aung Ko Min, his father and his grandma at their rented home



Photo of the small shop which SANNI Foundation provided to the grandma and Aung Ko Min



Photo of Aung Ko Min receiving monthly food package

8. Shin Naung Nge (0242M)

Good news for Shin Naung Nge: she and her younger brother were reintegrated into their aunt's family in April after reconnecting with their long-lost mother, who promised to return in the near future. Now in 5th grade, Shin Naung Nge is determined to learn English, knowing it will be helpful for her future. Her dream is to work comfortably with computers and perhaps even travel abroad one day.

Shin Naung Nge loves noodles and juicy fruits like pineapple, grapes, and dragon fruit. At home, she has three pet cats named Pussy Cat, Leopard, and Whitty, each named for their unique fur colors and patterns. She fondly remembers the many activities she enjoyed at the Mother House, such as celebrating the Mother Language event, going on excursions, playing board games, taking English-speaking classes, and even attending crochet lessons. She also learned about the Asian weaver birds that built nests in the trees surrounding the Mother House.

As she adjusts to her new environment at her aunt's home, Shin Naung Nge spends happy moments playing games and sharing experiences with her younger brother and cousins. With support from the SANNI Foundation, she continues her free therapy and is now responsible for her medication schedule, thanks to the training she received at the Mother House.

Although she misses her friends from the Mother House, with whom she spent several years, she is also enjoying her time with her cousins and relatives. Shin Naung Nge hopes to see her mother very soon, looking forward to a future filled with possibilities.



Photo of one of our social workers introducing the Mother Language Day to the Mother House children



Photos of Shin Naung Nge and another child from Mother House during the Mother Language Day activities while they practice the greeting words in Burmese to English and made post cards



Ms. Susanne, Mother House children and the social workers during her visit to Myanmar in 2024



Portrait photo of Shin Naung Nge at Mother House



Photos of Mother House children during their excursion



Photos Mother House children and the toys they made from crocheting



Photos of Mother House Pre Thingyan festival



Photo of Mother House children playing UNO during their summer school break

The Asian Golden Weaver



Hi !

We are the children living in the "mother house". Our house has a nice garden and in the garden we have many birds. In one of the trees there are around 30 nests of *Asian Golden Weavers*.



The *Asian Golden Weavers* are experts in making nests and they are the only birds with the ability to tie knots. Male weaver birds build beautiful nests, and they hope to attract a female bird to have babies together. And they succeeded! Many females were attracted by the nests ☺

Weaver birds build their nests close to each other, making colonies for protection and social interaction.






The birds seem to like it here as they can live here peacefully. We are happy to see them, building their beautiful nests in our garden. We are proud to have them and we will take good care of them.



The bird nest poster from the Mother House



Photo of our MAM team and the children on their way to the children's house on reintegration day



Photo of our MAM team reintegrating the children with their caregivers at their home



Photo of Shin Naung Nge and her brother catching up with their friends from Mother House via a call during our first follow-up visit

9.Hnin Hnin Wai (0342M)

Hnin Hnin is doing well and is currently in 5th grade, continuing her education. She now lives with her aunt's family, which includes her aunt, her aunt's husband, and three cousins. The family earns their income from her aunt and uncle, who catch fish and sell them at the local market.

Hnin Hnin has a passion for dancing and singing, and she has even performed in school plays. She loves watching TikTok videos, helping with small chores around the house, and playing with her friends. Her dream is to become a fashion designer one day so she can stay beautiful, help others look pretty, and earn a good living. Although they have eight chickens at home, she wishes she could have a cat as a pet.

As she grows older, Hnin Hnin has become more open and accepting, listening to the advice her aunt gives her. Her two older siblings live separately and can't care for her right now because they both work long hours and return home late.

Her aunt is very grateful for the sponsorship program, which has allowed Hnin Hnin to attend school and grow up healthy. Hnin Hnin's favorite time of the year is the Thingyan festival. During the long holidays, factories close, giving her the chance to spend time with her siblings. She loves playing water fights with friends, enjoying festival snacks, paying respect to elders, and visiting Shwe Dagon Pagoda.



Photo of Hnin Hnin receiving monthly food package



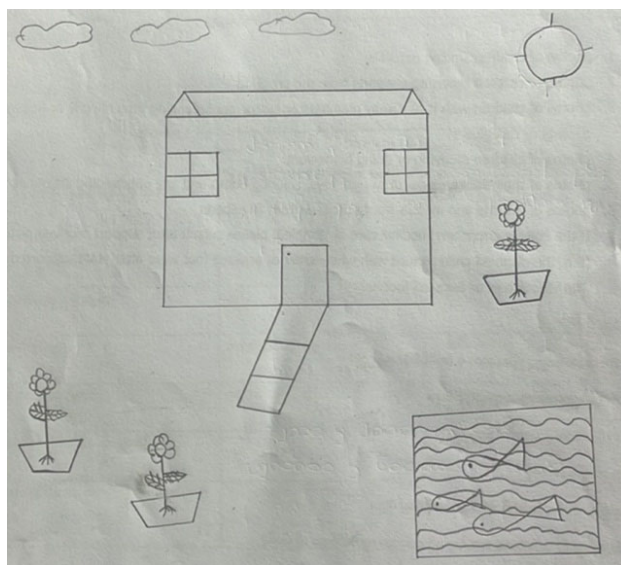
Photo of Hnin Hnin with the back to school supports



Photo of Hnin Hnin at home



Photo of Hnin Hnin and his aunt's family



A drawing from Hnin Hnin which she wants to share with you

10.Thin Cherry Hlaing (0347M)

Thanks to your support, Cherry and her aging grandparents have been able to maintain a stable lifestyle. The small grocery shop, which was set up with the help of the SANNI Foundation last year, is still running, though with fewer goods and lower stock. Recently, Cherry's uncle and his family moved in to help care for her and her grandparents, as her grandmother has been frequently unwell.

Now, five family members live in the household: Cherry, her grandparents, her uncle, his wife, and their daughter. The family's income comes from the small grocery store, supplemented by Cherry's uncle and aunt, who work at a factory.

Cherry is playful and loves to take on responsibilities around the house. She helps with small chores like washing dishes, folding bedding, and cleaning the floor. She enjoys watching cartoons and short videos on TV. Cherry has also started speaking more clearly and is learning to form sentences.

Although she struggles during her menstrual period, her overall health is stable, thanks to your ongoing support and the assistance of the SANNI Foundation. Cherry loves meat dishes and always eats well when there's meat at home, bringing joy to her family with her cheerful nature. Your support continues to make a big difference in their lives, and the family is deeply grateful.



Photos of Cherry and her grandparents at their home with their small grocery shop



11. Yin Ko Oo (0355M)

Yin Ko Oo, now known by his monk name "Shin Lar Bi Ka," continues to receive the generous sponsorship that has supported him for years. Thanks to your ongoing help, his basic needs are met, allowing him to focus on his education and life as a young monk. We are happy to share that Yin Ko is back in school, attending classes at the Monastery's Non-Formal Education Center, where he continues to study Buddhist teachings and the Pali language while also receiving formal education.

Yin Ko enjoys his life at the monastery, where he plays football with other young monks and local children during his free time. He also helps with small chores around the monastery, contributing to the community life. He's not planning to leave monastic life anytime soon, as he is content and thriving in his current environment.

Meanwhile, Yin Ko's parents continue to receive free therapy at the Lotus clinic, and they are caring for his younger sister, who is 9 years old and in 2nd grade. The family's income comes from his father, who works as a general laborer in construction, though the work is irregular and unreliable. Despite these challenges, the family is grateful for the support that allows Yin Ko to grow up healthy and happy.

Your sponsorship has not only provided for Yin Ko's physical needs but also enabled him to continue learning and growing, both spiritually and academically. The entire family remains deeply thankful for your continued generosity.



Photo of Yin Ko Oo receiving monthly food package and essential household items



Photo of Yin Ko Oo with the back to school supports



Photos of Yin Ko Oo and his mother at home



12. Myat Bhone Hein (0649M)

Thank you so much for securing May Bhone's sponsorship. He is 7 years old this year and, with your support, is able to continue his education, currently attending 2nd grade. May Bhone lives in Hlaing Thar Yar, one of Yangon's largest slum areas in Myanmar, with his adoptive mother, who lovingly cares for him. Their modest income comes from renting out a small house she owns and from selling peanut packs, which helps them afford their rented room in Hlaing Thar Yar.

May Bhone is doing well in school, and English is his favorite subject. He loves drawing and coloring his imaginative ideas and dreams of becoming a doctor one day. His favorite foods include bread and bean custard, and he wishes he could have a pet cat. His favorite time of year is Thingyan, Myanmar's water festival, when he can play in the water, enjoy free festival snacks from neighbors, and receive pocket money from his adoptive mother. Together, they visit the Shwe Dagon Pagoda at the end of the festival, a tradition he looks forward to.

Though shy and quiet, May Bhone is well-behaved and works hard in school. He helps his adoptive mother by packing peanuts, doing dishes, and finishing his homework. His adoptive mother loves him deeply and is concerned about his future as she ages, wishing for stability and support for him in the years to come. She is very grateful for your kindness and dedication to Myat Bhone and sends her warmest wishes for you and your family in 2025.



Photo of Myat Bhone and his adoptive mother at their rented room in Hlaing Thar Yar



Photo of Myat Bhone receiving monthly food package



Photo of Myat Bhone with the back to school supports