

Golden Thread InitiativeSM

Empowering Women and Girls To Transform Their WorldSM



Although the girls come from troubled and impoverished backgrounds, within a short time they are winning awards.

Winter 2021 Campaign: College Scholarships for Students to Return as Teachers for At-Risk Girls

Imagine being a very young girl in Thailand. Your parents can't take care of you. What happens to you and the thousands of girls facing this grim reality? Homelessness, poverty, abuse, crime, hunger and suffering. Now imagine you're given an opportunity for a new life — a safe, loving home at the Dhammajarinee Witthaya School (DWS)*, the first and only free boarding school for at-risk girls in Thailand administered by Buddhist nuns. Since 1993 more than 4,000 girls have come to DWS and received for free: a safe home, quality K-12 education, skills training, food, clothing, and medical care.

In addition to academic, cultural and optional Buddhist studies, the students (and faculty) practice the Transcendental Meditation® (TM) technique** which helps them excel in their studies and overcome the traumas of their past.

Four young women who are graduating from DWS this year have set a goal to earn a college degree and return to the school as teachers. They are Min (age 19), Cheevee (age 19), Nipa (a Buddhist nun, age 20) and Bai (age 21). They have chosen to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in the Science of Creative Intelligence for Management (International Program) at Rajapark Institute***, an accredited institution of higher learning in Bangkok, Thailand which utilizes Consciousness-Based educationSM.

This degree focuses on the development of human potential and the underlying principles of knowledge in the fields of education, economy, agriculture, health, defense, art, physics and architecture. Students learn how to apply these principles in their own lives and for the benefit of society. As former students of Dhammajarinee Witthaya School, and with a BA degree in this specialty field, Min, Cheevee, Bai and Nipa will be uniquely qualified to return to the school as teachers and help transform the lives of girls who come from similar backgrounds as theirs.

How You Can Help

\$75,000 USD will provide a 4-year scholarship for one student to attend the BA program, including the costs of: tuition; room and board; travel expenses for home visits; health insurance and pocket money. Our goal is to provide four \$75,000 scholarships (totaling \$300,000 USD) by December 31, 2021. The BA program begins every four years, allowing students to progress and graduate together. The next semester begins June 2022.



How to Contribute

- Online at <https://goldenthreadinitiative.org/donate.html>
- By check payable to Golden Thread Initiative:
500 N 3rd St. Suite 105, Fairfield, IA 52556.
- Please note "Thai BA campaign" on your check or credit card transaction.
100% of donations will go to this campaign.

If you'd like to make a large donation and save the amount that goes into credit card service fees, please contact us by email: donations@goldenthreadinitiative.org

Details

While enrolled in the BA program, the students will also participate in the Mother Divine ProgramSM (MDP)^{***}, which provides a safe, blissful and nourishing environment where they are free to explore the full capacity of their potential. The focus of this program is the research and development of advanced levels of human consciousness—self actualization—and creating coherence and total brain functioning, the foundation for world peace.

The Mother Divine Program consists of communities of women around the world practicing the Transcendental Meditation (TM) technique and its advanced programs. MDP groups also offer educational and enrichment opportunities for women and girls worldwide. The Asian Mother Divine Program developed the curriculum for the Science of Creative Intelligence (SCI) for Management (International Program) in conjunction with Rajapark Institute.

“Countries cannot end poverty if girls are unable to make a safe and healthy transition from adolescence to adulthood and become productive members of their communities and nations,” the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) said in its 2016 “State of World Population” report.

Students enrolled in the BA program will live and study on the Mother Divine campus in Chanthaburi, Thailand. Because the students practiced the TM technique at DWS, the Mother Divine Program will provide a familiar and smooth transition from their school years into adulthood. Earning their BA while participating in the Mother Divine Program will prepare these young women for a happy and successful future. The next MDP course for the BA students begins June 2022.

Who We Are

The Golden Thread Initiative (GTI) was established to promote women’s inner growth as the foundation for their success and well-being. Research demonstrates that where women’s education is valued, societies flourish. Through donor support, GTI funds independent non-profit organizations that operate women’s and girls’ education and self-development programs. By facilitating grants, scholarships and project funding, GTI makes these programs available to women of all nationalities, ethnicities, education levels, and socio-economic conditions.

The Golden Thread Initiative is registered in the US as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Contributions to GTI are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. GTI’s EIN is 84-3311761. For further information about GTI, please visit www.goldenthreadinitiative.org.

Additional Info

* Dhammajarinee Witthaya School:
www.thaischool.org

Students reciting traditional Buddhist chants:
<https://youtu.be/oYTIWcmmJms?t=127>

** The TM technique helps the DWS students excel:
<https://tm-women.org/helping-at-risk-girls-in-thailand-succeed/>

*** Rajapark Institute and Asian Mother Divine, SCI BA program:
<https://www.asianmd.org/degree-program>
<https://youtu.be/bLI4K4qllbY>

