



# ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19







For the year ended 31 March 2019

**Legal Name of Entity**

SpinningTop Trust

**Type of Entity and Legal Basis**

Registered Charity

**Registration Number**

CC10551

**Entity's Purpose or Mission**

SpinningTop exists to give balance to vulnerable children whose lives have been thrown off balance through war, oppression, natural disaster and circumstances beyond their control. We believe given the right balance of education, nutrition, shelter and play vulnerable children will be empowered to become contributing members of society free from poverty.

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# SpinningTop Annual Report

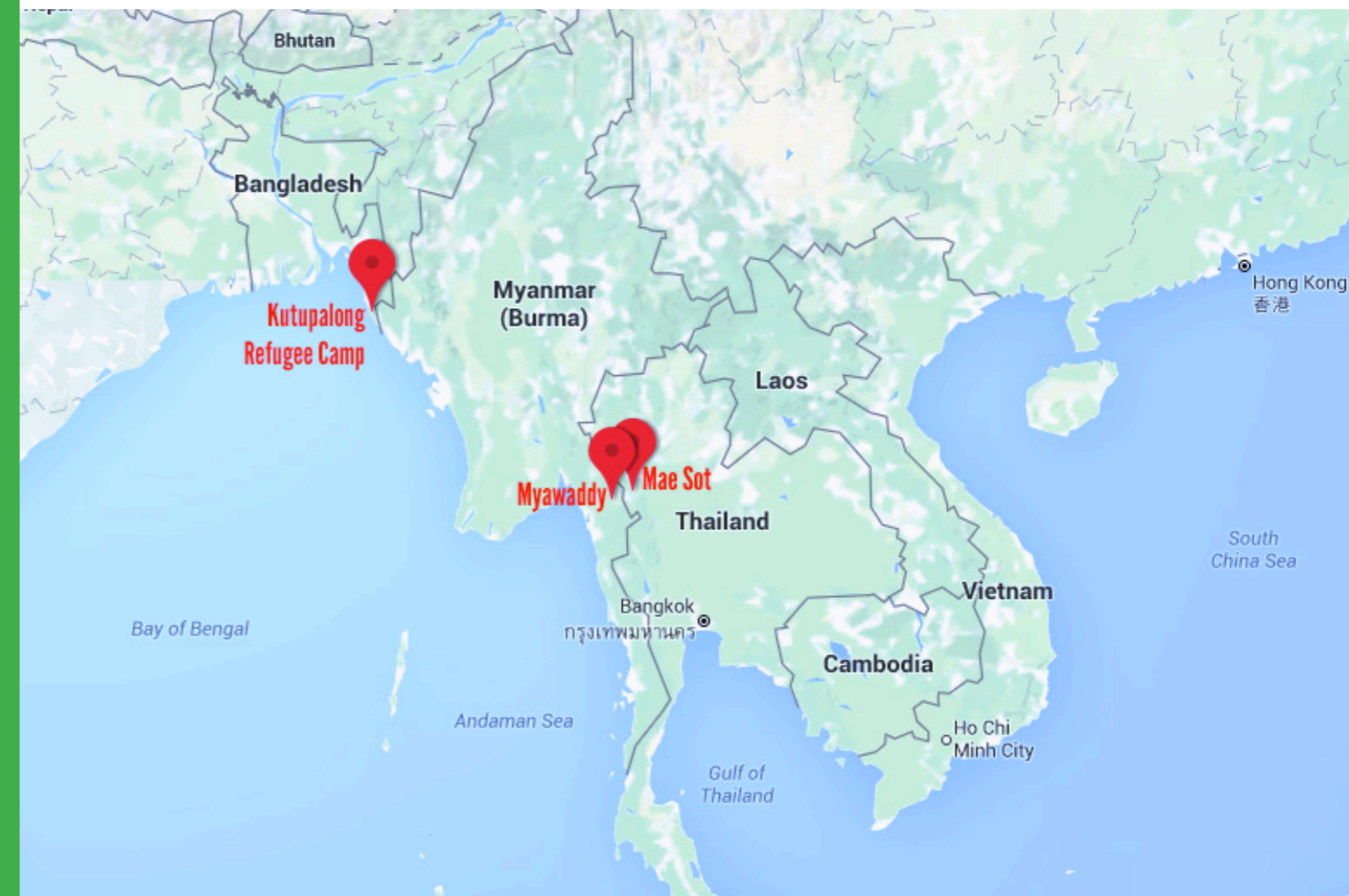
## 2018/19

Welcome to SpinningTop's annual report for 2018/19.

SpinningTop fundraisers have helped establish some pretty amazing, life-changing projects. From The Good Guys comedy shows & Defender Bags, to The Body Shop support & sales, and our regular generous payroll givers. We're constantly surprised by what has been achieved.

This report is a chance for us to document some of the highlights from the 2018/19 year, what we did, how we paid for it, and what we're planning for the future.

We are indebted to our regular donors and anyone who supports us through attending a fundraising event, volunteering their time, or buying a product – thank you.







## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2019

Every year it amazes me how many changes happen internationally in the areas we work. We are truly so lucky to be based in a stable country like New Zealand. The children we support live in areas that are impacted hugely by political, financial and environmental uncertainty.

While SpinningTop is a tiny organisation with less than 1 FTE staff, I'm proud that we have been able to provide more stability to the lives of so many children on the Thai/Burma border. Over 3,000 children benefitted from SpinningTop's work through the 2018/19 year.

This impact is something we all need to be proud of; our board, donors, sponsors and volunteers all make this possible. The continued support of The Body Shop NZ in funding our running costs, is really something we need to celebrate. Not many companies I know have shown such long-term support of a cause and thus impacted the lives of thousands through their support. To Barrie and all the team at The Body Shop NZ, we are forever grateful of the generosity you have shown for those who need our help.

The Rohingya crisis is something we have been looking at supporting since the atrocities on the Rohingya people started. We've managed to support in small ways and I'm excited that this year Annie was able to visit the area, so we can start planning how best to direct our funding. This will be a really important part of our work in the 2019/20 year and I look forward to updating you on our impact there in next year's report.

Thank you to my fellow board members and to Annie and Paul for their hard work. Plus of course massive thank you to everyone who has supported SpinningTop through donations, Defender Bags, volunteering and more.

**Pat Shepherd**  
*Chairperson*  
2018/19





### SpinningTop Structure

SpinningTop is a registered charity in New Zealand. A Board of Trustees governs SpinningTop Trust. We meet a minimum of three times a year and also communicate over email to discuss operational procedures. Our Trustees are Patrick Shepherd (Chairperson), Barrie Thomas (Treasurer), Shelly Robinson (Trustee), Callum Davies (Trustee) and Michael Gibson (Trustee).

SpinningTop is managed by Annie Fischer with help from Paul Dodge and Gwen Sturgeon. Annie is responsible for the day to day running while Paul photographs, writes and edits to help tell our stories. Gwen Sturgeon helps out with our Defender Bags and general inspiration.

### Main Source of SpinningTop's Cash and Resources

SpinningTop's income is based on donations and proceeds from the sale of products and fundraising events.

### Main Methods Used by SpinningTop to raise funds

We are The New Zealand Body Shop's charity of choice. They provide office space, cover overheads relating to that space and make a quarterly donation for wages. We then fundraise for our projects by holding events, selling products and seeking donations, for example through payroll giving and from Corporates. Our key Corporate, the NZ Body Shop also has a payroll giving scheme that benefits SpinningTop. We also receive a quarterly donation from the One PerCent Collective.

Our fundraising products vary from our independent line of Defender Bags ([www.defenderbags.org](http://www.defenderbags.org)) made from recycled billboards to a number of products that we sell through the NZ Body Shop. These items include our handmade wooden spinning top toys and gift cards, plus purses made in Thailand as part of an income generation project.

### SpinningTop's Reliance on Volunteers and donated Goods or Service

We have volunteers on an ad hoc basis to help us prepare products for sale. An example is if we have a large order for Defender Bags then we might recruit volunteers to come in and help us cut and prepare bags for sewing. Our major source of volunteers has been through Help Tank an online volunteers' agency. We also have artists and comedians who donate their time and talents to help us fundraise. Annually one or two artists might create an artwork for us that we then use to create a unique product for sale. We also have the goodwill of a number of comedians who perform for us in our annual comedy show during the NZ Comedy Festival, The Good Guys.

### Approval of Performance Report

The Trustees are pleased to present the approved performance report including the historical financial statements of the SpinningTop Trust for the year ended 31 March 2018.

Barrie Thomas  
Treasurer

Date: 30 September 2019

Patrick Shepherd  
Chairperson

Date: 30 September 2019

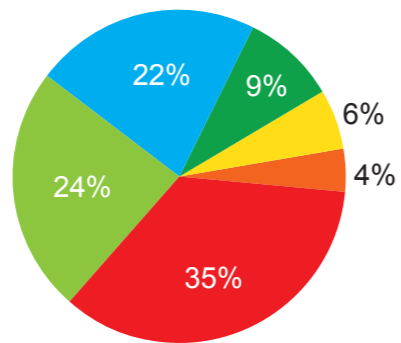


# HOW WE HELPED OUR PROJECTS THIS YEAR

## Dollars raised

\*From 1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019

**1** **\$114,589** was raised during 2018/19. This was achieved through fundraising events, product sales, One Percent Collective supporters, employee payroll giving and general donations.



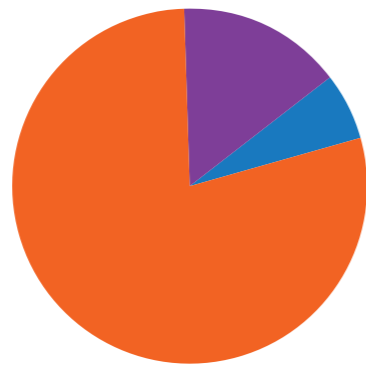
- One Percent Collective
- Defender Bags
- Product Sales in *The Body Shop* stores
- Good Guys Comedy Show
- Payroll givers
- Donations

**2** On top of this, we received **\$64,000** from **The Body Shop NZ** to cover **SpinningTop's wage costs** – allowing the income from our fundraising activities to go directly to the kids that need it the most.



## Dollars sent to projects

A total of **\$115,243** was spent on projects in 2018-19



- Education 79%
- Shelter 15%
- Play 6%





## STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE

### What are SpinningTop's Outcomes

1. Help vulnerable children from Burma, living along the Thai/Burma border and in the Rohingya refugee camps in Bangladesh who had no access to education, attend school.
2. Grassroots organisations, working hard to support vulnerable children from Burma, are strengthened.
3. Traumatised children have had opportunities to express themselves through art.
4. Children living in poverty have confidence in themselves and hope for the future.

### Who does SpinningTop reach?

	2019	2018
<b>1. Education of migrant children in Thailand</b>		
Thoo Mwee Khee School, Phophra	720	567
<b>2. Education of migrant children in Burma (Myanmar)</b>		
Stay in Schools: Alternative Education Centre, Myawaddy	528	500
Hter Ther Leh, Karen State	329	328
Kwer Ler Shue, Karen State	144	88
Oo Hue Hta School, Karen State	55	55
<b>3. Education of refugee children in Bangladesh</b>		
Kutupalong Refugee Camp	2,500	-
<b>4. Contribution of costs towards school agriculture projects</b>		
Thoo Mwee Khee, Kitchen Garden Phophra Thailand	720	567
SAW School, Mae Sot Thailand	120	300
Oo Hue Hta School, Karen State	55	55
<b>5. Provision of shelter</b>		
Tea Koo Village	200	200
<b>5. Provision of Play</b>		
Kickstart Art, Mobile Art Therapy	1500	1400
SAW Pure Future program, Mae Sot, Thailand	70	70



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

	2019	2018
<b>Income</b>		
Donations, fundraising and similar revenue	\$119,689	\$130,132
Employee giving	\$6,773	\$6,998
Revenue from providing goods and services	\$52,022	\$6,1094
Interest, dividends and other revenue	\$105	\$116
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$178,589</b>	<b>\$198,342</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$178,589</b>	<b>\$198,342</b>
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>		
Public fundraising expenses	\$4,509	\$4,764
Volunteer and employee related costs	\$49,535	\$55,574
Costs related to providing goods and services	\$14,283	\$35,647
<b>Grants and donations made</b>	<b>\$115,243</b>	<b>\$93,157</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,888</b>	<b>\$2,234</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$186,459</b>	<b>\$191,376</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>(\$7,902)</b>	<b>\$5,530</b>

**Please note:** In reference to Net Profit, SpinningTop generates funds over a 12 month period which is paid annually to projects. As funds are raised, they are accumulated to make sure we have sufficient funds to cover the following year. This gives the organisations we support some certainty in terms of future funding. It also allows us to have emergency funding available.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the year ended 31 March 2019

	2019	2018
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Bank</b>		
ANZ Current Account	\$109,331	\$120,237
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>\$109,331</b>	<b>\$120,237</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Accounts Receivable	\$4,765	\$2,182
Stock on Hand	\$3,568	\$2,048
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$8,827</b>	<b>\$6,244</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Equipment	(\$1,754)	(\$1,550)
Office Equipment	\$1,958	\$1,958
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$203</b>	<b>\$408</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$117,868</b>	<b>\$124,875</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
GST	\$3,634	\$1,712
PAYE Payable	\$0	\$1,059
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$3,634</b>	<b>\$2,771</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$3,634</b>	<b>\$2,771</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$114,234</b>	<b>\$122,104</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Current Year Earnings	(\$7,870)	\$6,966
Retained Earnings	\$122,104	\$115,138
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$114,234</b>	<b>\$122,104</b>



## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For year ended 31 March 2019

	2019	2018
<b>Income</b>		
Donations, fundraising and similar revenue	\$119,5967	\$129,933
Employee giving	\$6,773	\$6,998
Revenue from providing goods and services	\$49,857	\$6,2398
Interest, dividends and other revenue	\$105	\$116
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$176,331</b>	<b>\$199,445</b>
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>		
Public fundraising expenses	\$4,509	\$4,764
Volunteer and employee related costs	\$50,594	\$55,387
Costs related to providing goods and services	\$15,803	\$37,695
Grants and donations made	\$115,243	\$93,157
Other Expenses	\$2,684	\$1,826
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$188,834</b>	<b>\$192,830</b>
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$12,502)</b>	<b>\$6,615</b>
<b>GST Movements</b>		
GST Inputs	(\$6,254)	(\$13,123)
GST Outputs	\$7,851	\$12,419
<b>Net GST Movements</b>	<b>\$1,597</b>	<b>(\$704)</b>
<b>Net Cash Movement</b>	<b>(\$10,905)</b>	<b>\$5,910</b>
<b>Summary</b>		
Opening Balance	\$120,237	\$114,327
Plus, Net Cash Movement	(\$10,906)	\$5,910
Closing Balance	\$109,331	\$120,237

## NOTES TO THE PERFORMANCE REPORT

### NOTES/DEFINITIONS

#### Income

1. Donations, fundraising and similar revenue
2. Employee giving
3. Revenue from providing goods and services
4. Interest, dividends and other revenue

Income	31 Mar 19	31 Mar 18	Note
Coloured Gift Tags Sales	\$1,396	\$1,993	3
Corporate Donations	\$0	\$5,246	1
Defender Bag Sales	\$26,892	\$31,951	3
Employee Giving	\$6,773	\$6,998	2
Fund Raising Events	\$10,784	\$13,261	1
General Donations	\$40,408	\$42,251	1
General Sales	\$0	\$35	3
Interest Received	\$105	\$101	4
Kelly Xmas Tags	\$179	\$5	3
Misery Xmas tags sales	\$0	\$16	4
Mother's Day Sales	\$658	\$1,279	3
Other Revenue	\$33	\$0	3
Purse Sales	\$16,221	\$17,696	3
TBS Corporate Donations	\$64,000	\$64,000	1
TBS Customer Donations	\$3,843	\$5,374	1
TBS Loyalty Programme	\$686	\$0	1
Wooden Jewellery	\$0	\$61	3
Wooden Spinning Tops	\$2,157	\$2,765	3
Xmas Product Sales	\$4,486	\$5,309	3
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$178,589</b>	<b>\$198,342</b>	
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$178,589</b>	<b>\$198,342</b>	



## Expenses

1. Public fundraising expenses
2. Volunteer and employee related costs
3. Costs related to providing goods and services
4. Grants and donations made
5. Other expenses

### For the 12 months ended 31 March 2019

Less operating costs	31 Mar 19	31 Mar 18	Note
ACC	\$232	\$355	5
Accounting Expenses	\$516	\$495	5
Admin Costs	\$44	\$44	1
Bank Fees	\$422	\$329	5
Consulting & Accounting	\$262	\$0	5
Depreciation	\$204	\$408	5
Entertainment	\$264	\$92	5
Freight & Courier	\$373	-\$12	5
Fund Raising Expenses	\$4,465	\$4,719	1
General Products Purchased	\$11,407	\$33,583	3
International Web	\$182	\$194	5
Office Expenses	\$0	\$7	5
Printing & Stationery	\$285	\$217	5
Provision of EDUCATION	\$91,504	\$84,674	4
Provision of PLAY	\$6,666	\$7,644	4
Provision of SHELTER	\$17,073	\$840	4
Travel - International	\$2,877	\$2,064	3
Wages & Salaries	\$49,535	\$55,574	2
Website	\$150	\$150	5
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$186,459</b>	<b>\$191,376</b>	
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>-\$7,902</b>	<b>\$5,530</b>	

## Property, plant and equipment

The Trust has a total of \$204 in property, plant and equipment. This is broken down into two Acer Laptops

Please note SpinningTop has no commitments including Leases. We work out of The NZ Body Shops offices. Likewise, there are no contingent liabilities, loans or events after the balance date.

## Reporting Entity

The Trust is a Registered Charitable Trust registered under the Charities Act 2005 (CC10551). It is a tier 3 Charity. SpinningTop is a charity for the support and protection of vulnerable children.

## Statement of Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

## General Accounting Policies

The measurement basis adopted is historical cost.

## Specific Accounting Policies

### Inventory

Stock is valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

### Goods and Services Tax

The entity is registered for GST purposes and the financial statements are GST exclusive.

### Income Tax

The charity is a registered charity and is exempt from income tax.

### Audit

These accounts have not been audited.



## Our Focus

SpinningTop's focus for the year has been continuing to provide aid to migrant and refugee children in Burma and on the border with Thailand – there is still considerable poverty and risk here, especially for children.

We have also partnered with Children on the Edge who are working on the ground with Rohingya refugee children in one of the largest humanitarian crises on the planet – see story below.

## WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR?

### Cox Bazar

#### Kutupalong Refugee Camp: 500,000 children

After visiting our projects along the Thai/Burma border on this year's budget trip, **our project manager Annie Fischer** also visited and tried to understand the plight of Rohingya Refugees in the Camps and slums at Cox Bazar, Bangladesh.

"Nothing can prepare you for a visit to the camp. This was a very grim experience. Photographs give a visual representation but it is the combination of the stench, dust, cramped conditions and rubbish that create total squalor. I COULD GO ON AND ON but the simple fact is these people desperately need help from the outside world.

The children have lived through genocide with an estimated 80 per cent of the woman [sexually assaulted]."

So, how do you get happy, smiling children sitting on the mat below...?



**They are simple structures...where they can start to heal and just be children**

Last year we partnered with *Children on the Edge* to **provide funding for the construction of classrooms**. They are simple structures but are set apart from other NGO's classrooms by a few details. They have covered the inside walls with children's art and on the exterior planted vertical garden walls so when the children look out, they just see vegetation as the huge chaotic camps on the other side are hidden. Entry into the spaces are under a decorated archway.

It is somewhere they can start to heal from the trauma of not only leaving their homes but the persecution they faced and the unimaginable violence they have witnessed – somewhere they can just be children.

In 2019/20 we will continue fundraising to help resource these classrooms.

For the Rohingya we spoke with, one of their biggest fears was that they will be forgotten about.

An estimated 500,000 children lack access to learning and safe places in these highly congested camps, many who have suffered profound trauma and face serious protection risks.



Outside classroom.



Inside classroom.





# Spinning Top Projects



## TMK - Thoo Mweh Khee Migrant Learning Centre, Phop Phra

The unstoppable Pastor Peacefully continues to amaze – his “relentless positivity” is infectious. TMK keeps growing, and with three other schools in Karen State under its umbrella (see schools following), they have big plans for establishing more schools across Karen State. In summer they sent senior students to 35 schools around Karen State to help with teaching. They aim to provide future teachers/leaders for the villages.



All their food is organic and production is flourishing.

**Agriculture Project:** The agriculture project is in amazing shape providing a major source of food for the dormitory. Students work on ten different agriculture plots. They are growing roselle, long bean, morning glory, cucumber, egg plant, okra, cabbage, lettuce and sweet potato. They have also re-started pig and chicken projects.

**BACKGROUND:** TMK is a project SpinningTop has supported for 11 years, run by the charismatic Pastor Peacefully in Karen State. It began with around 50 students and has grown to a role of around 720, plus 37 teachers.

## TMK UMBRELLA SCHOOLS ▶

TMK has three (primary) schools which they oversee in the Karen State. They are **Htee Ther Leh**, **Kwer Le Shue** and **Oo Hue Hta**.



## OO HUE HTA – Run by previous TMK star student, Kunu Students: 55 (with 35 in the dormitory)



Oo Hue Hta is in the middle of building new classrooms. SpinningTop funds teacher’s salaries and some running costs of the school.

at 12 or 13 years old.

Kunu has been teaching the girls to sew to demonstrate an alternative to getting married

In 2014, Kunu chose to return to her village after graduating from Thoo Mweh Khee school - to set up a school and encourage the community to see the benefits of education.

**HTEE THER LEH** - Run by Village Leader, Pastor & Principal: Moe Moe Eh  
Children: 328  
Teachers: 17

The School role has remained stable at around 328. The issue of water has been solved by a Norwegian donation and installation of a pump system.

Built with proceeds from The Good Guys shows in 2013, a number of children live at the impressive Htee Ther Leh school during term time as it is too far to travel or unsafe to return home.

**KWER LER SHUE** – An isolated village in the Karen jungle  
Principal: Htoo Paw  
Children: 120  
Teachers: 11

Several graduated students from TMK are running this school, with supervision from Pastor Peacefully who stops by on his way to the agriculture project. SpinningTop pay the teachers salaries to ensure stability.

The school runs a store for the local community and is about to open a small petrol station. Three drums of petrol covers all the food for the dormitory.



**KICKSTART ART – Art Therapy**  
**Director: John Khai**  
**Children: 1200, plus mobile training**

Back across the border in Mae Sot the brilliant little organisation KickStart ART travels 250km each week ....to bring creativity, expression and imagination....to **more than 1200 kids...in 15 migrant schools.**

This **mobile art therapy programme is run by local Burmese artist John Khai:**

*“Here at Kickstart Art, we are driven by a single goal: to bring art, and art therapy to the lives of migrant students living on the Thailand / Myanmar border. These children have often experienced poverty, homelessness, and in extreme circumstances, trafficking or sexual abuse.*

*We aim to make their lives more colourful through art classes and fun creative outlets.”*

These classes are such a highlight for the kids, they are fun and inspiring and can be a great opportunity to express themselves.

We support them to cover teachers and material costs to make these inspiring classes happen.

KickStart ART have also done a project with SMRU (malarial research unit) where they have drawn cartoons giving medical advice so the people know which pills to take. In areas where so many are illiterate this can be (literally) a life saver.

[KickStart ART deliver art classes for free to schools and migrant learning centres where the art curriculum is very basic.]

School art therapy classes



**STAY IN SCHOOL**  
**Myawaddy, Burma**



**Principal: Nyein Nyein**  
**Children: 528 at the Education Centre**  
**Teachers: 5**

Stay-In-School are the only provider of 'life-skills' on the Myawaddy side of the border and are very important to the local community.

They are active in anti-human and drug trafficking prevention, a very serious issue for Burma, and focus on providing education to working children.

Preschool and primary age classes are provided in art, maths, conversational English, practical science and computer skills. Evening classes are held for young adults in technology skills, life skills, English & Thai language.

SpinningTop was able to cover costs of running the Education Centre in Myawaddy. And SIS are actively seeking additional grants to fund their mobile training programmes to schools in the area.

Many children in Myawaddy leave school around 12 years of age or younger and begin working. Often they head to dangerous jobs like forestry or construction where they earn very little money for very hard work. SIS champions child-centred learning and works hard to keep young people in learning for their own immediate safety and to build their future opportunities.





**SAW – Social Action for Woman**  
**Head of School: Daw Aye Mar**  
**Principal: Min Min**  
**Children: 120**

SAW is an education centre in Mae Sot that also has a safe house for Women, a dormitory, and runs several education programmes including anti-trafficking.



In November, SAW opened their new SAFE house for woman on their own land, which will be a huge saving on rent. They are also putting the finishing touches to two other buildings that were funded by MMC (Medical Mercy Canada) and a Thai donor.

**Pure Future Programme:** Also in our very important PLAY category of support is Pure Future. This weekly class has been helping kids in their shelters work through their trauma and provide hope, for years. For \$2,000NZD we sponsor this programme for a whole year.

**Purses:** These colourful, handmade purses are still very popular. We continue to sell a large number in The Body Shop stores throughout NZ. These purses are made by the women who live in the SAW safe house. It's an income generating idea the women have developed themselves. All proceeds from the sale of these purses help support the women, the safe-house and the school.



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## Fundraising



### Turning Billboards into Bags = \$26,892

New Zealand got rid of single-use plastic bags and people are looking for durable alternatives.

Our range of Defender Bags are ideal.

Being recycled from vinyl billboards around Wellington, we cut and clean the vinyl and then have them professionally sewn locally. Each bag is unique, strong, colourful and environmentally kind.

New products – from makeup bags, to tablet sleeves, to the new tote style – have increased sales this year. As well as corporate orders from NZ Post and Plunket.

We're excited about what is developing for these products. Annie made a lot of new connections at the Spring Retail Fair in Auckland and we are now available at multiple outlets around NZ, including orders to Japan. We have also been doing several corporate orders.

[defenderbags.org](http://defenderbags.org)

### Products & campaigns instore at The Body Shop

\$25,096 was raised through product sales. The majority of our sales income is made possible through our alignment with The Body Shop NZ and their generous permission to position some of our products instore. We also have products available in their online store ([thebodyshop.co.nz](http://thebodyshop.co.nz)).

**SpinningTop products include** fair trade purses, locally hand-made spinning tops and gift tags featuring images from the children and projects we support). We are also able to stock extra products around Mother's Day and Christmas.



### One Percent Collective = \$40,343.99

A huge shout out to those supporters who choose to donate 1% of their income regularly to SpinningTop. These donations account for a whopping 35% of our fundraising this year. That is incredible! Find out how a little goes a really long way at [onepercentcollective.org](http://onepercentcollective.org)



### Payroll givers = \$6,773

Several businesses and individuals provide invaluable support to SpinningTop through regular payroll giving. Thank you!

### The Good Guys Comedy Show = \$10,783

2018 saw our 11th Good Guys comedy fundraiser shows in Auckland and Wellington as part of the NZ International Comedy Festival. Another excellent year from our comedians and audiences alike.

Funds raised from these two shows helped build and resource safe-learning spaces for Rohingya refugee children.

Thanks to our other sponsors, our generous comedians, and those who came and supported the shows!





## The Team



Day to day running and management of SpinningTop is juggled by Annie Fischer.



Paul Dodge photographs, writes and edits to help tell our stories.



Gwen Sturgeon helps out with our Defender Bags and general inspiration.

Plus we have a great team of individuals who help out at events & market stalls, as well as cutting and cleaning Defender Bags when big orders come through.

**And to YOU**, our amazing regular donors, payroll givers, random donation givers, good vibe and other forms of support givers – the world is now a bit more balanced because of your support.

We couldn't do it without you.

# THANK YOU!

### Journalist on board

On this year's budget trip to check on the projects, Annie was joined by LeeAnne Duncan – a kiwi freelance journalist. She photographed and collected stories and will be producing some articles. Read her first story in the *Generosity Journal* - 'Finding humanity in the inhumane'



Lee-Anne with the kids at Htee Ther Leh

