



Ruth, 13, is from the Chin Tribe. She was recently rescued by the Nang Fah Project and the Garden of Hope.

## The History, The Problem

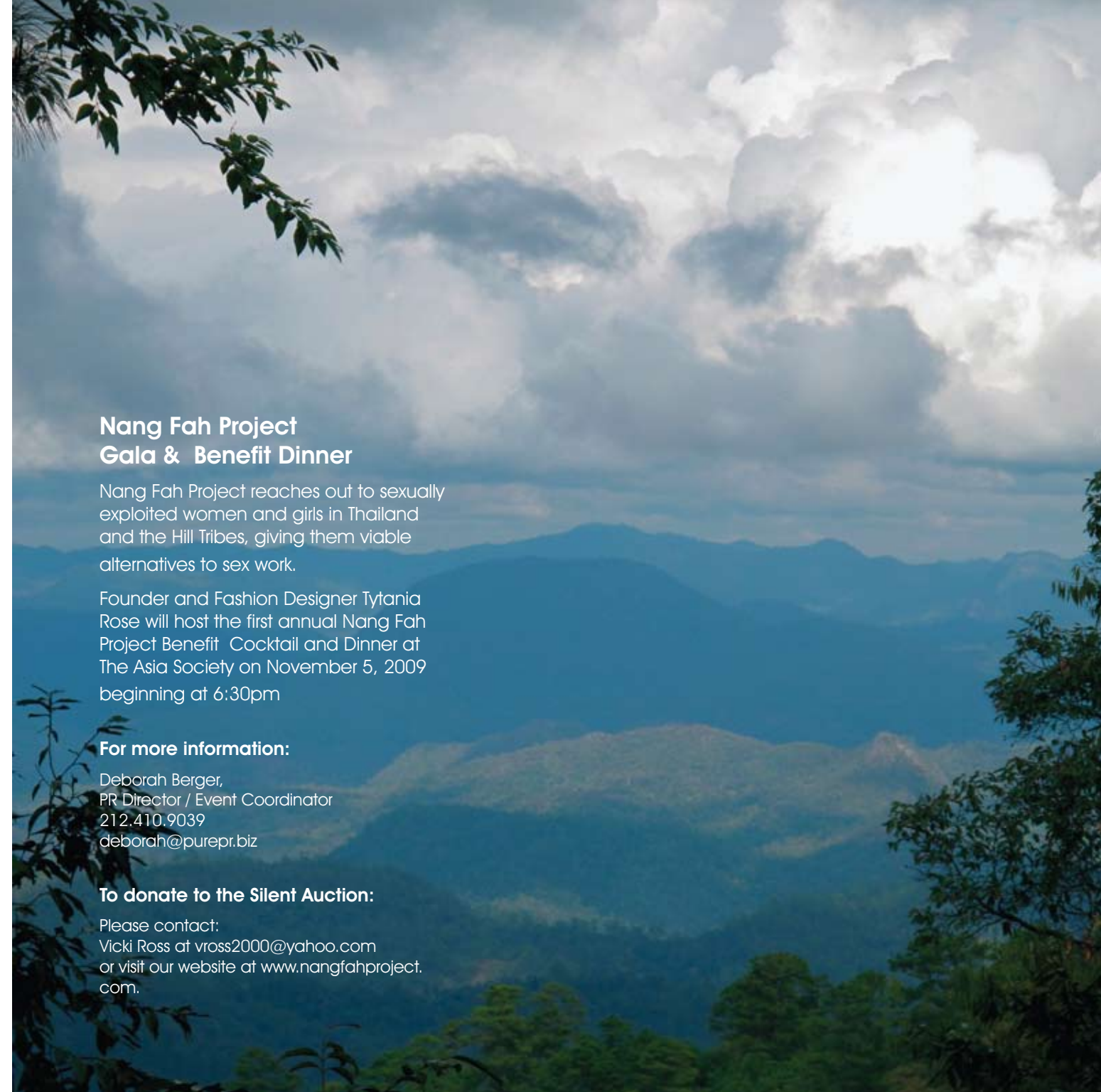
Nang Fah Project is committed to reducing the number of women who are forced by economic forces to work as sex slaves and sex workers. It is estimated that there are over 300,000 sex workers in Thailand alone. The sale of very young Hill Tribe girls is very common. An estimated 20,000 – 30,000 illegal Burmese women also work in the sex sector in Thailand. Some have been deceptively abducted by agents; others sold as children by their parents. Many of these women are minor. Fifty to seventy percent of women in the sex industry contract HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Prostitution exists because of growing demand. Sex tourists and internet pornography feeds the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). Prostitution in Thailand exists because of several factors, but its primary economic cause is the lack of education and employment opportunities. In Thai and tribal culture, it is expected for girls as young as fifteen to care for their families. Most women of this region are so loyal, they end up in prostitution as it is the only job they can find.

This is a worldwide concern because annually 500,000 foreign tourists use prostitution regularly, and this is a low estimate. As well, Asian women are drawn into prostitution in other countries including Australia, Europe and the United States.

The Thai government reports that 60,000 Thai children have been sold into prostitution. Non-governmental organizations (NGO's) estimate that the number is more like 800,000.

Trafficking is going on secretly in a variety of industries such as mail-order bride services; job hires in bars, restaurants and massage parlors; offers for work as maids, nurse's aides; and, illegal foreign adoptions.



### Nang Fah Project Gala & Benefit Dinner

Nang Fah Project reaches out to sexually exploited women and girls in Thailand and the Hill Tribes, giving them viable alternatives to sex work.

Founder and Fashion Designer Tytania Rose will host the first annual Nang Fah Project Benefit Cocktail and Dinner at The Asia Society on November 5, 2009 beginning at 6:30pm

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# Nang Fah Project





Nang Fah Project combines a business opportunity with social philanthropy, helping Southeast Asian women out of sex-slavery and prostitution. The distinguishing feature of the Nang Fah Project is we train, hire and support exploited Thai and Hill Tribe women while running a sustainable accessories business which enables women to support themselves.

## Who We Are

Nang Fah Project, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit corporation. Its mission is to build sustainable and self-supporting centers to help young women in Southeast Asia and the neighboring Hill Tribe communities find meaningful, satisfying and well paying work alternatives to the sex trade industry. Our school and workshop will provide safe haven, education and job training. The goal is to teach skills and provide jobs so women can earn an income that is comparable or higher paying than prostitution. The eco-friendly bohemian and tribal arts inspired products will embrace, celebrate and expand on the rich indigenous ancestral heritage of the country and build on the many talents of the elders from the Hill Tribe area in organic fabric dyeing, weaving and design.

Nang Fah Project will:

- Decrease sex exploitation and create a sense of pride and empowerment through education, training and alternative work;
- Provide a safe haven that includes a school, work/design training, and medical/psychological care for displaced women;
- Turn tribal culture and Southeast Asian handcrafts into a highly regarded art form;



Tytania Rose visiting seven rescued girls. She was there organizing the school and designing our training program!

- Establish a brand that is eco-friendly and of couture quality, unique, fashion savvy and which reflects the vibrant historical tribal culture;
- Sell products designed and created by the young women in our centers under the label 'Nang Fah Project' in stores and boutiques the world over to raise money to sustain the school and build new ones.



Partnerships with our micro loan candidates and collaboration with local businesses will foster community resilience and a shared vision for future generations.

## Partnerships

Nang Fah Project has already established a partnership with the Hill Tribe Resources Center, which is also known as the Karen Tribe School and Orphanage in the Chiang Mai Jungle. This allows us to share the talents of tribal elders known for their expertise in organic fabric dyeing and traditional fabric weaving, which has a rich tradition. Since Hill Tribe villages are deep inside the jungle, our relationship is a special privilege. Nang Fah Project has already set up an internet 'café' there (which the young children love) and will use web cameras and computers to review new textiles and product designs between our organizations and from all over the world.

Nang Fah Project is working closely with Garden of Hope and Mark Crawford, Rescue Team Director. Mark has been rescuing young girls for over a decade and we are now part of his network of safe havens. Mark is a tireless advocate against CSEC and is author of 'A Theology of Mission to Women and Men in Prostitution in South East Asian Context'.

Zothansiami Ralte is from the Mizo Tribe and Director of The Hill Tribe Resource Center where 80 children reside. Her center supports cooperative enterprises with the surrounding villages for economic development and includes agriculture, production of goods and retail ventures. She will manage and organize the center where our fabrics will be made and help us find tribal teachers to teach at our center.



Newly built Internet Café.



Sewing Center.



Netu, A Karen Tribe member, making patterns for Nang Fah Project.

Tytania Rose will manage the logistics and the creative direction of the program in Chiang Mai. Additionally, a general manager who speaks both English and the native language will work closely with her.

## The Centers: A Solution

Nang Fah Project, through its network of social workers in the area, will identify exploited girls throughout Thailand and offer interested young women a chance to visit our facility and learn more about the opportunities we provide. During a six month core training period, girls will learn basic skills of accessory and fabric design, advanced sewing, embroidery, patternmaking and leather stitching. The program will be individualized for each girl's skill set and interests. There will be classes in business management as well. On a rotating monthly basis, internationally acclaimed teachers, designers and artists will be scheduled to speak and teach at the school, sharing their experiences.

Nang Fah Project's dormitory, school, design center and production facility are all located in the same traditional Thai style house which offers a home-like environment where girls move freely from one activity to the next. Girls are offered free housing, but those who chose to stay with their families may attend classes on a daily basis. While in training, all women will be given stipends for their families' subsistence. Girls will also be offered medical care and psychological counseling, holistic therapy, yoga, art and meditation. Girls accepted into the program must agree to stop working in the brothels.



The Nang Fah Project Center in Chiang Mai is located near Doi Suthep Mountains and is close to Chiang Mai University.

After successful completion of the training program, women can either be hired by us at IFAT approved market rates as seamstresses, patternmakers or in the production facilities in the wide assortment of jobs that the fashion label creates; or, they can be helped through the Nang Fah Project outplacement office to find jobs as skilled workers in local textile and associated industries in the area. Eventually, a goal of Nang Fah Project will be to offer excelled graduates micro loans to start their own businesses.

Under the design leadership of fashion and accessory designer Tytania Rose, samples will be replicated for production. As well, girls will be encouraged to design products themselves. Nang Fah Project sees a strong opportunity in building a brand based on tribal arts and craft traditions, yet modernizing them for a growing global market.

Getting rid of modern slavery is a just cause. By giving sexually exploited women an education, vocation and a salary for their work, we can help. Nang Fah Project will also help change perceptions that all factory work, and the garment industry in general, is one big sweat shop. Our nurturing and creative centers will be a model for others.

