



Children in Thailand living with HIV and AIDS have caught the attention of the St. Camillus Angels Village Foundation.

Church group reaches out to orphans

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The St. Camillus Angels Village Foundation spreads the message that they say the Thailand government denies — Thai children are living with AIDS.

Father Giovanni sought to help these children and took his mission to the Thai government, said Philip Lo Grasso, foundation business developer.

The foundation set up an organization in Vaughan to help children living with HIV and AIDS at a centre in Thailand, said foundation president Alicia Martinello.

"We are giving these children a

FUNDRAISING GALA

- ▶ **WHEN:** Friday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m.
- ▶ **WHERE:** Paradise Banquet Hall at Hwy. 7 and Jane Street.
- ▶ **DETAILS:** For tickets or to make a donation, call 905-669-8311.

sense of dignity," she said.

The foundation was formed by a group of people who knew nothing about one another, only that they were part of a church committee at St. Joseph the Worker in Thornhill, said the group's treasurer Palma Disciullo.

"Our goal is to start fighting for these children, because without us they don't have hope," Ms Disciullo added.

The orphans depend on the foundation as well as the centre's three priests, health care workers and volunteers from all over the world for their donations.

Foundation vice-president Eugene Fernandez said he has seen poverty firsthand in his native India and anything he can do to help the underprivileged, he will be there.

"I hope the foundation will grow and we can help on a larger scale," said Mr. Fernandez.