



CHILDREN OF VIETNAM

BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES

June 2015

2015 Plans

With Your Help

Educating

- 600 children stay in school
- 151 orphans & street children tutored
- 25 girls empowered through education
- 69 youth go to college
- 100 children have bikes for school
- 2 villages have kindergartens

Healing

- 26,000 children stay worm free
- 30 children receive emergency care

Sheltering

- 40 villagers have toilets
- 100 villagers have clean water
- 10 families in safe homes

Nurturing

- 87 orphans have daily milk
- 200 children with disabilities treated
- 50 single mothers run successful businesses
- 1,000,000 meals for hungry children & families

From the President, Country Director & Executive Director

IMPACT – THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING

Dear Friends,

As we near our 17th year of working in Central Vietnam with street and orphan children, children with disabilities and those who are poor, one significant word readily comes to mind – IMPACT !

IMPACT – The effect of one thing on another – This is why Children of Vietnam has invested our lives in these children – so much like our own children but so poor, so disadvantaged, so vulnerable!

The results of our work allows us to witness the fantastic impact we have had on hundreds of lives as a result of our meaningful programs in Health Care, Nutrition, Education and Housing.

Without the impact of our Programs, many children with heart defects would not be with us today. Those with limb deformities would not be walking and playing. Those with vision problems could not see. Malnourished children would still be hungry. Orphans would not have milk. The impact of education scholarships and bikes is profound, keeping children from dropping out of school. University Scholarships are giving 72 deserving youth an opportunity of a lifetime. Families previously living in banana leaf houses earlier, now feel the full impact of our Housing Program and live in a weather proof masonry house with a metal roof and concrete floor.

In witnessing these programs in full swing, we can see immediately the profound impact on the lives of these children. We send to each one of you today, gracious appreciation for your wonderful contributions and support. Come and travel with us in September or March to see the significant IMPACT of your donations, compassion and love.



(l-r) Loung Thi Huong, Country Director, Ben Wilson, President, and Nancy Letteri, Executive Director in front of COV office in Danang

Ben Wilson
President

Luong Thi Huong
Country Director

Nancy Letteri
Executive Director

We Believe

Every child deserves to be happy.

Every child deserves a bright future.

Every child deserves a future without poverty.

Every child deserves to develop to his or her full potential.

We are making this happen one child, one family, one community at a time.

We are doing this by educating, healing, sheltering and nurturing.



Vitamin-Fortified Milk Helps Keep Orphans Healthy

Our nutrition program is a vital component in our efforts to protect children from hunger, delayed development, illness and stunted growth commonly seen in orphanages. The Tam Ky Orphanage has relied on your donations and COV to provide infant formula and milk for the last 6 years to supplement the inadequate government funding for the care of each child. Tam Ky Orphanage is a government-established

facility south of Da Nang, Vietnam, in rural Quang Nam Province. The orphanage is home to 87 children: 66 children ages 2 – 16 and 21 infants. Seven of the children ages 3 to 10 suffer from disabilities. The director, Ms. Hanh, tells us that these children have been left at the door of the orphanage or at the area hospital. Their parents, if living, may be in prison, destitute, or otherwise unable to care for them.



Young boy being helped by older child to drink milk from special packaging to ensure freshness



COV Executive Director with boy during a visit at Tam Ky Orphanage

Future of Children Means More Than Life

“Without my girls, tomorrow wouldn’t be worth the wait and yesterday wouldn’t be worth remembering.”

These words, said by a Ms. Anh, is a single mother of 2 daughters, but they could have been spoken by any of the women in our program. Our single moms program is truly a dream come true

for so many mothers, because it not only improves the quality of their families’ lives now but helps dreams come true for their children. For these women, the futures of their children mean more than life...



Ms. Van supports her two daughters and also the grandmother. She received a microloan for a variety store. Before she worked at a coffee shop which was not providing enough income to feed the family.



Want to Stay Informed?

We are passionate about giving children a bright future, and we love to share our good news about the children we serve! If you want more current updates, sign up for our

e-newsletter sent out 4-6 times a year. Send us your email address (we will not share it) to: info@childrenofvietnam.org with “e-newsletter request” in the subject line.

10th Grader Maya's Compassion for Children

Early this past winter we received an email...

My name is Maya and I am a high-schooler from the California in the United States of America.... I became interested in economics around two years ago and my father helped me by opening my eyes to the world of finance, investment and the stock market. Using skills I've acquired from self-teaching and with the help of my father, I have grown a small investment into a large one and now want to give back to the world...

Maya was true to her word and indeed made a wonderful gift to help orphans receive improved care. This amazing young woman has started a nonprofit called Trade4Change (<http://www.trade4change.org/>) that “helps promote and encourage financial awareness in children of the next generation. Through charitable contributions, we use our profits from smart investing to help children around the world” Her dedication to learning and her compassion for children around the globe are an inspiration.



Hanh Update after Seven Years

Hanh was born with a disabling condition that fuses her joints. When Hanh was an infant, her mother abandoned her and her father. We met this family in 2009. They were living in a shack and Hanh could not walk. Hanh's father lovingly supported his daughter through multiple surgeries and made sure she attended school...all the while doing backbreaking labor to earn a meager income. Those seven years ago, we provided a wheelchair for Hanh because she could not walk, we constructed a house, provided a table and plastic chairs,

and when she was ready for school we helped with a study desk. Since that time we have checked-in and provided support as needed and when we could. Hanh and her father have touched the hearts of everyone here at COV and when we visited this March, it was wonderful to see her walking, the old wheelchair pushed aside! Hanh is a very articulate, bright girl growing into a beautiful young lady. She has aspirations and dreams, and we will continue to help her make all a reality.



Hanh 7 years ago. She could not walk and still loved to sing!



Hanh now a school girl with hope and dreams for a bright future



Wheelchair no longer needed . . . a true triumph!



The family still lives in the house we built 7 years ago

Announcing the Children of Vietnam Legacy Society-And you're invited to join!

Leave a legacy that continues your commitment and concern beyond your lifetime. Join the Children of Vietnam Legacy Society by making gift to Children of Vietnam in your will.

Children of Vietnam has been building brighter futures in Vietnam for 17 years and we hope to continue for many years to come, but continuing our mission takes help from donors like you. While many people contribute throughout their lifetimes, few know they can leave a legacy that goes beyond their lifetime by continuing their support through a legacy gift.

Legacy gifts offer you many benefits including:

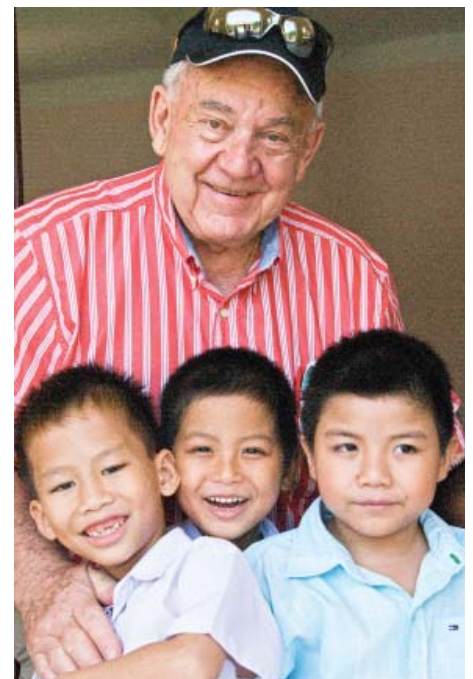
- They cost nothing in your lifetime, therefore are affordable;
- They are creative in that they preserve assets for your heirs by reducing the taxable portion of the estate;
- They leave a legacy in your name.

A legacy gift does not necessarily mean a large gift. Just like any other donation, all gifts make a difference in a child's life. Leaving a gift in your will for Children of Vietnam can be done by naming a specific amount or by setting a percentage. No matter what you choose it is important that you seek legal counsel to help you decide which is best for you.

The information provided is not intended to be legal or tax advice. It is always advisable to consult with a qualified estate-planning attorney when drafting your will to ensure your wishes for family and our nonprofit are properly documented.

In any charitable bequest to COV, be sure to name Children of Vietnam in full.

For more information please contact Ben Wilson at 336.727.1110 or email him at bwilson8202@triad.rr.com.



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Building bright futures for vulnerable children...here's how:

MAKE A DONATION. Your continuing gift gives an education, safe and stable housing, sound nutrition, and good healthcare for poor, orphaned and disabled children — you are lighting the path out of poverty.

Educating

- Tutoring an orphan at risk of leaving school.* \$20
- Keeping a child in school with books, paper, pencils, uniforms.* \$55
- Helping a child arrive at school on time, safe and ready to learn with a bike* \$70

Healing

- Eliminating parasite infections for an entire kindergarten class.* \$20
- Giving emergency hospital support for seriously ill children* \$100
- Helping a child with disabilities grow to his/her potential* \$350

Sheltering

- Ensuring sanitation and dignity with a bathroom* \$320
- Supplying enough bricks to build a home for a family* \$500

Nurturing

- Feeding 1,250 vulnerable children specialized vitamin-fortified porridge* \$25
- Nurishing an orphan with a glass of milk for a year* \$100
- Empowering a mother with a microloan.* \$700

Cảm ơn! Thank you!



COV CAMPAIGN

THANK YOU!

\$65,000 is now fighting child poverty because of you!



You Have Inspired Us Beyond Words!

Your response to our “*In Their Shoes*” awareness and fundraising campaign this spring is amazing and will impact thousands of children’s lives whose futures are stifled by poverty. Your generosity has raised \$65,000.

43 percent of children in rural areas live in poverty. The purchasing power of a poor family diet is about US\$2.52 per day or \$17.64 per week. Poverty has a profound impact on children in all domains of a child’s life.

Together we will make sure hundreds of children thrive with good healthcare, a stable and secure home, sound nutrition and access to a solid education.

Poverty inalterably changes lives . . . the innocent lives of vulnerable, poor, orphaned and disabled children in Vietnam. **Together we will transform their futures.**



Village by Village In Remote Mountains

Several years ago we were invited to begin working in a very remote district of Quang Nam province, way up in the Truong Son Mountain range near the Laos border. Ethnic minorities make up 97% of the population where families struggle with many hardships including scarcity of sanitation,

clean water, and employment. Most families live well below the poverty line. The few schools are scattered throughout the expansive countryside, connected by narrow, dirt roads. These photographs are just a sampling of the impact your donations and COV partners are making possible for this community.



Thanks to our partner **BeCause** and the **George A. Ramlose Foundation** 300 school children have a new library that is chock full of books!



Old Kindergarten



New Kindergarten

This brand new kindergarten is giving these young ethnic kindergartners the best start possible thanks to the great partnership between COV, the local government and **MoneyGram**



Our toilet projects are village by village so that the risk of disease is reduced for the whole community. One of the biggest concerns is intestinal worms that steal good health from children and adults alike. Thanks to the **Gate City Rotary Club in Greensboro, NC** and a private donor.



Stable housing is an essential for all children. The houses built by the C'Tu ethnic minority are made from local wood which only they have permission to harvest. What a boon to these children thanks to you!



Delivering school supplies and decorated pencil cases to C'Tu children. The supplies were donated by the **Pinterest Club at Grimsley High School**. A shout out to all members of the club!!