

Newsletter



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During the first quarter of 2016 with great help of donors, some achievements have been obtained:

Heart Operation	Other Operation	Rehabilitation	Special Wheelchair	Scholarship
21 cases	05 cases	06 cases	05 cases	59 cases
13,132.00 USD	488.20 USD	751.70 USD	931.80 USD	5,089.40 USD

THE LONG-TERM ACTIVITIES OF OG CDC

Poor families who have children with disability in loan program	13 families
Scholarship program for students with poor condition or students with disability	299 students
Special Education Program for children with intellectual disabilities	
- Future School	45 students
- 2 special classes at Duc Son's Care Orphanage Centre	16 students
- 1 special class in Huong Huu commune, Nam Dong district	6 students
Early Intervention Program for children with intellectual disabilities	
- Centre- based program in Hue Centre for Caring and Early Intervention	38 students
- Centre- based program in Nam Dong Early Intervention Centre	6 students
- Community-based Rehabilitation Program in Nam Dong	13 students
- Community-based Rehabilitation Program in Hue	38 students
Jobs for adolescences with disability	17 artisans
Speech Therapy Program	26 childrens
All programs above are on-going.	

We are also grateful to collaborators, friends of donors and benefactors who have given precious time to support us in preceding the programs for people with disabilities.





Sunshine after the rain



Along the coastal districts of Binh Dinh province, we stop at the family of Tran Thi Man in Hoa Hoi hamlet, Cat Khanh Commune, Phu Cat District. In a small house, we met Tran thi Man with sad eyes and withering face similar to the sunlight in the late afternoon. This 33-year-old woman



confronts with heart disease daily as well as earn money to raise children.

Man got married nearly 10 years ago. She and her husband rely on farming work to live. They do not have much land for cultivation, but the young couple work very hard all days on the field. Life is hard but they still feel very optimistic about the future. After a long saving time, Man and her husband have built a small house just about 35m2 for their own family. They also have a cute and healthy boy in this time. Their life is just like; poor but happy. However, nobody in the world can predict the future. Her husband – the main labor of the family is suddenly discovered having liver cancer. Because of the heart life, he rarely checks her health so the liver cancer was discovered in the final stages. "How can I cross my arms to look my husband suffer the painful without treatment," she said Man in tears. Therefore, she used all saved money to pay his hospital fee. In addition, in just 1 month of treatment, she had to borrow tens of millions dong to for treatment with the fragile hope to retain her husband's life. However, her husband finally is unconquerable his fatal illness. He leaves his poor young wife and son who have to shoulder a big.

Since then, Man and her children can only rely on each other to live because her own



parents live in Lam Dong, and her parents in law are both deceased. Man continues her

farming work to earn money. The agricultural products should be just enough to eat so she also works as a hired labor to earn extra money paying for the debt. Man only hopes to healthy for working but once again life is not like her wishes. Three years ago, Man was discovered to have heart disease. Man was unable to hold back the tears because she did not understand why all the great disaster inflicted on her life.

Although she was designated to hospitalize for surgery by a doctor, she only stay at home without any treatment because of any money. Three years quietly battling heart disease, she always live in the worry. She was afraid that one day, if she suddenly lies down forever, what will happen to her son? Who will raise him? He will grow up without the love of both parents. These thoughts are always around and obsessive in her head. Until recently, when the illness becomes severe, Man was forced to be hospitalized. She was transferred to Hue Central Hospital. Again, she was appointed surgery at a cost of 40 million. With little money, Man cannot afford the operation fee. However, a ray of hope flashed when she was guiding by doctors to seek the support from OG CDC. After



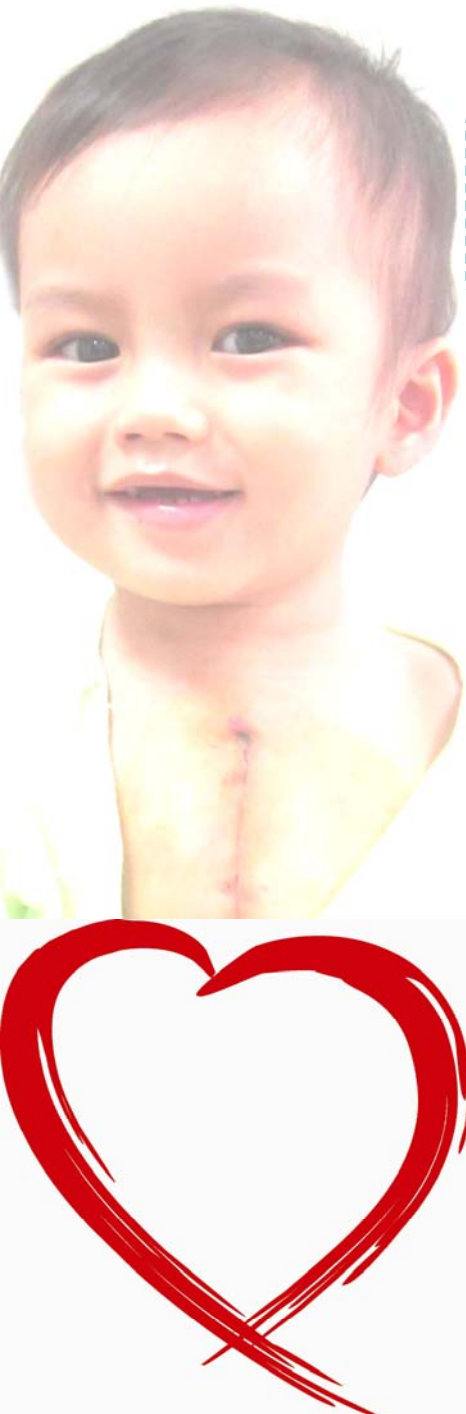
receiving and verifying the circumstances of Man, her information were quickly to

send to the donor to seek for help. Finally, she has received complete support for timely surgery. Her surgery is successful and on 22.03.2016, she was discharged with good health situation.

In the discharge day, with the happiness of being cured and joy of meeting her child after a long time of separation, Man did not forget to say thank you to the donors helping her overcome the illness and return

to the healthy life to working and raising children. She is also expected that many more poor patients like will be help so that their life are lighted brighter hope.

Heart Operation Program



AFEPS Association
(France)
08 cases
\$3,349.00

HEALING THE WOUNDED HEART WORKSHOP
(Vietnam)
04 cases
\$896.00

LA FONDATION STÉPHANE GUY CROISIER
(Switzerland)
09 cases
\$1,700.00

VIET-KID Organization
(Germany)
02 cases
\$596.00

UNITED WORLD COLLEGE Fund
(Singapore)
05 cases
\$2,288.00

EYES OF COMPASSION RELIEF Organization
(Canada)
02 cases
\$1,305.00

TUOI XANH - ASSOCIATION D'AIDE EN FAVEUR DES ENFANTS DEÏMUNIS AU VIETNAM
(Switzerland)
10 cases
\$1,745.00

SHARIFAH KHAIRUUNISA Fund
(Singapore)
01 case
\$500.00 đồng

♥ *Rehabilitation Program*

Rehabilitation Support Program for children with cerebral palsy at Hospital of Functional Rehabilitation for Handicapped Children - Hue City has still received great help from the generous benefactors. On behalf of the children and their families, please receive our sincere thanks for your care and compassion for their difficulties.

ANONYMOUS INTERNATIONAL DONOR

05 cases
\$432.00

STONE HOUSE

**Fund
(USA)**
01 cases
\$138.10

♥ *Other Operation & Supports*

KIM EASTERDAY

**Fund
(USA)**
02 cases
\$72.70

With the support of sponsors, many poor patients with weak kidney, trauma of spinal column, brain tumour,... were operated and treated successfully. We are very happy and we would like to express our deep gratitude to the sponsors who have given poor patients the opportunities to get back to life.

STONE HOUSE

**Fund
(USA)**
01 case
\$342.80

EYES OF COMPASSION RELIEF ORGANIZATION

(Canada)
2 cases
\$72.70

THE YEARLY VISIT OF BRETAGNE VIETNAM ASSOCIATION (FRANCE)



To be able to provide better support for children and families with disabilities, every year, the Bretagne Vietnam Association have a visit on common projects for people with disabilities. During this visit, Mr. Eric Facquet, a vice president, has visited the school with which the students are sponsored the monthly school fee, such as the Future School, Duc Son Care Orphanage Centre and Early Intervention Centre. In particular, in order to understand deeply the family situation in the Parrainage program, Mr. Eric has visited some of difficult cases and awarded small gifts for the children and family, on behalf of their godmother/godfather.

With the main purpose of promoting the vocational training for students with disabilities, especially the older children at Future School, OG CDC plan to open a small confectionery workshop. Together with OG CDC, Bretagne Vietnam

Association has visited a local traditional confectionery factory and plan for the operation of this workshop. We sincerely thank Vietnam Association Bretagne has been always accompanied with us for brining a brighter future for children with disabilities.

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION (USA) SUPPORT PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND SUN ROOF FOR THE EARLY INTERVENTION CENTRE



With the support of International Association of Special Education (USA), the Early Intervention Centre has been equipped with outdoor toys, equipment and the sun roof with the aiming at creating a fun, friendly and safe environment for children disability at 35 Ngo Thoi Nham Street, Hue City. Students greatly enjoy playing swing, slide and explore the sensory toys corner. We would like to express our deepest thanks to the International Association of Special Education for such



wonderful gifts for our children with disabilities.

THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM SEATTLE ACADEMY (USA)

In the cooperation between OG CDC and the Seattle Academy (USA), we are very happy to welcome group of teachers and high school students from Seattle in March 2016. During 4 voluntarily



days at Future School and The Centre for Caring and Early Intervention and the Healing the Wounded Heart Shop for artisans with hearing impairments, the students have contributed many meaningful activities for our students,

such as: cleaning the garden,



decorating classes as well as teaching art work for children with intellectual disabilities at Future School. We are very happy to get the donation from Seattle of 36 used hearing aids. These are very meaningful gifts for poor patients with hearing impairments in OGCDC's Centre of Audiology and Speech Therapy.

PROJECT VIETNAM INC (AUSTRALIA) SUPPORT THE REFURBISHMENT FOR OGCDC'S CENTRES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES



In order to improve the learning environment and facilities for people with disabilities, in recent times, with the enthusiastic support of manpower and finances of the Project Vietnam Inc (PVI)(Australia), we have renovated 02 early Intervention centre for children with disabilities which are called Tam Thai Centre and Ngo Thoi Nham

Centre; and refurbish the Thrift shop into: the Reproductive Health Centre for people with disabilities and Thrift Shop. Besides the construction program, the PVI also support us in the used glasses and hearing aids program. Many used glasses will be donated to poor people in the conjunction of OGCDC



and some Hospitals and Clinics in Hue city.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the invaluable support of the PVI and the efforts of 26 volunteers for their enthusiastic support to complete this project.

SPECIAL WHEELCHAIRS FOR POOR PEOPLE DISABILITIES

With the support of EOCRO, OGCDC has giving 5 special wheelchairs for poor disabilities in Thua Thien Hue province with the total sum of money is 20,500,000 dong. We hope that this special gift will help those poor disabilities overcomes difficulties in their daily life and find a suitable job to feed

themselves and their family.



On the behalf of those people and their family, we would like to say thank you to EOCRO because of very meaningful present.

GIVING SCHOLARSHIP FOR POOR STUDENTS AFTER HEART OPERATION

On the visiting of Afeps



Association (France), OGCDC has given 47 scholarships for the poor students after heart operation and the students with hard condition in Thua Thien Hue province. Total amount of money for 47 scholarship is \$VN 89,000,000. Moreover, in the first quarter of 2016, OGCDC also gave 12 scholarships that were supported by Afeps Brest (France).

This is the meaningful gift to encourage the students overcome the difficulties to



become a good students for their families, for their school and good people for society. By this way, we would like to thank Afeps Association, Afeps Brest that supported for us in this program.

RECEIVING THE USED HEARING AIDS

In the first quarter of 2016, OG CDC are very happy to receive 77 used hearing aids from the students of Seattle Academy (USA), ADM (France) and PVI Organization (Australia). At Lotus center of Audiology and Speech therapy, we will make hearing testing and counseling



for the patients. With poor patients with hearing loss, we will choose the fitted hearing aids to support for the patients. This activity will help the patients who can hear better, improve their confidence to take part in the social activities. We would like to thank to donors who helped us in this activity.

WORKING WITH THE CLEFT-LIP AND PALATE GROUP FROM ESTONIA

From 21 to March 24 last, the Speech Therapy group had the opportunity to work with the Cleft – Lip/ Palate Group from Estonia. This is first time our group works on Nasometer II machine with Ms. Lagle Lehes, speech therapist at the University of Tartu, Estonia. The Nasometer II machine is



used to measure the air blow through the nose while the patient with Cleft Palate pronunciation before and after surgery. We hope in the future, we can feature the Nasometer II in the center to assist in therapy for children with CLP.

We would like to send our sincere thanks to organizations, experts and volunteers who have supported us in this program and hope for your continuing support in future.

REHABILITATION PROGRAM

In last three month, the physical program for children with motor disability in the community as well as in centers of OG CDC still runs well. Most of children in this program have good improvement because of the well therapy. Nguyen Van Tu

is a typical case. He is a 6 years old whom is living in the



Nguyet Biet Hope orphanage. When Tu had just come to the orphanage, Tu could not stand or walk. All of his activities depend on the support of the adult. After three years of having physical therapy, now Tu can walk independently and do daily activities by himself. In addition, Tu can help the cares taking care of his classmate. Tu is always happy and friendly with people around. His great improvement is the motivation for all families and teachers as well as the physiotherapist in working with children with motor disability.

VISITING

It is our great honor and pleasure to have warmly welcomed individuals and organizations to our office during the last six months. These significant visits really encourage us to work with the best of our ability to help children with disabilities in Viet Nam.

- **America:** Members of IASE: Ms. Drower Iris Sharon, Mr. Eng Peng Sim, Ms. Yeoh Hock Hin, Mr. Jacqueline Louise Wrafter.

- **France:** Members of AFEPS Association: Ms. Rochetin Épouse Henry Maryse, Mr. Henry Michel, Ms. Alaterne Isabelle; Mr. Eric André Facquet – Bretagne-Vietnam Association; Members of ADM Việt Nam Association: Mr. Tran Manh Cuong, Mr. Tiffet Eric, Ms. Merouze - Boulard Francoise, Ms. Nicole Alice, Mr. Pham Thuong Hien, Mr. Tran Louis, Mr. Vasseur Léni, Mr. Riote Pierre Albin, Mr. Hecquet Pierre Vincent, Mr. Nguyen Van Ba, Mr. Duclaux Christophe Baptiste Marcel, Mr. Aline Garcia, Ms. Martine Sinzelle, Ms. Ton Thi Ngoc Minh Chau.

- **Switzerland:** Mrs. Bach Nga Croisier-Vu, Mr. Jean-Paul Croisier.

- **Australia:** Members of Project Vietnam Inc: Mr. Mark Steven Angel, Mr. Ian Bath Cameron, Mr. Peter Thomas Jones, Mr. Terence John Kerr, Mr. Gregory Raymond Lindner, Mr. James O'Shannessy, Mr. David Conway Rees, Mr. Dennis Wayne Scott, Mr. Ronald Desmond Toohey, Ms. Dare Mary Joan, Ms. Dulley Ann Julie Elizabeth, Mr. Dulley Greg John, Ms. Hinchliffe Christine, Mr. Hinchliffe Terrance Burke, Ms. Jones Healthier Lorraine, Mr. Jones Roger Barry, Mr. Lacey Gregory James, Ms. Miller Janice Christine, Mr. Miller John Douglas, Mr. Nash Geoffrey, Ms. Templeton Murray Chatfield, Mr. Whitsed Neale, Mr. Antonius Maria Henricus Van Boxmeer, Ms. Caroline Hjortkjaer.



**YOUR CONCERN AND SUPPORT ARE
INVALUED ENCOURAGEMENT SOURCE
FOR US IMPLEMENTING THE
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH
DISABILITIES.**

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