

# Newsletter



## October, November & December 2012

*For the last quarter, with great support of the generous benefactors, OG CDC has achieved much development in helping children with disabilities. The great donations have brought about thousands of source of endless happiness, thousands of new lives for the unfortunate children with mental retardation, heart defects and other severe diseases. From the bottom of our hearts, we truly thank all of the benefactors who have been nobly giving their deep solicitude with all kind hearts for us and children with disabilities in Vietnam.*

*We are also grateful to **Mr. Chau Trong Ngo** (Hue City), **Mrs. Tran Thi Hong Phan family** (Quy Nhon), **Mr. Phan Dang Hoe** (Nghe An), **Mr. Tran Dinh Phuc** (Quang Nam), **Mr. Duong Le Van Xuan** (Quang Ngai) and **Dr. Trang Xuan Chi** (Binh Dinh) who gave us highly valuable time to help us in programs for children with disabilities.*

*During three months of October, November & December 2012 with your great help, we have achieved:*

Programs	No. of Cases	Funded
Heart Operation	28	19,182.20
Other Operations and Supports	09	1,946.10
Children with cerebral palsy and epilepsy who received rehabilitation	08	1,120.00
Scholarship program for poor or disabled students	88	7,850.00
Special wheelchair for children with disabilities	25	5,487.50
Charity hostel for poor patients in Le Village de Bretagne Vietnam	58	226.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>35,812.3</b>

*Through the end of December 2012 the long-term activities of OG CDC are as follow:*

Programs	Number
The poor families with disabled children who have been participating in loan program	670 families
Scholarship program for poor or disabled students	281 students
The Special Education Program for children with intellectual disabilities	
+ Future School	50 students
+ 2 special classes at Duc Son's Care Orphanage Centre	15 students
+ 3 special classes in 3 communes in Nam Dong district	18 students
The Early Intervention Program for children with intellectual disabilities	
+ The home- based program	30 children
+ The centre- based program in Hue Centre for Caring and Early Intervention	19 children
+ The centre- based program in Nam Dong Centre for Caring and Early Intervention	15 children
Jobs for disabled adolescences	20 workers

All programs above are on-going.

# Sharings

## ♥ Light at the end of the tunnel



7 years old, Linh's heart disease was discovered. The doctor concluded that she needed to be surged urgently. However, because of the poverty of, her life becomes more fragile.

Linh's mother with austere face, sunburnt complexion, deep eyes because of sleepless night, sat lonely and hug her little child who was living within an inch of her life. Linh mother did not want to let her go, because she understands that, just one of these days, the heart disease could steal away the life of her only daughter. For several months, it seemed that Nguyen Thi Tiu in An Giang Tay Hamlet, My Duc Commune, Phu My District, Binh Dinh Province just laid awake all night. She could not sleep because she afraid that the death would bring her child away from her as well as in part because of worry to find a way to borrow the money for the surgery.

According to the words of the person, a dedicated collaborator of our office in supporting heart patients in Binh Dinh who did the survey, Mrs. Tiu, one hand, she hug her child, one hand felt her tattered clothes, in a voice choked with emotion, she told about her life which was very arduous, full of obstacles. She left school when she did not finish elementary school yet because of difficult family circumstances. She had to work to help her parents to take care of her younger siblings. Time went fast; some petty love glanced quickly. It was just because her family was too poor. Turned away, turned back, her parents were elderly and her younger siblings have had their own family. At the age out of thirty, she looked at herself and felt to be touched.

Alone, in her parents' old house built with bamboo, straw and clay, Mrs. Tiu suddenly want to hear the frolic of children. Then she came to a decision that would give birth and raise a child alone. Also from that thought, Linh was born. Linh has grown in love and compassion of her mother though Linh does not have father. However, the joy and happiness did not last long. As the cruel fate, she had a

shock to know her child suffering from congenital heart disease.

On the day that Linh filled ill, her mother took her to everywhere for treatment. Go all the hospitals in the district to the provincial hospital; the doctors suspected Linh had congenital heart disease. Finally, Linh was checked at the Hue Central Hospital. The conclusion was that Linh got communication intra auricular and congenital mitral insufficiency. That was the reason why Linh was 7 years old but she was so little and just like a 5 years old kid.

Few months ago, doctors advised that she should let Linh have the surgery as soon as possible. However, she could only tear and take Linh go back home because she cannot have 50 million for operation fee. In her house, there was nothing that was worthwhile for sell. Also no one wanted to buy their cultivation land. Their relatives also just received this news in the miserableness and helplessness.

The date that Linh needed to be operated came but Mrs. Tiu could not have enough money. Although she knew that the operation was needed to save Linh's life, she could not do anything more.



Mrs. Tiu thought that Linh had to live with heart disease in her remaining lifetime. Fortunately, a miracle came to Linh as the staff of the Binh Dinh province Red Cross came through areas that Linh and her mother were living. They hear about Linh situation via some villagers. The Red Cross immediately went to visit and verify the family circumstances of Mrs. Tiu. Right after that the document of Linh was sent to OGCDC and she was helped by sponsors via our office. Linh hospitalized on Sept 10. Linh surgery was carried out 15 days later. In early October 2012, Linh was discharged in good health with joy and happiness of her mother.

Linh family would like to send sincere and deeply thanks to generous sponsors to Linh and her mother. Their support came to Linh and her mother when they were in the most desperateness. The help of sponsor as the light at the end of the tunnel, that make the lives of Mrs. Tiu and Linh turns to a brighter new page with more laugh.

## ♥ Let's help Ha to work independently



Born in a poor family, Ha had symptoms of malnutrition and lung-disease, so she had to stay at the hospital and often take medicine regularly. At the age of going to school, she could not integrate in kindergarten's activities, so she had to stay at home. At 8 years old, she went to the Future School. She is suffered from hands sweaty symptom regular in any weather so it is very difficult for her to hold tightly as pencil. Her intellectual is rather low and especially her attention and cooperation with others.

Her mother is a wholesaler in the market all day while her father is motor diver and the main person to take care and bring pick her to school. In the end of 2010, her father had a stroke and as consequences, he is paralyzed. Ha had to stay at home 1 month as no one in her family can bring her to school. With the special support of the Bretagne Vietnam Association (France), the school can hired a parent in school to taking her to school. Ha is very happy! She is now very confident. She takes part in class's activities actively and can finish her daily duty plan at class such as: clean up tables, chairs, floor quite well. With the continuing support of Liliane Foundation and Bretagne Vietnam, Ha can come to school regularly and especially she can join in the incense making class at school now. My heart overflowed with joy by her image in holding a bunch of incense and run around the school-yard to show off her results. Furthermore, she has permission to take incense to home for brags with her family. At home, her mother starts to instruct housework such as folding clothes, washing up the dishes and taking care of her father. Ha is grown-up and mature. She knows how to take care of herself and do simple work to help teachers and Mom. Thank you so much for caring and leading her to a brighter future.

# *Heart Operation Program*

 **AFEPS Association** (France) sponsored 8 cases with total amount \$3,379.20.

 Ms. **CLAIRE BURGESS** (New Zealand) sponsored 1 case with amount \$970.80.

 **THE MINDFULNESS COMMUNITY OF HAMPTON ROADS, VIRGINIA(USA)** sponsored 1 case with amount \$525.

 **CHRIS JENKINS LIVING MEMORIAL FUND** (USA) sponsored 1 case with amount \$105.60.

 **FRIENDS OF UNDERPRIVILEGED Organization** (Singapore) sponsored 1 case with amount \$271.30.

 **HEALING THE WOUNDED HEART SHOP** (Vietnam) sponsored 9 cases with total amount \$1,548.80.

 **NORWAY-VIETNAM CHILDREN'S HEART FUND** (USA) sponsored 1 cases with amount \$525.60.

 **LA FONDATION STÉPHANE GUY CROISIER** (Switzerland) sponsored 1 case with amount \$409.70.

 **SPIRAL FOUNDATION** (USA) sponsored 5 cases with total amount \$2,085.90.

 **THE UNITED WORLD COLLEGE Fund** (Singapore) sponsored 12 cases with total amount \$6,156.10.

 **VIET-KID** Organization (Germany) sponsored 1 case with amount \$562.



*With heart operation program, please see our web page [www.ogcdc.org](http://www.ogcdc.org) to have information in details about the children who are supported and the donation of sponsor for each child.*

*We are deeply grateful to kind cooperation of **Lotus Humanitarian Aid Foundation** (USA) and **Children of Vietnam Foundation** (USA) in this program.*

## **SAD NEWS**

*Despite receiving great support of the generous benefactors, the children **Huynh Anh Tuan, Diep Khanh Vang and Nguyen Van Manh** couldn't overcome the most risky challenging moment of life and passed away after the operations due to severe heart defects. This bad news has really given all of us much sorrow and regretfulness as well.*

## **OTHER OPERATIONS AND SUPPORTS**

*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 gratitude to the sponsors who have given poor patients the opportunities back to their life.*

 **EYES OF COMPASSION RELIEF ORGANIZATION** (Canada) sponsored 1 case with amount \$900.

 **Mr. NGUYEN HUY VŨ'S FAMILY** sponsored 1 case with amount \$75.

 **Mms. LU ELISE** (France) sponsored 1 case with amount \$238.70.

 **Mr & Mrs. RANDY GRANT** (Japan) sponsored 1 case with amount \$193.60

 **STONE HOUSE FUND** (USA) sponsored 2 cases with total amount \$250.80.

 **Mr & Mrs. TRAN MINH PHUOC'S FAMILY** (France) sponsored 3 cases with total amount \$206.40.



## **REHABILITATION SUPPORT**

### **HOSPITAL OF FUNCTIONAL REHABILITATION FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN**

*Rehabilitation Support Programme for children with cerebral palsy at Hospital of Functional Rehabilitation for Handicapped Children - Hue City has still remained receiving great help of the benefactors. On behalf of the children and their families, please receive our sincere thanks for your care and sharings of their difficulties.*

 **KIM EASTERDAY FUND** (USA) sponsored 1 case with amount \$181.

 **Mms. LU ELISE** (France) sponsored 1 case with amount \$108.

 **Mr & Mrs. TRAN MINH PHUOC'S FAMILY** (France) sponsored 2 cases with total amount \$247.

**ANONYMOUS INTERNATIONAL DONORS** sponsored 4 cases with amount \$432.



## **DENTAL CARE PROGRAM**

From November 26th to November 30th 2012, with the financial support of Eyes



Of Compassion Relief Organization (Canada) and equipment support of La Goutte D'eau Organization (France), the Office of Genetic Counseling and Disabled Children (OGCDC) in collaboration with doctors and students from Faculty of Odontology, Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy to



organize a dental examination and treatment for over 580 poor people at Vinh Ha Commune, Phu Vang District, Thua Thien Hue Province. Together with the dental examination, we also educate for children at Vinh Ha primary school some techniques for dental care the total costs for this examination is \$260. By the way, we would like to say thank you so much for the supports of the sponsors, doctors, students and volunteers. We hope that we will continue to receive your supports so that we can develop this program regularly.

## **LOAN PROGRAM**

### **EVALUATION WORKSHOP ON THE EFFECT OF LOAN PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE**



The OG CDC's Loan program for poor families with children with disabilities in Quang Tri province has developed since 1999. Until now, the program have implemented in 26 communes of 6 districts in Quang Tri for 119 families with the total capital of 484 million VND.

In order to evaluate the effect of loan program after a long time operation, on November 14, 2012, OG CDC has cooperated with the Association for the support of Vietnamese Handicap and Orphan (ASVHO) to organize the evaluation workshop on "The effect of Loan program for poor families with children with disabilities in Quang Tri province" with the special participation of Associate Prof. Nguyen Viet Nhan, head of OG CDC, Mr. Duong Quat, chairman of Association, communal People Committee leaders and local coordinators of loan program. With the actively participation, the members have pointed out advantages, disadvantages of the current loan program and also contributed some feasible methods for well management of the loan program in the next years. In the role of local partner of OG CDC in this program, the ASVHO will support OG CDC in managing the loan, enhancing effective loan usages which aim at improving the living conditions of poor families with children with disabilities in Quang Tri province.

-  **The NORIKO Fund (Japan)**
-  **The PARACELS Fund (USA)**
-  **The VIETNAM, LES ENFANTS DE LA DIOXIN (France)**
-  **The BRETAGNE-VIETNAM Association (France)**
-  **The CLINTON GLOBAL INITIATIVE/WALMART (USA)**

## **SPECIAL WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM**

### **SPECIAL WHEELCHAIRS FOR CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY AND MOBILITY DISABILITIES WITH THE SUPPORT OF AFEPS ASSOCIATION (FRANCE)**



On October 20, 2012, with the support of IMAYA Association (Japan), in collaboration with the Association of Social Protection for the disabled and orphaned children of Quang Binh, OG CDC handed 25 special wheelchairs for people with disabilities in Quang Binh province with the total amount of 109,750,000 VND (#5,422 US dollars). We are delighted to welcome Mr. Isao Iwamoto, Chairman of IMAYA and the members in this meaningful ceremony of handing the gifts to the people of disabilities. Hopefully, this support will help the people with disabilities to improve living conditions and integrate into the community. Through this, we would like to send the IMAYA our deep gratitude for the great help of IMAYA for people with disabilities. We also would like to thank to the committed support of Quang Binh Association of Social Protection for the Orphan and Disabled people.

## **ACTIVITIES OF LE VILLAGE DE BRETAGNE VIETNAM, CHARITY HOSTEL FOR POOR PATIENTS**

After two years of operation, with the grateful support of the Bretagne Vietnam Association (France), the Le Village de Bretagne Vietnam, a charity hostel for poor patients is in well development. Up to now, the charity hostel has welcomed 322 patients and their family members and 33,514,000 VND for travel and meal allowances. With an effective cooperation of the Cardiovascular Center and Department of Pediatrics of Hue Central Hospital, we hope to welcome many patients to stay during their medical examination and treatment at Hue in the next time. Besides the activity for poor patient, OGCDC also develop the Early Intervention Centre on the second floor of the building. Together with regularly Early Intervention class for nine small children with disabilities, we also provide consulting services and guiding therapy for far- distant parents. This is the first model of Early intervention for children with disabilities in Hue with the professional support from Ms. Kerstin Gruener, advisor from GIZ organization (Germany).

## **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

### **SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH HARD CONDITION AFTER HEART OPERATION**



In October and November of 2012, with the supports from Afepts Association (France), Stephane Croisier Fondation (Switzerland), OGCDC have given 60 scholarships for the students in Thua Thien Hue province. Both of them are students with hard condition after heart operation. Total amount of money was given in this time is 113,500, 000 vnd (about 5,675 USD). There are the meaning gifts for the students to go to school after confronting with heart defect disease in a long time.

On this occasion, we would like to thank for the great support Afepts Association, Stephane Croisier Fondation. The supports from donors have given the health, happiness for the children with disability to have a bright future.

### **SCHOLARSHIP FOR POOR STUDENTS WITH GOOD RESULT AT SCHOOL**

With the support from Afepts Brest Association, Viet Hung and friend's fund, in October, OGCDC has given 28 scholarships for poor students with good result at school. The total award is 43,500,000 VND (2,175 USD). With the scholarship, the students can pay apart of school fee, moreover, it is also the big encouragement for the students to overcome the hard time. The students and their families are very happy to receive the scholarship. On behalf of the students and their families, we would like to thank so much for the great support of donors. We believe that with this help, the students will have more chance to learn, make their dream come true.

### **THE MINDFULNESS COMMUNITY OF HAMPTON ROADS, VIRGINIA(USA)**

 **Mr & Mrs. RANDY GRANT** (Japan)

 **AFEPS Association** (France)

 **VIET HUNG Fund** (France)

 **Ms. KARLA KUHNE** (Germany)

 **ROTARY CLUB – MATAYOSHI Fund** (Japan)

 **VIETNAM, LES ENFANTS DE LA DIOXIN** (France)

 **Mr. KAZUZO NOMURA** (Japan)

 **VACEF Fund** (USA)

 **LA FONDATION STÉPHANE GUY CROISIER** (Switzerland)

 **Mrs. NORIKO IWAMOTO** (Japan)

 **DKSH VIETNAM Co.Ltd** (Vietnam)

 **Dr. PHAM HUU DIEU**, through **EYES OF COMPASSION RELIEF** Organization (Canada).



# **S**PECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

## **BRETAGNE VIETNAM ASSIST IN FUNCTIONAL COST FOR FUTURE SCHOOL**



In school year 2011-2012, thanks to support in the functional cost of the Future School by Bretagne Vietnam, all staffs and teachers felt secure about carry out the take care and educate more than 50 children with intellectual disabilities, maintain and extend the vocational training classes. In school year 2012-2013, Bretagne Vietnam grant 60,000,000 VND to help Future school to mobilize others organization in and out country to support children with intellectual with disabilities in step by step. On behalf of the teachers and parents of the pupils with disabilities, we sincerely thank Bretagne Vietnam for your valuable assistance, which will stabilize and further develop the activities of the school.

## **ENHANCE THE KNOWLEDGE IN TEACHING MATHEMATICS - READING WRITING AND MAKING TEACHING MATERIAL SKILL TO TEACHERS OF SPECIAL SCHOOL/CLASS**

In October and November, 2012 teachers at Future school, Duc Son classes, Early intervention centre in Hue and classes in Nam Dong district participated in two training course in “Teaching Mathematics” and “Teaching Reading and Writing to Children with Disability” with the lecturer is Ms. Doro These - the GIZ’s expert work at the Hue Depagogy University. Teachers were introduced about the teaching methods and new ideas in making suitable materials and can stimulate disabilities student’s learning abilities. Teachers also apply these knowledge in lesson and transmit their interesting to student.

## **PARTICIPATED IN THE JAPAN STUDY PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION**



From November 25th to December 8th 2012, Ms. Tran Thi Phuong Anh and Ms. Hoang Thi Dieu Hong – staffs from OG CDC have participated in the Japan Study Program with other 9 staffs from university and special school for educate children with disabilities in Ho Chi Minh, Ha Noi and Da Nang city in the partnership project between JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) and Ritsumeikan University and Hanoi National University of Education. Through 2 weeks of training, all trainees have gained many useful knowledge and experience in how to use the checklist and make the individual educational program for children with special needs. And especially, we all had chance to visit many early intervention centres, schools and vocational training workshops for people with disabilities in Shiga prefecture, Japan.

## **FUTURE SCHOOL’S STUDENT ORGANIZED THE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY FOR CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 2013**



On 24th December, all staffs and student in Future school organized the school assembly “My happy Christmas and New Year 2013”. All classes have the act to present as: the dance team with Christmas Dance, the cooking class introduces the meat balls, young student make the artwork with plait leaf and flower, and other student group decorate the conference room and joyful game. All students feel the warm atmosphere and very natural demonstrate their skill to have the gifts by Santa Claus at assembly.

## ORIENTATION IN DEVELOP THE LIVING SKILL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO STUDENT AT FUTURE SCHOOL IN 2013



With over 60% students who are adolescents from 15 to 25 year olds at Future school, Teachers, parent and school manager will combine to make the student education plan in develop living skill and vocational training to these student in 2013. In order to carry out this plan, we are strengthen activities of cooking class, making incense class, opening and



building sewing class. Beside, teachers will help student apply lesson in practice, make acquaintance of the job that suitable to student's learning and working abilities by newspaper, real visit and learning a trade. It is the general education goal to show the way that student will independent in their life and have stable life in the future to integrate in social activities.

### NAM DONG CLASS



For the three classes in Nam Dong our team provides ongoing support. Once a month, Phuong Anh provides on-the-job training advice and conduct training sessions. Teachers and students have carried out interesting projects such as planting the vegetable garden, making a recipe book.

### DUC SON CLASS

To create meaningful learning activities that associated with daily situations for students with



disabilities, teachers of the two classes Duc Son Pagoda has organized activities to teach Mathematics from the incense products that the children have done through the vocational training sessions. Depending on their abilities, children will learn many different skills, such as: sorting different kinds of incense (blocks and sticks), counting incense, packed, record the number incense in the book and track the sale, etc. All of them focused on activities and participated actively in the lesson.

In the last November, they have played in the playarea for children in Coopmart, a supermarket of Hue city. They enjoyed the game as colouring the status, puzzle, throw the ball, swings,... with classmates and with other normal children. This is a good chance for them to be able to communicate with friends to develop the social skills.

## GOOD NEWS

In the beginning of 2013, the W.P. Schmitz Foundation will support the Future School in project of improvement of the learning environment by the procurement of outdoor toys and the protective screen to create a safe learning and playing environment for children with intellectual with disabilities. Besides, the school will be equipped the assessment tool and equipment for assessment room so that the assessment, counseling and training work for children with disabilities will be carried out independently by our staff.

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With the support of Bretagne Vietnam Association (France), the sewing class in Future School has run on October 2012. The pleasure is double for children with disabilities when the Spanish organization CONEMUND agreed to finance in building a sewing room in the front open space of Future School in order to develop the vocational training and job creation for students of school in 2013.

## **E**ARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM

### **PARENT WORKSHOP IN NAM DONG**



Recently, we have provided training for parents of children with disabilities in special education and early intervention program with the theme: "Understanding and supporting children with disabilities better." With conditions as well as practical needs, we organized the training with method of practice by experiencing disabilities with different activities such as putting on pants with one hand, walking with binoculars, standing on one foot threading needles with hand on thick gloves, drawing looking through glass. The training took place successfully in very vibrant and exciting atmosphere with the participation of nearly full numbers, of dynamism and enthusiasm of most parents. Through this training, we have acknowledged the parents' sharing of the difficulties faced by children and families, and also noted the proposals for training courses in the future. Thus, we'll make training plan for the parents in 2013.

### **CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY 3<sup>RD</sup> OF DECEMBER IN HUE**

In response to International Day for people with disability 03rd December, on the 2nd of December 2012, with the support of the German Development Cooperation Organization (GIZ) and Handicap International (Belgium), OGCDC has been in collaboration with Youth Center - Thua Thien Hue province and the Youth Union of Hue College of Education for organizing the festival for 18 units for caring and raising people with disabilities in Thua Thien Hue province. Implemented with the goal of "Removing the barriers to creating an inclusive and accessible

society to all", in addition to the children/adolescents with disabilities from the centers, we have to mobilize and encourage all both parents, students, and all citizens to join in response to this festival to increase their understanding of the ability of people with disabilities and the positive effects for society through the integration of people with disabilities in all aspects of political, social, economic and cultural life. In the celebration, the children with disabilities from 18 units as well as all attendees

to participate in fun activities such as painting contest, kicking balls into goals, throwing cans, experiencing people with disabilities and stimulating senses. In addition, children with disabilities have the opportunity to express their talents through unique entertainment such as dance, theater, fashion shows, drama. As observed, they participated in the festival with full of excitement and thereby creating more mentally confident in themselves for the children with disabilities.

Through this, we would like to deeply thank the GIZ organization, Handicap International, to everyone who participated in this festival response, and especially the presence of more than 300 children with disabilities and their families. We hope that in the future, there will be many more opportunities for children with disabilities to express their capabilities and at the same time all the people can enhance the important role of people with disabilities in society.



## **TRAINING FOR TEACHERS**



For the last three months of 2012, with the technical assistance of expert – Ms. Kerstin Gruener from GIZ organization, we have organized more basic and advanced training courses for the teachers in the early intervention and special education program. The training revolves around the topics of behavioral modification, fine art with natural materials and therapeutic methods from the teachers have been able to access to different methods such as test methods, practicing on children. Through the training, teachers have showed confidence and better skills in supporting children with abilities at various levels. With the increasing demand for training, in 2013 we will strengthen the resources to be able to organize more training courses in accordance with the actual needs of teachers.

## **SUPPORT OF EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES FROM THE GIZ**



With the support of the GIZ organization, by the beginning of December, we have been provided with some equipment and facilities for improving the working condition for the OG CDC's staff. The GIZ's contribution will enrich and broaden the quality of the Early Intervention program as well as the lives of many disabled children and their families in Thua Thien Hue province particularly and in the Central of Vietnam generally. Once again, we would like to express our deep thanks to the GIZ organization who are always accompanying with us in supplying resources promoting the programs for underprivileged people.

## **THE EARLY INTERVENTION CLASS IN NAM DONG: ENHANCING DAILY ACTIVITIES SKILLS FOR THE CHILDREN**



With the aim of developing independent capabilities for disabled children of early intervention class in Nam Dong district, beside the sessions which help develop skills such as communication skills, language skills, intellectual skills, etc., by December we have proceeded implementing plans to increase the basic daily living skills to the young children at the class as following daily operational procedures, can enter into the bathroom for teeth brushing, in the process of brushing teeth, etc. We hope that with the intensive professional support of Ms. Kerstin Gruener - GIZ organization, the curriculum of the early intervention class for children with disabilities are more complete and to premise the development of the program in the future.

## **HOME-BASED EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM: CHILDREN ASSESSMENT IN 2012**



As annual plan, by the end of December, we have conducted evaluation period on development levels of the children in the early intervention program in 2012. This assessment is based on the Portage checklist in different areas such as stimulation skill, daily living skill, cognition skill, communication skill, language skill and motor skills for children with delayed development in general and using common evaluation table for children with autistic characteristics. The results of the intervention have showed that most of the children had significant progress in the areas of development; especially the children with autism have showed a lot of progress in communication skills and language skills. However, we encountered difficulties in choosing a checklist for diagnosis and evaluation of children with autism. We hope that with the support of the expert – Ms. Kerstin Gruener as well as other experts, the selection and use of appropriate tools for the assessment and diagnosis of children with autism will soon get achievement.

## THE EARLY INTERVENTION CLASS IN HUE: APPLICATION OF TEACCH METHODS IN CURRICULUM



To improve communication skills and independence for children with autism spectrum syndrome, we have integrated the TEACCH method in class curriculum for the children at early intervention class in Hue through various forms such as using photos of activities for the class schedule, sequences of image for individual activities, marking the corner, etc. With the application of this method, the children can be more independent in the sense of the process routines of daily activities, be aware of the operation angle / marking which help the children participate more actively and positively. This is the foundation that builds future communication systems for children not only in the classroom but will gradually expand in a family environment and society in the future.

## PHYSICAL THERAPY AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM



In the collaborative training program between Rotary Club of Prospect (Australia), Rehabilitation Department and OG CDC-Hue College of Pharmacy and Medicine, from 12th to 23rd of November 2012, Australian experts on physical therapy has cooperated in training students of Rehabilitation Faculty, physical therapists of OG CDC and Rehabilitation Department on Normal Development. Although the training program only lasted for 2 weeks, the experts

tried their best to transfer necessary knowledge and give practice in Duc Son Orphanage. On behalf of all trainees, we would like to thank for enthusiastic helps from teachers, trainers and Rotary Club of Prospect.

The last period was also the time on which the physical therapists assessed results of practicing in OG CDC centers to set up new developmental goals. The exercises with illustrations were designed in order for families, carers to be able practice with children daily.

Periodically, this is also the time for us to carry out inventorying and classifying equipments and tools supported by Rotary Club of Prospect. These new equipments would be purchased to meet need of children development.



## SPEECH THERAPY PROGRAM

During the last quarter of 2012, OG CDC has been operating and maintaining the Speech Therapy Program. At the moment, the screening and assessment of children with special needs for counseling and intervening will be taken place on every Tuesday. Ms Truong Thuy Hang, the speech therapist will be in charge of supporting for children with speech, communication and language problem. The children would be timely intervened right after assessment process. It is very good signal that the parents collaborate quite well during the intervention.

The program is still receiving many encouragement, collaborations and experience sharing from both domestic and foreign professionals through mail, telephone and visits. We would like to honestly give our thanks to the organizations, sponsors, experts and volunteers who follow and support us during the last time and hope for the further cooperation in the future.

*Special Education and Early Intervention Program for children with intellectual disabilities always receives great care and support from kind organizations and individuals. On behalf of the disabled children and their families, we would sincerely thank the following benefactors who are always on the same way with us bringing real happiness to the underprivileged children.*

-  **GIZ – GESELLSCHAFT FÜR INTERNATIONALE ZUSAMMENARBEIT** (Germany)
-  **BRETAGNE VIETNAM** Association (France)
-  **LILIANE FOND** (Netherlands)
-  **SCHMITZ STIFTUNG** (Germany)
-  **MIRJA SACHS STIFTUNG** (Germany)
-  **ROTARY CLUB OF PROSPECT** (Australia)
-  **CHEER FOR VIETNAM** Organization (USA)
-  **CHRIS JENKINS** Fund (USA)
-  **VIETNAM FOUNDATION** (Australia)
-  **KALSANG LING CHARITABLE** (USA)
-  **AFEPS** Association (France)
-  **EURASIA** Association (Switzerland)
-  **ROTARY CLUB EUTIN** (Germany)
-  **SOS/ ESF** Association (France)
-  **Ms. SUSANNE ARBEITER** (Germany)
-  **MS. VIVIEN HELLER** (Germany)
-  **ARBEITER’S FAMILY** (Germany)
-  **Mr et Mme JEAN FABRICE & VERONIQUE WLODY** (France)
-  **AARON KILLOUGH** Fund (USA)
-  **DR. JONATHAN RHIM FAMILY** (USA)
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## VISITS OF INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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

- **Germany:** Mr. Erhard Milatz – Viet-Kid Organization.
- **America:** Mr. Michael Adam Schwartz, Mrs. Patricia Moloney Schwartz, Miss. Brianna Mai Schwartz.
- **Japan:** Members from IMAYA: Mr. Iwamoto Isao, Mrs. Iwamoto Noriko, Tanaka Michio, Kimoto Yasukazu, Iwamoto Masaki, Qu Shuying, Luo Li
- **Australia:** Ms. Liz Pridham, Ms. Bronya Wingrove, Ms. Elsbeth Falster, Ms. Lien Nguyen and Mr. Cuong Pham

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