

Newsletter



October, November & December 2014

For the last quarter, with great support of the generous benefactors, more children with disabilities are supported. 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 collaborators, friends of donors and benefactors who have given precious time to support us in preceding the programs for children with disabilities.

During three months of October, November & December of 2014 with great help of donors, some achievements have been obtained:

Programs	No. of Cases	Funded
Heart Operation	32	29,719
Children with cerebral palsy and epilepsy who received rehabilitation	07	919
Other Support and Operation	08	1,001
Scholarship program for poor or disabled students	99	11,460
Total	136	43,099

Through the end of December 2014 the long-term activities of OG CDC are as follow:

Programs	Number
Poor families with disabled children in loan program	670 families
Scholarship program for poor or disabled students	299 students
Special Education Program for children with intellectual disabilities	
+ Future School	55 students
+ 2 special classes at Duc Son's Care Orphanage Centre	16 students
+ 2 special classes in 2 communes in Nam Dong district	12 students
Early Intervention Program for children with intellectual disabilities	
+ Home- based program in Hue	53 children
+ Centre- based program in Hue Centre for Caring and Early Intervention	25 children
+ Centre- based program in Nam Dong Centre for Caring and Early Intervention	6 children
+ Community-based Rehabilitation Program in Nam Dong	15 children
+ Community-based Rehabilitation Program in Hue	38 children
Jobs for disabled adolescences	20 workers

All programs above are on-going.

Sharings

The smile comes back



In the winter of Hue with the long spell of raining, along the way to Tam Giang lagoon, we visited the house of Le Thi Thuong. Thuong is the second year student of Hue Pedagogy University. This was the first time we meet Thuong but we were so touched because Thuong was so pitiful. Different to young active student, Thuong was emaciated to fight to her heart disease.

Thuong was born in a poor family in Hai Duong Commune, Phu Vang District, Thua Thien Hue Province. Both of her parents are farmer. However, the farming work only helps them to have enough rice for daily meal of 8 members in their family. Therefore, her mother has to sell vegetable and her father works as a mason in free time to get more money to cover other expense in their family. Although Thuong's parents work so hard, their income is sometimes not enough to pay for their needs. Thuong's parents have 5 children. The first child is Thanh. She got married but her husband was so violent. Finally, Thanh and her small son have to come back her parents' home to live. The second child is Thao, she is 21 years old. Thao also had to stop schooling for working because her parents could not pay for her school fee. Thuong is the third child and there are 2 more young children who are still in school age.

In 2013, despite of the poor condition, Thuong tried her best to study and passed the entrance examination to become the student of Hue Pedagogy University. The smile in her face haven't ceased yet, Thuong was informed that she got heart defect when she had medical examination before

starting to go to university. Immediately, Thuong was taken to Hue Central Hosital for deeper checking, the result was not better. Doctors affirmed Thuong got heart defect and she needed an operation cost 85 million vnd. Her parents were also very stunned by the thunder-like news but they could not have enough money for the operation. Therefore, Thuong had to come back home to have medical treatment.

Thuong still continue her studying in Hue city. Each month, her parents send her 1 million for living. It cost 650.000 dong for hiring the room. The rest sum money is even not enough for Thuong to manage with her daily meals. Although Thuong parents only give her a small sum of money monthly, they have to borrow money from their relative for Thuong to maintain her studying. In addition, Thuong has to go to Hue Central Hospital every month




for follow-up examination. That costs nearly 1 million each month. Therefore, after more than 1 year, Thuong's parents are so exhausted because they cannot find money from anywhere else for Thuong. Beside, the sum of their debt increases day by day.

Finally, Thuong's family came OGCDC to ask for help. Looking a girl with young age but without any vitality because of maltreat of heart defect, we were so worry. We promised to ourselves that we would try our best to help her. Not long after that, Thuong condition was sent to donors. They agreed to support partly of Thuong's operation fee.


After more than 3 months in the hospital, Thuong was discharged from the hospital in good condition. Thuong can come back her university with her friends as well as her family. Seeing her on the discharged day, although Thuong was still tired, we can see the radiant smile on her face. We hope that a bright future is waiting for her and Thuong will be a good teacher to help poor students. Thuong and her family would like to send their gratitude to donors because of their great support.

Heart Operation Program

 **AFEPS Association** (France) sponsored 6 cases with total amount \$1,533.


 Ms. **CLAIRE BURGESS** (New Zealand) sponsored 1 case with amount \$748.50.


 **CHILDREN OF VIETNAM ORGANIZATION** (USA) sponsored 1 case with amount \$536.


 **EYES OF COMPASSION RELIEF ORGANIZATION** (Canada) sponsored 4 cases with total amount \$2,538.

 **HEALING THE WOUNDED HEART SHOP** (Vietnam) sponsored 11 cases with total amount \$2,153.


 **NORWAY-VIETNAM CHILDREN'S HEART FUND** (Norway) sponsored 1 case with amount \$239.

 **SPIRAL FOUNDATION** (USA) sponsored 1 case with amount \$200.

 **LA FONDATION STÉPHANE GUY CROISIER** (Switzerland) sponsored 8 cases with total amount \$1,949.

 **TUOI XANH - ASSOCIATION D'AIDE EN FAVEUR DES ENFANTS DEÏMUNIS AU VIET NAM** (Switzerland) sponsored 8 cases with total amount \$1,949.

 **THE UNITED WORLD COLLEGE Fund** (Singapore) sponsored 12 cases with total amount \$6,501.

 **VIET-KID** Organization (Germany) sponsored 3 cases with total amount \$517.


For the heart operation program, please check our web page www.ogcdc.org for further information about the children who have been supported and the donation of the sponsor for each child.

*We are deeply grateful about the kind cooperation of **General Administrative & Nursing Unit, Cardiovascular Center, Hue Central Hospital** and **Lotus Humanitarian Aid Foundation (USA)** with this program.*




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 to get back to life.

 **EYES OF COMPASSION RELIEF ORGANIZATION** (Canada) sponsored 4 cases with total amount \$706.50.

 **Mr & Mrs. TRAN MINH PHUOC'S FAMILY** (France) sponsored 3 cases with total amount \$184.70.

 **LAURIE KUNTZ FUND** (USA) sponsored 1 case with amount \$88.30.



REHABILITATION SUPPORT

HOSPITAL OF FUNCTIONAL REHABILITATION FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

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

 **MS. ROSER GINER FUND** (Spain) sponsored 1 case with amount \$34.60.

 **FRIENDS OF MS. ROSER GINER FUND** (Spain) sponsored 1 case with amount \$77.

 **Mr & Mrs. TRAN MINH PHUOC'S FAMILY** (France) sponsored 1 case with amount \$123.50.

ANONYMOUS INTERNATIONAL DONORS sponsored 3 cases with total amount \$540.



BICYCLE DONATION FOR POOR CHILDREN



support in this program.

With the support of Ms. Diệp Thảo (Vietnam), OGCDC has given 20 bikes to poor students in Thua Thien Hue province. The students are very happy and moved to receive this gift. With these bikes, the way to school seems shorter and easier for them. Hopefully, these meaningful gifts will help poor students to overcome their difficulties in life and strive to become useful citizens of the society. On behalf of poor students and their families, we would like to thank to Ms. Diệp Thảo for your great

















SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GOOD STUDENTS WITH HARD CONDITION



With the support of AFEPS ASSOCIATION, AFEPS BREST ASSOCIATION (France), STEPHANE CROISIER FOUNDATION (Switzerland), OGDC has granted 85 scholarships with the total of 178,300,000 VND for handicapped or/ and good students with hard condition.

In collaboration with Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy, OGDC also granted 14 scholarships with the total of 62,380,000 VND for poor medical students with good results which funded by DKSH Vietnam Company and Randy Grant Fund. This meaningful gift is a big encouragement for our students to overcome difficult condition and fulfill their dream of studying. We would like to thank to our donors for the great support in this program.

-  **Mr & Mrs. RANDY GRANT** (Japan)
-  **AFEPS Association** (France)
-  **AFEPS BREST Association** (France)
-  **VIET HUNG Fund** (France)
-  **KARLA KUHNE** (Germany)
-  **ROTARY CLUB – MATAYOSHI Fund** (Japan)
-  **VIETNAM, LES ENFANTS DE LA DIOXIN** (France)
-  **VACEF Fund** (USA)
-  **LA FONDATION STÉPHANE GUY CROISIER** (Switzerland)
-  **Mrs. NORIKO IWAMOTO** (Japan)
-  **MORIWAKA FUND** (Japan)
-  **NORIKO HORNMARK FUND** (Japan)
-  **YANO FUND** (Japan)
-  **MASAKI FUND** (Japan)
-  **KIMOTO FUND** (Japan)
-  **DKSH VIETNAM Co.Ltd** (Vietnam)



GOOD NEWS FOR POOR PEOPLE WITH HEARING LOSS



With the great support of Aide Au Vietnam (Luxembourg), OGDC will start the hearing aid program for poor people with hearing loss which aiming at improving speaking and listening skills as well as improving life quality for the poor people with hearing impairment. Initially, we will support 11 cases who are from Quang Tri and Thuathien Hue provinces. After

wearing hearing aids, these hearing impaired cases will get speech therapy to train their listening and speaking skills. On behalf of the people with hearing loss and their families, we would like to express our sincerely thanks the support of Aide Au Vietnam for bringing the sound of life to the underprivileged people.



***THE ACTIVITIES OF LOTUS COMPASSION SHOP.**



On the last quarter, Lotus Compassion Shop continues to receive the support from a lot of friends, especially from Ho Chi Minh City, Ha Noi and Dak Lak in contribution different goods for the Shop. With the clothes, we have classified and give some suitable clothes for children with disabilities and poor people in the program of medical examination at the community and mountainous region.

Your support is a very important contribution to maintain the activities of the shop, to create opportunity in job and life integration for children with disability as well as supporting for the charity programs for poor people with disabilities at OGCDC. Again, we sincerely thank you for your help for the joy of children with disabilities and hope to continue receiving your supports in the day to come.

We also would like to send the deeply thanks to the following benefactors for your support to LOTUS shop:

- Mr. Tran Chi Hieu's family (Ho Chi Minh City)
- Ms. Lan Anh (Ho Chi Minh City)
- Dr. Nguyen Thi Thu (Department of Ophthalmology, Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy)
- Dr. Nguyen Thi Kim Loan's family (Dak Lak)
- Ms. Tran Thi Ha Thi's family (Hue city)
- Ms. Phan Vu Thien Huong's family (Finance Department, Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy)

***PHYSICAL THERAPY AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

On last months of 2014, despite of the bad weather, the Physical therapy program still was carried out regularly in Hue city and Nam Dong District. After 1 years of working, we conducted the checking and re – assessment all children in our program. In addition, we also discussed with teacher or the carer of those children about the attention during particing process as well as their equiment so that we can give new suitable care plan in 2015.



We were very pleased to welcome 2

experts on physical therapy from Autralia, Ms. Denise Christine Palmer and Ms. Susan Penelope Durand visited and works on Physical therapy program. Only on short time but the experts came to centers and children's house to guide physio therapists more useful knowlegde. With this great support, we hope that Physical therapy program will get more good result in the next time.



***SPEECH THERAPY PROGRAM**

The good news from Speech Therapy Program of OGCDC is that Ms. Hoang Thi Van Anh has finished the two-year course on Speech Therapy in Pham Ngoc Thach Medical University, Ho Chi Minh City with good results and, now, she is ready to undertake her duties in OGCDC.



We would like to express our gratitude to Trinh Foundation for supporting our speech therapy program during the past time. This is a turning-point of OGCDC Speech Therapy Program in developing the program for children with difficulties in communication, language and behaviors.

We also 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 the day to come.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

MINI FUN FOOTBALL FESTIVAL FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES



With the facilitation of Football for All in Vietnam project (FFAV), during the past time, our children with disabilities had chance to participate in many football activities to enhance their motor development and life skills. In the cooperation between FFAV and Provincial Youth and Adolescent Centre, our children with disabilities in Duc Son Care Orphanage, Nam



Dong special Classes and Future School have joined in the “Mini Fun Football Festival” together with other children with disabilities in different centers and schools in Hue. This is a very meaningful activity for students with disabilities to meet and join in non- competitive football activities and fundamental life skills.

ESTABLISHING A FOOTBALL CLUB IN FUTURE SCHOOL



With the support of Hue Football Federation (HFF) and the Norwegian Football Federation (NFF), the Future School was founded a Football Club to promote health education and life skills for our students with disabilities. To help the school can manage



this activity, the Norwegian Football Association has trained teachers on "Football activities and fundamental life skills". Every 2 sessions per week, our students joined in football activities with friends and they really enjoyed these activities. After 3 months of operation, we have conducted a short seminar to evaluate the implementation plan and find out the advantages and disadvantages of the club for the timely assistance. The club has attracted the attention of students, parents just after a short time of implementation and we are looking forward to receiving continuously support from the Norwegian Football Federation in conducting the club activities.

SCHOOL ASEMBLY AT FUTURE SCHOOL



The school assembly is a monthly meeting, in which the whole school community meets and shares ideas, experiences and products of learning. The students are active participants and can have their voice heard. Thus, the school assembly is important for building a school community and enabling students to become a full member of society. With the theme of "Fun with Santa Claus and welcome the new year", the students performed music performances and enjoy sharing the products of learning. They are all very happy to participate in many funny activities and receive

the gifts from Santa Claus.

ACTIVITIES OF TWO SPECIAL CLASSES IN NAM DONG

For the two special classes in Nam Dong our team provides ongoing support. Because of bad weather condition, the children do not go to classes regularly. Every week, our local supervisor, Ms. Nguyen Thi Kim Khanh provides regularly support in our classes.

EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM

EARLY INTERVENTION CENTER IN HUE CITY



Meeting the increasing needs of children with mental delay, for the last quarter, we have widened the out-service intervention program for more under-six children with developmental delay from remote areas and children from normal kindergartens. Conducting intervention on individual child combining consulting and guiding their parents help impulse the development of the child as well as better integrating in their life.

Paralleling with learning, some children can participate in the festival of “Life skills” together with their parents under the support of Hue Football Federation (HFF) and the Norwegian Football Federation (NFF). This is the wholesome playground to promote life skills for the children themselves.


























EARLY INTERVENTION CENTER IN NAM DONG



With the support of the War legacies Project (USA) and Ms. Susan Hammond, together with great efforts of the teachers and local supervisor in Nam Dong, the class is still running better and better.

In accompanying with improving development skills through learning activities under different models such as topic-based group activities, individual activities and activities for daily living skills, the children also had opportunities to join in the Festival of “Mini Fun Football” together with children with disabilities from centers in Thuathien Hue province. This is very great chance that the children experience different exciting movement activities which help develop their physical and life skills.

The Special Education and Early Intervention Program for children with intellectual disabilities receives great care and support from kind organizations and individuals. On behalf of the disabled children and their families, we would sincerely like to thank the following benefactors who continue to support us in bringing real happiness to the underprivileged children by improving their quality of life.

-  **GIZ – GESELLSCHAFT FÜR INTERNATIONALE ZUSAMMENARBEIT** (Germany)
-  **BRETAGNE VIETNAM Association** (France)
-  **LILIANE FOND** (Netherlands)
-  **SCHMITZ STIFTUNG** (Germany)
-  **MIRJA SACHS STIFTUNG** (Germany)
-  **ROTARY CLUB OF PROSPECT** (South Australia)
-  **DREAMIN FOUNDATION INC** (South Australia)
-  **CHEER FOR VIETNAM Organization** (USA)
-  **VIETNAM FOUNDATION** (Australia)
-  **KALSANG LING CHARITABLE** (USA)
-  **AFEPS Association** (France)
-  **ROTARY CLUB EUTIN** (Germany)
-  **Ms. SUSANNE ARBEITER** (Germany)
-  **Ms. VIVIEN HELLER** (Germany)
-  **Ms. UTE SCHWABE** (Germany)
-  **Ms. KERSTIN GRUENER** (Germany)
-  **Mr. KINGSLEY & Mrs. DENISE PALMER** (Australia)
-  **Mrs. SUE DURAND** (Australia)
-  **LE THI HAN'S FAMILY** (USA)
-  **CONEMUND Organization** (Spain)
-  **QUOC HOC- ĐONG KHANH** former students (Vietnam)
-  **WAR LEGACIES PROJECT** (USA)
-  **UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND** (Australia)
-  **EYES OF COMPASSION RELIEF ORGANIZATION** (Canada)
-  **AIDE AU VIETNAM Organization** (Luxembourg)



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.

- **France:** Ms. Emilie Ha, Mr & Mrs. Tran Tuyet Mai.
- **Australia:** Mrs. Denise Christine Palmer, Mrs. Susan Penelope Durand.
- **Switzerland:** Mrs. Bach Nga Croisier-Vu, Mr. Jean-Paul Croisier.
- **Japan:** Ms. Aya Takahashi.

Welcome to OGCDC, Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy



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