

Newsletter



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During the first quarter of 2017 with great help of donors, some achievements have been obtained:

| Heart Operation | Other Operation | Rehabilitation | Used Hearing Aids | Scholarship |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 21 cases | 13 cases | 04 case | 07 cases | 91 cases |
| 12,868.00 USD | 1,132.30 USD | 450.000 USD | | 9,041.50 USD |

THE LONG-TERM ACTIVITIES OF OG CDC

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| 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 | 55 students |
| - 2 special classes at Duc Son's Care Orphanage Centre | 16 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.





The heart of Rose



Along the coastal districts of Thua Thien Hue Province, we visit Nguyen Thi My Nhung's family on a cold winter day. Her family is living in an old, small and This nearly empty house . Nhung's eyes show the happiness to recognize the acquaintance but still could not hide the fatigue that is present in her little body.

Welcoming us, Nhung's mother - a woman whose austerity is apparent on her face. This is not the first time we have visited Nhung family. Nearly 4 years ago, in 2013, Nhung was only 8 years old was brought to OG CDC by her mother to ask for the heart surgery support. However, it was also not the first time Nhung had to undergo surgery. Nhung's heart condition was discovered when she was 1 year old. Although her

parents had known about that , with limited knowledge and economic difficulties, Nhung's parents only can take their child to local health stations when she was tired and difficult to breathe. Nhung had to suffer from such heart disease until she has the first operation at age 4 with the help of a charity. However, doctors have reported that Nhat was suffering from Tetralogy of Fallot so only one operation did not help Nhung escape his severe heart disease. Thereofre, when Nhung was 8 years old, the doctor indicated Nhung has second surgery. That was the first time we met Nhung and his family. Nhung's family was quickly verified and after that, she received 100% support from OG CDC sponsors for the second surgery. All of us though that since then Nhung would have a healthy heart like her other children to enjoy the fun in life. However, at the end of 2016, Nhung was assigned to surgery for the third time. Hold the paper indicating surgery on the hands, Nhung's mother's body vibrates with her cry. The mother felt so miserable when her 12-year-old child



suffered three surgeries as well as worried about the cost of this surgery to 50 million, double the amount of surgery for the first and second time.

Nhung's mother knows that, with the current situation of their family, they can not get the money. Therefore, once again, she brought Nhung to the OG CDC office with the hope that the generous sponsors will

help Nhung again . Although we know her family codition four years ago, we still decided to visit Nhung's house one more time.



The house and circumstances of Nhung's family are almost unchanged. Excepting the old and degraded condition. Nhung's father and her first brother had to go far of their homeland because they could not find a regular job in their hometown. Therefore, only Nhung, her mother and youngest brother stay at home. Nhung's mother also try to work as a hired laborer but the job is very unstable and the income was negligible. Father and brother go to work in Dong Nai and sending only 2.5 million VND to his family every month. With that income, Nhung's mother is very hard to cover for the needs of the family as well as school fees and medicines for children.

Not letting the family wait so long, the sponsors of OG CDC agreed to support Nhung to have a third surgery in time.

On January 6 of 2017, Nhung was discharged from the hospital with stable health. Her mother could not hide her joy and happiness when she thanked to generous donors. We also see the face of the mother is very radiant when the biggest worry is dispelled. Hopefully, from now on, Nhung will not suffer any pain but enjoy the joy. Her life will just have "Roses" as her name "Nhung" which her parents have chosen for.

Heart Operation Program

**AFEPS
Association**
(France)
07 cases
\$4,240.00

**UNITED WORLD
COLLEGE
Fund**
(Singapore)
12 cases
\$5,087.00

**HEALING THE
WOUNDED HEART
WORKSHOP**
(Vietnam)
02 cases
\$700.00

**ANONYMOUS
DONOR**
(Vietnam)
01 case
\$227.00

**TUOI XANH -
ASSOCIATION
D'AIDE EN FAVEUR
DES ENFANTS
DEÏMUNIS AU VIET
NAM**
(Switzerland)
06 cases
\$1,354.00

**LA FONDATION
STÉPHANE GUY
CROISIER
FOUNDATION**
(Switzerland)
05 cases
\$877.00

**VIET-KID
Organization**
(Germany)
01 case
\$191.00



♥ THE BEATITUDES / FRIENDS OF DR. NHAN (USA) SUPPORT SALARY FOR OG CDC'S STAFF.

We are very grateful to the **Beatitudes / Friends of Dr. Nhan** (USA) for supporting the salary for OG CDC staff that will be in charge for the rehabilitation program for children with physical disabilities in the Central of Vietnam. Last quarter, we have received the amount of 3,580USD. This support is a very important and meaningful support for us on running our activities.

Once again, we would like to express our sincerely thanks to your great support. We will try our best to give the joy and happiness for children with disabilities.

♥ *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.

On the last quarter, with the support of anonymous international donor, 04 children with cerebral palsy was supported for rehabilitation with the cost of \$421.00.

♥ *Other Operation & 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 deep gratitude to the sponsors who have given poor patients the opportunities to get back to life.

EYES OF COMPASSION RELIEF ORGANIZATION

(Canada)
9 cases
\$425.10

Mr. TRAN MINH PHUOC's FAMILY

Fund
(France)
01 case
\$190.91

STONE HOUSE

Fund
(USA)
02 cases
\$266.20

♥ *Charity meals for poor patients*

The program is aiming at helping poor patients or/and their family member the meals during their hospitalization. Initially, the program is just funded by Associate Prof. Nguyen Viet Nhan's family and friends of OG CDC, up to now we have received the interests from a number of donors from abroad and in Vietnam.

It is always that the patients need to accompany by a family member during their hospitalization time. For the poor families, they face with many difficulties not only with the hospital fee but also the daily expenses. To help the patients with comfortable conditions for treatment and share with their financial difficulties, OG CDC cooperate with Hue University Hospital of Medicine and Pharmacy to support meal for poor families and 1 family members of the urgent case. With the coupons from OG CDC, the patients and family can have free meals in hospital canteen.

ORGANIZED THE EVENT "RING THE BELL CAMPAIGN"



Engaging the common spirit of the world in the "We ring the bell campaign" on March 22 to draw attention to the right to education of children with disabilities, Fund of Genetic Counseling and Disabled Children (FGCDC) has coordinated with the following organizations to organize this event: Future School, Duc Son Orphanage Centre, Hue Early Intervention Center, Center for Disabled Children's Charity Long Tho Pagoda. The event also attracted the participation of some government office to children with disabilities, local staffs, school and center managers, teachers, parents, students, and local residents. Together, they create a very meaningful 1 minute audio session to raise awareness about creating favorable conditions for children with disabilities to go to school, teachers and friends will help to integrate into all activities. Of the classroom.

GIVING SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY OR HARD CONDITION

With the support of Vietnam

les Enfants de la Dioxine (VNED), Afeps Association (France) and Stephane Croisier Foundation (Switzerland), OGDCD has given 91 scholarships for 91



poor students after heart operation, the students with disability and hard condition in Thua Thien Hue province with about \$10,171.7 US. These are the meaningful gifts for the student to overcome the hard time, confident in schooling to become good citizens for society.

Through activity, we would like to thank to VNED, Afeps, Stephane Croisier Foundation have supported us in giving the happiness to the poor students.

RECEIVING THE USED HEARING AIDS

With the support from Seattle



Academy (USA) and ADM (France), Lotus center of Audiology and Speech therapy had given 8 hearing aids for 7 patients with hearing loss. These are the meaningful gifts for the patient. With hearing aids, they can hear better to enjoy to social activities and improve their quality life.

Through this activity, we would like to thank to the sponsors the great support to the patients with hearing loss.

MS. TRACY MEE – SPEECH PATHOLOGIST VISITED AND WORKD AT OGDCD.



From March 27 to April 7, was introduced by Ms. Sue Woodward, director of TRINH Foundation, Ms Tracy Mee, a speech pathologist working at Brisbane Water Phonetics, Australia, came to the center to support two speech therapist Ms. Thuy Hang and Ms. Van Anh. Only in two weeks, Ms Tracy has brought a lot of new knowledge in treatment for cases have speech problems. She show us the way to therapy based on using games on the iPad, uses cue ways to support spontaneous pronunciation and adds new strategies in speech therapy. As a result, customers were

very excited and happy to be involved in the therapy sessions, which were quite successful in just a short time.

We will see Miss Tracy Mee again in the next clinical training in the last of this April.

THE VISIT OF BRETAGNE VIETNAM ASSOCIATION (FRANCE)



The trip of Mr. Eric Facquet and Mr. Freddy Rene Gilles, co-vice director of Bretagne Vietnam Association (France) to visit projects in cooperation with OGCDC had got many results especially many benefits which the projects have brought for families of children with disabilities such as the parrainage program for poor students in Future School, the special classes for children with learning difficulties in Duc Son and The Early Intervention Centre. Especially, we have made the home observation to families in the parrainage program for more understand about their conditions, giving gifts and plan some small support to improve the living condition of our children. Three people with physical disabilities has been supported the special wheelchairs, equipment to help them a better position and transportation.

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 PLAY- GROUND EQUIPMENT AND SUN ROOF FOR THE EARLY INTERVENTION CENTRE



With the support of International Association of Special Education (USA), the Early Intervention Centre and the Organic Farm in Nam Dong district have been supported with toys, equipment and reference books for farming with the aiming at creating a fun, good teaching and working environment for people with disability. We would like to express our deepest thanks to the International Association of Special Education for such wonderful gifts for our children with disabilities.

VISITING

It is our great honor and pleasure to have warmly welcomed individuals and organizations to our office during the last 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:** Members of AFEPS: Ms. Rochetin Épouse Henry Maryse, Mr. Henry Michel, Ms. Alaterne Isabelle, Ms. Lehousse Olivia Marie, Mr. Guillaume Kevin Albert; Members of Bretagne-Vietnam: Mr. Eric André Facquet, Mr. Freddy Rene Gilles.

- **Japan:** Ms. Yuko Inohara, Ms. Kazuyo Watanabe, Mr. Okuda.

- **USA:** Members of The International Association Of Special Education: Ms. Mary Gale Budzisz, Ms. Drower Iris Sharon.

- **Australia:** Ms. Tracy Mee.



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

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