

# Newsletter



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During last six months of 2015 with great help of donors, some achievements have been obtained:

Heart Operation	Other Operation	Rehabilitation	Special Wheelchair	Scholarship	Hearing Aids Donation
30 cases	05 cases	15 cases	40 cases	91 cases	02 cases
19,429.00 USD	224.80 USD	1,854.50 USD	7,617.00 USD	9,164.75 USD	5,334.40 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	50 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	43 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.*





## *New life with healthy heart.*

From central of Hue city, passing over 30 km to Pho Lai hamlet, Quang Vinh commune, Quang Dien District, Thua Thien Hue Province, we reached to Ho Ngoc Minh Quang's house which was built with typical design for poor houses in the Central provinces. In Quang's house, Quang's mother - Tran Thi Be slowly told about her life.

Mrs Be got married over 15 years. Both Be and her husband's families are poor so after marriage, they asked the local authority for a small land for living. Being agreed, they built a small house on that land. Then, their children were born; they had 3 children in 5 years and their life faced to many difficulties. With the farming work, it was impossible for Be and her husband to feed all of their children. That was the



reason why the husband also works as a mason as hired to earn more money. Sometimes, he could not find a job in the countryside; he had to go to the South to find a job. Although he worked very hard when living far from home, he could not save much money to send to his wife and children because the income is just sufficient to pay for his accommodation.

Be's children were all born very small and underweight than other children at the same age - especially Minh Quang. Although she was worried, she appeased herself that the parents are not stout enough, so the thing their children have light weight is very normal. However, the older Quang grew up, the weaker his health was. "Looking at the skinny son, I only wish I have enough condition to foster him but our circumstance does not allow it" Be said. Many times, she also took Quang to the Commune Health Center and the District Hospitals for examination but they only concluded that Quang was malnourished. She extremely laments when she does not know how to help Quang's health better. The small mother with her child on a bicycle going to Commune Health Center were too familiar with the medical staff here.

In most recent time Quang got sick, doctors began to worry about his heart so they referred

him to the Hue Central Hospital to be examined more carefully. Here, Quang's heart disease was discovered and the bad



news was just like the lights stroke over their ears. Mrs. Be never thought that her son has such serious disease. She only could blame herself because she did not bring Quang to Hue Central Hospital earlier for checking. She even felt very worried when the doctor indicated that Quang needed a surgery that cost 60 million which she certainly knew that it was impossible for her to manage enough that sum of money in a short time.

Understanding the condition of Quang's family and the poor mother's concern; we have tried our best to mobilize the support of the philanthropists. When we informed Mrs. Be that Quang will be supported 100% of the operation cost, she could not stop crying with joy. On 9/10/2015 Quang was discharged from the hospital with completely stable health after surgery. Quang's family is overjoyed as Quang was born again. His parents would like to thank you so much to kind sponsors who have given a helping hand when Quang and his family were in utterly miserable.

# *Heart Operation Program*

**AFEPS  
Association**  
(France)  
12 cases  
**\$5,933.00**

**UNITED WORLD  
COLLEGE  
Fund**  
(Singapore)  
7 cases  
**\$2,116.00**

**MINDFULNESS  
COMMUNITY OF  
HAMPTON ROADS,  
VIRGINIA**  
(USA)  
1 case  
**\$138.00**

**EYES OF  
COMPASSION  
RELIEF  
Organization**  
(Canada)  
8 cases  
**\$4,363.00**

**LA FONDATION  
STÉPHANE GUY  
CROISIER**  
(Switzerland)  
6 cases  
**\$925.00**

**TUOI XANH -  
ASSOCIATION  
D'AIDE EN FAVEUR  
DES ENFANTS  
DEÏMUNIS AU VIET  
NAM**  
(Switzerland)  
6 cases  
**\$1,932.00**

**HEALING THE  
WOUNDED  
HEART  
WORKSHOP**  
(Vietnam)  
6 cases  
**\$1,490.00**

**VIET-KID  
Organization**  
(Germany)  
2 cases  
**\$731.00**



## ♥ *Rehabilitation Program*

**CHRIS JENKINS**  
Fund  
(USA)  
1 case  
**\$138.00**

**ANONYMOUS  
INTERNATIONAL  
DONOR**  
9 cases  
**\$936.00**

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.

**Ms.  
LU ELISE**  
(France)  
1 case  
**\$123.50**

**STONE HOUSE**  
Fund  
(USA)  
2 cases  
**\$276.00**

**Mr.  
TRAN MINH PHUOC**  
Family  
(France)  
2 cases  
**\$123.50**

## ♥ *Other Operation & Supports*

**BART RUUD**  
Fund  
(USA)  
1 case  
**\$47.00**

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.

**Mr.  
NGUYEN HUU VU**  
Family  
(Vietnam)  
2 cases  
**\$82.57**

**EYES OF COMPASSION  
RELIEF ORGANIZATION**  
(Canada)  
2 cases  
**\$95.23**

## EXTENDED TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS.



Since the middle of the year, we have expanded services such as screening, assessment and intervention for young children with developmental delay in the province and provinces nearby. The program also focuses on enhancing parents' ability in supporting their children at home through counseling and guiding them practical methods.

## PLAYING & LEARNING

Integrating in leisure and learning activities, the children



of early intervention centers in Hue and Nam Dong had the opportunities to meet and to enjoy with their friends through group movement activities under the support of Norway Football Association. The activity has brought lots of joys and excitement for the children and their parents.

## LILIANE FOUNDATION (Netherlands) SUPPORTS SCHOOL FEE TO 61 CHILDREN WITH POOR AND DISABILITIES IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS OF 2015

With the aim of extending beneficiaries, Liliane Foundation will support school fee to 53 poor students with disabilities and therapy fee to 8 children under six years old with disabilities in



movement, speech and behavior at the centre in the last 6 months of 2015. These meaningful scholarships are very crucial for our poor students who can come to school and develop their skills. We would like to express our deepest thanks to the support of Liliane Foundation for the last years and especially the Netherlands Leprosy Relief (NLR) for together with us in finding the best solution to support children. The precious support helps them intergrate in social activities as soon as possible.

## STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

In order to improve the health condition, recreation and intergration for students with disabilities, in the last months, our students from Future School, the special classes at Duc Son Care Orphanage Center, special class in Nam Dong and Early Intervention Centre have actively participated in sport activities with students from other centres through "the Football Festival" and "The festival of life skills". The students have had chance to play football with friends and participate in games about traffic, school,... The children also has chance to express their pleasure and feeling by drawings very



natural and creative pictures. By participating these activities, our children can develop their own abilities and are confident in participating different communities activities.

**THE AUSTRALIAN SPEECH THERAPIST – MS. JAMAICA GRANTICS VISITED AND WORKED AT OGCDC.**



In two days 28th and 29th September 2015, the Australian Speech Therapist – Ms Jamaica Grantics worked with Speech Therapists group at OGCDC. We organized a workshop about “Diagnosis and Early Intervention for children with ASD”, with the participation of over 30 parents who were very interested in this topic. Ms Jamaica also has conducted observations on 2 children and together with the OGCDC’s speech therapist discuss on goals for the children.

**THE VISITING AND WORKING OF GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP (GDG - AUSTRALIA)**



On October 26th, the Global Development Group (GDG - Australia) paid a visit to OGCDC. They had the opportunity to attend Speech therapy sessions for children with hearing aid.

**THE DIRECTOR OF TRINH FOUNDATION - MS. SUE WOODWARD AND MS. KATE MARGETSON VISITED AND WORKED AT OGCDC**

On October 30th, Ms. Sue Woodward (Director Organization Foundation - Australia) and Ms. Kate Margetson (Australian Speech Therapist) had a meeting with Prof. Nguyen Viet Nhan and Speech Therapist group to



discuss further cooperation for developing the program in OGCDC in the future.

**REHABILITATION SERVICE FOR CHILDREN DISABILITY AT LOTUS EARLY INTERVENTION CENTER**

Aiming to improve the support for children with motor delay, OGCDC implemented rehabilitation service in the new center - Lotus Early Intervention Center. Currently, there are 6 children are treated here. Beside the direct exercise for the children, the parents will be handed with care plan for each child so that



they can practice for their children easily at home.

**HANDING OVER WHEELCHAIRS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY AT QUANG BINH PROVINCE.**



With the support from AFEPS Association (France), on November 24<sup>th</sup> 2015, OGCDC collaborated with Quang Binh Welfare Foundation conducted handing-over 9 wheelchairs with the total value of 29,251,125 VND for people with cerebral palsy and motor disabilities in Quang Binh province. This is the practical gifts for people with disability. It helps them so much in traveling as well as in daily activities. In addition, the wheelchair also helps to improve the life of themselves and their family. On behalf of the people with disability and their family, we would like to express deep gratitude to the AFEPS Association who brings the real joys to poor people with disability.

**SUPPORTING HEARING AID FOR CHILDREN WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENT**

With the support of AFEPS (France), OGCDC has conducted handing-over 4 hearing aids for children with hearing impairment with the total value of 112,023,000 VND. These are 2 poor children with heavy deep deaf affected by Rubella flu from the mothers.

After wearing the hearing aid, they receive speech therapy for 6 months to learn speaking. We hope that after receiving



this significant gift, the children will have the opportunity to develop the language and integrate into the community.

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH POOR CONDITION AND STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY**

With the support of



AFEPS (France),



Vietnamese dioxin-infected children Support Association - VNED (France),



Stephane Croisier Foundation (Switzerland), the OGCDC has given 91 scholarships to

poor pupils and students after heart operation in Thua Thien Hue province with the total value of 192,460,000 VND. Students and their families were very happy to receive these gifts which are very significant to help them expense for their study.

**SUPPORTING BICYCLES FOR POOR STUDENTS**



With the support from Canberra Gentlemen Funds via Vietnam Foundation (Australia), OGCDC gave 30 used bicycles for poor students of Phong Son secondary schools. This is very meaningful gift to the student in this mountainous commune. It helps provide them with the transport means to go to schools and improves academic achievement.

Over here, we sincerely thanks to Canberra Gentlemen group and Vietnam Foundation funds (Australia) who helped us implement this program.

**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.*

- **Australia:** Ms. Mirian Cristina Yudi; Ms. Jamaica Grantis; Members of Global Develpoment Group: Mr. Craig Anthony Tunney, Ms. Vici Ann Tunney, Mr. Aaron William Corrie, Ms. Jessica Chau Hui Tan; Members of Trinh Foundation: Ms. Woodward Susan Eleanor, Ms. Kate Margetson.

- **Luxembourg:** The family of Mr. Wagner Steven.

- **Japan:** Members of IMAYA: Iwamoto Masaki, Kuroki Masahiro, Setsuko Tamura, Akimi Urayama, Natsumi Matsumura, Natsumi Fukai, Saki Hirozane, Yuna Mukai, Takumi Nagadome, Miyuki Shii, Yota Togame, Sakurako Waseda, Isao Iwamoto, Noriko Iwamoto.



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

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