

# Newsletter



## April, May & June 2013

*For the last quarter, with great support of the generous benefactors, OGCDC 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), **Dr. Trang Xuan Chi** (Binh Dinh) and Association for the support of Vietnamese Handicap and Orphan (ASVHO) of Quang Binh Province who gave us highly valuable time to help us in programs for children with disabilities.*

*During three months of April, May & June 2013 with your great help, we have achieved:*

Programs	No. of Cases	Funded
Heart Operation	28	20,212.70
Other Operations and Supports	13	1,512.40
Children with cerebral palsy and epilepsy who received rehabilitation	03	425.00
Scholarship program for poor or disabled students	77	9,924.00
Charity hostel for poor patients in Le Village de Bretagne Vietnam	09	106.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>32,180.10</b>

*Through the end of June 2013 the long-term activities of OGCDC 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	300 students
The Special Education Program for children with intellectual disabilities	
+ Future School	50 students
+ 2 special classes at Duc Son's Care Orphanage Centre	16 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 in Hue	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	5 children
+ Community-based Rehabilitation Program in Nam Dong	15 children
Jobs for disabled adolescences	20 workers

All programs above are on-going.

## *Gratefulness*

Nearly 15 years of operation in supporting children with disability, we always have received the support of donors, national and international organizations. Your help is a great encouragement for us to continue working to bring the happiness to children with disability. We are very grateful for your support. Without you, we couldn't get today achievements.

Today, in this newsletter, we would like to express our deep gratitude to donors contributed to the salary for all staffs of OGCDC in order to support for service and development of heart operations, special education, rehabilitation, early intervention, scholarships, loan program...

We know that the way ahead will be long and we promise to ourselves will try the best so that we won't make you lose believe on us. Your interest and support are always the basic for us to walk firmly in the way of support children with disability.

We would like to report to the sponsors about the detailed information in salary support 2013 for all staffs of OGCDC.

	<b>Sponsors</b>	<b>Amount in USD</b>	<b>Receivers</b>
	<b>THE MINDFULNESS COMMUNITY OF HAMPTON ROADS, VIRGINIA (USA)</b>	5,500	- Hoang Thi Dieu Hong - Tran Thi Phuong - Truong Thi Thuy Hang
	<b>ADM ASSOCIATION (France)</b>	1,190	- Hoang Thi Van Anh
	<b>Ms. LE THI VIET HUNG (France)</b>	338	- Tran Thi Phuong Anh
	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs. JEAN FABRICE &amp; VERONIQUE WLODY (France)</b>	686	- All staffs of OGCDC
	<b>GIZ-GESELLSCHAFT FÜR INTERNATIONALE ZUSAMMENARBEIT (Germany)</b>	2,286	- Huynh Thi Cam Tu
	<b>Mr. KAZUZO NOMURA (Japan)</b>	1,435	- Tran Thi Phuong Anh
	<b>LA FONDATION STÉPHANE GUY CROISIER (Switzerland)</b>	1,543	- Ngo Ba Phuong
	<b>DENISE AND KINSLEY PALMER FUND (Australia)</b>	1,795	- Huynh Nhat Quang Lan
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14,773</b>	

At present, each staff receives an average of \$153.70 per month from these supports. The head of OGCDC – Prof. Nguyen Viet Nhan is a charitable working person. With difficult economic condition, we wish that we will continue to receive your support to promote activities in support children with disability.

# Sharings

♥ "Please rescue our child"



This is the pressing cry for help from Mrs. Pham Thi Phuong (Phu Yen Hamlet, Huong Xuan Commune, Huong Khe District, Ha Tinh Province) for the life of her little daughter named Phan Thi Dieu Hien. Unluckily for Hien, she was born with Down syndrome. At the young age of one year, she was taken to hospital because of her high fever. Then the doctors discovered that Hien is suffering from a congenital heart defect.



In 2007 Mrs. Phuong and her husband decided to leave their hometown Ha Tinh and moved to Ho Chi Minh City in order to stabilize their life and with the hope of a brighter future without field work. After they overcame many initial difficulties, the couple finally worked as workers at leather Shoe Company. In 2011, when Hien was born, her family faced more and more difficulties. Mrs. Phuong couldn't go to work anymore because she had to spend all her time with taking care of her child. Hien has been regularly ill because of her weak health condition. Her parents had to spend all their saving in 5 years on prescription and health examination of Hien.



In 2012 the leather shoe company went bankrupt. Hien's family lived in hardship since the city life is too expensive. Meanwhile, both of them were unemployed. Thus, the family decided to go back to their hometown where they hoped to receive support from their relatives in order to overcome the poor days.

Since they came back with penniless hands, Hien's family had to set up a temporary house in an exhausted garden of their grandparents. Mrs Phuong couldn't find any work and her husband rent a small business premises to establish a motorbike repair-shop in Huong Khe town. However, his new job is unstable. Therefore, the monthly income is very low, that it is not enough to cover the everyday needs and especially not the medical expenses for Hien.

In the beginning of 2013, realizing that Hien's health conditions are more and more serious, her parents decided to borrow an amount of money from their neighbors to take her to Hue Central hospital for a health examination. The doctors advised that Hien must be operated as soon as possible. Her parents wished to die instead of her, since her little daughter was facing death and they've been unable to pay the operation fee of 45 million VND.

"Why is God so unjust to us? Our fate is unfair! Why does this disease not spare our child? " Since the first time we met Phuong we thought about her questions which kept us on tenterhooks. Hien's family condition was ascertained and her surgery was immediately supported.



When we met Mrs. Phuong on Hien's operation date in the hospital, she rushed to us and hold our hands. She was almost moved to tears in a voice choked with emotion: "Hien was operated successfully. Our daughter has survived". We felt very happy for the whole family. A week later, we met them again and Hien was better than before. In her mother's arms, she looked around and sometimes smiled. Hien knows that she is not only loved by her family but also a lot of nice sponsors care about her and are concerned about her health condition.

On behalf of Dieu Hien's family, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to sponsors who supported the urgent operation of Hien and the others.

## ♥ *Your dream will be true*



*Among 16 children with disability, who live in the orphanage in Duc Son pagoda, Tran Bach Dang with his difficult family condition but strengths is considered as a good example of Duc Son.*

*Bach Dang came to the pagoda when he was one year old because his mother died. His father is dependent on alcohol and abandoned the child. Thus, nobody took care of him so he was malnourished and couldn't sit yet. How pitiful! Till he was 4 years old, Dang just knew sitting and was unable to walk. With the help of two nuns in pagoda, who liked him very much, he practiced it step-by-step every day. And his efforts were much appreciated. Now Dang can walk independently and can take care of himself.*

*Although the nuns mainly try to stabilize the life of the children, they also hope that the disabled children can study in class. And this dream became true on the 12th of December 2004 thanks to the help of the Office of Genetic Counseling and Disabled Children of Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy. Classes are going well with 16 pupils. Bach Dang said: "Thanks to the help of our sponsors, I can go to school and enjoy learning with my friends. Now I can read and write. The nuns are very happy. I myself I also feel very pleased because I can learn and play with my friends."*

*At the moment, Dang's health is fairly good. He goes to school every day, learns how to make incense and is very skillful in selling incense.*

*When he was asked about his dream, Dang admitted smiling: "In the future, I would like to make incense and sell incense. That's my favorite job."*

*That simple dream will become true thanks to benevolence of the nuns at Duc Son pagoda, the wholehearted support of the Office of Genetic Counseling and Disabled Children and charitable heart of so many people.*



# Heart Operation Program

 **AFEPS Association** (France) sponsored 5 cases with total amount \$169.00.

 Ms. **CLAIRE BURGESS** (New Zealand) sponsored 3 cases with total amount \$1,874.00.

 **HEALING THE WOUNDED HEART SHOP** (Vietnam) sponsored 8 cases with total amount \$1,530.00.

 **LA FONDATION STÉPHANE GUY CROISIER** (Switzerland) sponsored 5 cases with amount \$1,408.00.

 **TUOI XANH - ASSOCIATION D'AIDE EN FAVEUR DES ENFANTS DEÏMUNIS AU VIET NAM** (Switzerland) sponsored 5 cases with total amount \$1,408.00.

 **THE UNITED WORLD COLLEGE Fund** (Singapore) sponsored 8 cases with total amount \$4,336.00.

 **SPIRAL FOUNDATION** (USA) sponsored 1 case with amount \$132.00.

 **VIET-KID** Organization (Germany) sponsored 5 cases with total \$1,012.00.

 **EYES OF COMPASSION RELIEF ORGANIZATION** (Canada) sponsored 2 cases with total amount \$1,462.

 **NORWAY-VIETNAM CHILDREN'S HEART FUND** (USA) sponsored 3 cases with total amount \$271.

 **VIETNAMESE HEART TREE FUND** (Australia) sponsored 1 case with amount \$164.

*For the heart operation program, please check our web page [www.ogcdc.org](http://www.ogcdc.org) for more 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 **Lotus Humanitarian Aid Foundation** (USA) with this program.*

## SAD NEWS

*Despite the great support of the generous benefactors, the patients **Phan Tien Luc, Dam Thi Quynh Khanh, Vu Chi Xu, Nguyen Minh Thanh and Nguyen Thi Tuong Vy** couldn't overcome the most risky, challenging moments of their life and passed away after the operations due to severe heart defects. This bad news has really given all of us much sorrow and sadness.*



## 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 opportunity to get back to life.*

 **ANGIE MARTIN FUND** (USA) sponsored 1 case with amount \$15.00.

 **Mr. BART RUUD FUND** (USA) sponsored 2 cases with total amount \$141.90.

 **Ms. KIM LUNDGREEN FUND** (USA) sponsored 1 case with amount \$98.00.

 **Ms. LU ELISE** (France) sponsored 1 case with amount \$268.

 **Mr & Mrs. TRAN MINH PHUOC'S FAMILY** (France) sponsored 1 case with amount \$335.50.



## 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 from the benefactors. On behalf of the children and their families, please receive our sincere thanks for your care and comapssin for their difficulties.*

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

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

**ANONYMOUS INTERNATIONAL DONORS** sponsored 1 case with amount \$108.



## SUPPORTING THE COST OF MAKING ARTIFICIAL LEG FOR THE DISABLED

In the last time, we have received many requests for artificial legs. Because of bad luck, they will never or not in a long time be able to walk independently. The only thing that can help them to walk is the support of an artificial leg. Although the cost of an artificial leg is not too expensive, families suffering from economic hardship can not afford them. They are unable to deal with this situation on their own. Many of them are the bread-winner of the family. Anyway, they need to walk, when their families need them. With the support of generous sponsors who are contributing to the cost of buying artificial legs, they can walk again. Although their legs are broken, they can continue to work in order to earn a living for themselves and their families. We would like to show our deep gratitude to the sponsors for your meaningful support in this program.

 **DIANE FOX Fund** (USA) sponsored 1 case with amount \$238.20.

 **DR. CAM HA – LE THAI** (France) sponsored 2 cases with total amount \$205.70.

 **LU ELISE** (France) sponsored 1 case with amount \$78.20.



## **AUDIOMETRIC TESTING FOR THE CHILDREN WITH HEARING LOSS**

In the second quarter of this year, we have really good news for children with hearing loss, since the Genetic Department of Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy established an audiometric testing room with modern equipment. In this center screening, counseling, diagnostic for people with hearing loss will take place. These activities are supported by an audiologist from Australia, the great Ms. Tess Bright.



For this occasion, OGCDC and the Genetic Department organized an examination for the children in the Nguyet Bieu orphanage and the Nuoc Ngot Hue Group. Based on the results of the examination, OGCDC will support the children with hearing loss through hearing aids or speech therapy. These activities should help them to improve their ability to communicate and support their integration in their family and social context. We are trying to make a program on supporting secondhand hearing-aids through Dr. Kathleen Leppig's family and Ms. Cathy Schick (USA). This is a totally new field for our office and we really hope that we can help as many children as possible. But we depend on the help of donors from all over the world to support us and the poor children with hearing loss.

## **LOAN PROGRAM**

### **PAYBACK AND OBSERVATION OF THE LOAN PROGRAM IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE**

On June 3rd, OGCDC together with "The Association for the Support of Vietnamese Handicapped and Orphans (ASVHO)" went to Quang Tri province to get the money back from families with children with disabilities in "the Loan program with low interest rate". At the same time, we also made observations of 10 households with children with disability to help these families to escape from poverty, increase their production and improve their living standards.

In general, the families used the loan effectively and as proposed. After 4 years, 8/10 families saved money to refund to the program. The rest still meets some difficulties because an epidemic disease killed their cattles and their children have been ill so that they will refund the money next time. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the following sponsors for their help to hand over the loan to families with children with disability, helping them to improve their living standards and to take care of their children.



*Visit new case  
Mr. Pham Khac Thanh's family*

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

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE STUDENTS WITH HARD CONDITIONS AND DISABILITY

On May 7th, 2013 OG CDC and “The Association for the Support of Vietnamese Handicapped and Orphans” with the support of “Vietnam les enfants de la Dioxine (VNED)” celebrated the distribution of scholarship to 26 students with disability in Quang Tri province with the total amount 83,400,000 VND.

In the second quarter, OG CDC also received the support from sponsors in order to support 51 scholarships with the total amount of 115,080,000 VND for students with hard conditions, who receive good results at school in Thua Thien Hue province.

That is a great encouragement for the students to overcome obstacles in their life to go school. On this occasion, we would like to thank the sponsors and partners for helping us to effectuate this meaningful program.

#### **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)



*The students received scholarship from DKSH Company*



*The students received scholarship from VNED*

# **S**PECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

## **STUDENTS OF FUTURE SCHOOL VISIT VIETNAM WAR MUSEUM**



In April, a team of Future School and students of Duc Son pagoda and their teachers visited the Vietnam War museum. They watched the model of a Vietnamese soldier's life during the war and had been introduced about the meaning of the objects through the different culture periods. They also heard about the work of soldiers during and after the war. This extra-curricular activity helps them not only to have more knowledge about the work of soldiers but also to understand more about the meaning of different careers. Thus, students have orientation about their future works and learnt more about the history of the war.

## **THE PICNIC ON THE BEACH OF STUDENTS OF FUTURE SCHOOL AND DUC SON PAGODA**



On May 29<sup>th</sup> students of Future and Duc Son pagoda had an excursion to Thuan An beach. This was their first trip to the beach so it was a really exciting day for the children! The students and the teachers had a big picnic on the beach with a lot of food. But they did not just eat, but played in the sand, swam in the sea, experienced a new environment and made new friends. These extra-curricular activities always offer interesting learning opportunities. Besides, it's very meaningful to students with disabilities since they need to experience as many all day life situations as possible. Due to that they will feel more comfortable with new situations in the future and the integration in social activities will be easier. This great event was sponsored by the charity fund of Quoc Hoc-Dong Khanh.

## **THE PROJECT OF ESTABLISHING THE SEWING WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AT FUTURE SCHOOL**



In the middle of August 2013 the future school will offer a new activity! Student with intellectual disabilities above 15 years project will have the chance to learn how to make clothes. The purpose of this workshop is to learn how to sew, to trade and above all to help them to find a good working place in the future! To gain this goal they started to build a new building in May 2013 in which the workshop will take place. The students in Future School and their families are really grateful to the Spanish Organization CONEMUND. Due to their help these children will have a better future.

## **STUDENTS ENJOY THE CHILDREN DAY JUNE 1st AT BIG C HUE**



In order to organize a meaningful children day, especially for the children with disability, a volunteer team of the "Hue teenager Centre" organized the program "A funny festival for children with disability" at Big C Hue. The group of socially committed teenagers created a funny playground, which made it easy for the children to integrate. Big C is a famous shopping center in Hue, so many parents came here with their children to have fun. There has been a good atmosphere throughout the whole festival and the children felt very integrated and happy especially because of the parent's participation.

## **ORGANIZED THE SCHOOL CLOSING CEREMONY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2012-2013**



On June 3rd 2013, Future School organized a Closing Ceremony with the participation of all students, teachers and parents. This year, 80% of the teachers have got good result and the students achieved educational plans. Besides, Future school received support to buy new equipment such as outdoor toys which are placed at the school yard, a roof for the first and second floor and some industrial sewing- machine. As well a sewing room for vocational training was built. These purchase could not been made without the generous support of the charity fund Quoc Hoc Dong Khanh and Green Blouse Club. The children are very happy about the support and feel encouraged.

## **WORKSHOP ABOUT INTRODUCING THE SCREENING CHECKLIST FOR TEACHERS OF STUDENT WITH DISABILITY IN HUE**



In order to introduce a checklist for children with disability to our teachers our office organized a workshop for Future school, Duc Son orphanage and Hue Early Intervention Centre in May 2013. Based on theory about development steps and by using screening checklists, we helped 3 teachers to assess 3 children from their working places. On the workshop in July 2013, these teachers will exchange their experiences with their colleagues. We are supported by the cooperation project between Japan Ritsumeikan University and Hanoi Pedagogical

University with the support from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

## **PARTICIPATION IN TRAINING TO KINDERGARDEN AND SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS ABOUT “THE SCREENING CHECKLIST” IN DA NANG**



From 25th to 27th June 2013, three OGCDC’s staff members as well as the staff members of the cooperation project between Japan Ritsumeikan University and Hanoi Pedagogical University participated in the instruction of new trainees to practice how to use the screening checklist for normal and disabled children. With the instruction of the Japanese professors Prof. Hozumi Araki, Prof. Kuroda Manabu and staff members of the Hanoi Pedagogical University, all trainees practiced and discussed with each other the checklist before they can

start the screening and supporting children in Vietnam.

## **GIFT OF FORMER STUDENT QUOC HOC-DONG KHANH FOR DISABLED CHILDREN AT THE YEAR-END SUMMATION**



In order to encourage the educational system of OGCDC and to honor the result of this year, the team of the former student Quoc Hoc-Dong Khanh gave schoolbags to the children as a reward at the end of year. They were very happy when they received this beautiful gift. We express our gratitude to the occupation and the support from this team for disabled children.

## **03 CLASSES OF SPECIAL EDUCATION IN NAM DONG ORGANIZED SCHOOL CLOSING CEREMONY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2012-2013**



At the beginning of June 2013, we organized a year-end school closing ceremony 2012-2013 for three classes particular in Nam Dong district. In this year, they made fast progress, they especially improved their social and cognitive skills. We hope that with the help of our teachers, they can participate in our vocational preparation program.

## **02 CLASSES OF DISABLED CHILDREN AT DUC SON ORGANIZED SCHOOL CLOSING CEREMONY FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2012-2013**



This year, the teachers and the students of the two classes of the Duc Son orphanage passed an active year and achieved the praiseworthy results. The children have made fast progress in all domains. Ten children can participate in an incense vocational class and three Children join the sewing vocational class at Future school.

In order to educate and to help the disabled children to integrate into society, this year, we introduced many topics close and useful to their life. Through the meaningful content of the lessons such as making and selling incense, organized extracurricular activities (supermarket, entertainment center for child and restaurant), the children have occasions to practice their skills they learnt in school in all day life. Their summer holidays already started and will last until August.

## **E**ARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM

### **SCHOOL YEAR 2012-2013 WRAP UP FOR EARLY INTERVENTION CLASS IN HUE**



School year 2012-2013 has marked a big turning-point for the development of early intervention center-based. With the great professional support of German specialist of Early intervention – Ms Kerstin Gruener (GIZ organization - Germany), early intervention program is more and more improved and brought a lot of successes in therapy for children with intellectual disabilities. The methods for enhancing communication skills, for strengthening independent ability and outdoor activities with the active participation of parents have been applied and brought many remarkable effects for children, especially the children with autism. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Bretagne Association - Vietnam (France), GIZ Organization for helping and supporting us in opening a new road for children with disabilities.

### **SCHOOL YEAR 2012-2013 WRAP UP FOR EARLY INTERVENTION CLASS IN NAM DONG**



By the end of June, the school year 2012 - 2013 is wrapped up. Paralleling improvement of curriculum for early intervention in Hue, Early Intervention class in Nam Dong gained many particular achievements about the development skills of children in order to strengthen their integration level into community. At the same time, the attendance and co-ordination of parents even in the difficult condition brought an invisible motivation for all of in supporting children. We would like to send our gratitude to Ms Susan Hammond (USA) - who was in company with us in each step of Nam Dong Early intervention class, War Legacies Fund (USA), Cheer for Vietnam Association (USA) and GIZ Organization for helping and supporting us in conducting this mission.

### **IMPLEMENTING OUT-SERVICE THERAPY PROGRAM IN HUE EARLY INTERVENTION CENTER**



To satisfy ever-increasing therapy demands for children with disabilities in some remote areas, at the beginning of May, we started out-service therapy program for children with intellectual disabilities or children with development delay. Children will be treated with the participation of parents under the guidance of teachers. We hope that with the reinforcement of intervention model, a lot of children in far distance who hardly reach the program, can have many opportunities to get potential development. At once, parents will be equipped more knowledge, skills of supporting their children at home.

### **TEACHER TRAINING IN EARLY INTERVENTION**



During the last time, with the assistance of GIZ organization, we have conducted some training courses for teachers and therapists in Early Intervention Program under the professional assistance of Ms Kerstin Gruener (GIZ Organization – Germany). The purpose of those training courses is to strengthen and review knowledge and skills for teachers in supporting disabled children as well as reinforcing evaluation on efficient level in putting this knowledge into practical work. In the next time, a lot of training courses will be organized for teachers in program.

### **PARENT TRAINING IN EARLY INTERVENTION**



With the aim of improving skills and knowledge for parents in early intervention program as well as strengthening the participation of parents in supporting their child at home, we organized a training course “Cognition Development”. The training helps parents know more about their child and improve the active cooperation with teachers about intervention plans for children. The parents showed the participation, contributing their ideas and enthusiasm during that course. We hope with amount of knowledge and skills that parents equipped, it will help them become more confident in supporting their child and create motivation in awareness reinforcement of parents about disability.

## **P**HYSICAL THERAPY AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM



After two years of collaboration on training paediatric physical therapy programs between Rotary Club of Prospect organizations (Australia) and the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation at Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy, from the day 20th May come on 31th May, the Australian experts in coordinate with the Department to organize the final course. With the enthusiastic support of the experts in recent years, the teaching cadres of the Department can be responsible for teaching this curriculum in next time. The total support of 65,000

AUD for travel expenses for trainers from Australia is funded by DREAMIN Foundation Inc.

In spite of the short-time and hot weather, experts still worked very hard and enthusiastic. They went to the most of centers directly under our office, where children with disabilities learn and live. The purposes of those trips are assessing the children's ability and find the appropriate method to therapy for them. From that, they can improve their current motor skills and help them to integrate into the social. In addition, those experts have conveyed a lot of useful knowledge for the teachers at the centers and physiotherapy of OG CDC to help this team have more ideas and experience to handle with children with disability so that they can get the best results.

## **S**PEECH THERAPY PROGRAM



At the beginning of April, with early intervention activities combined interdisciplinary with education, rehabilitation, psychiatry and language, Speech therapist consulted with the teachers of Future school and Early Intervention Centre about many cases of children with intellectual disability and language disorder. Based on the evaluation directly of communication ability, language ability and result of evaluation-intervention of specialists and teachers, speech therapist gave them advices and interventional methods in order to help teachers

to set education plan suitable with each child. As a first step, we received an enthusiastic cooperation of teachers. This program will continue to be maintained in order to reinforce the relationship between speech therapist and teachers in the support of intervention and therapy for children have language problems.

*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)
-  **DR. JOHN KASCHKO FAMILY** (USA)
-  **Mr & Mrs. DENISE AND KINGSLEY PALMER** (Australia)
-  **Mrs. SUE DURRAND** (Australia)
-  **Ms. TRACY VUONG'S FAMILY** (USA)
-  **Ms. LE THI HAN'S FAMILY** (USA)
-  **CHILDREN OF VIETNAM** Foundation (USA)
-  **HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION** (Belgium)
-  **CONEMUND** Organization (Spain)



## 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. Timmler - Lippina Ralf.
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