

Newsletter



April, May & June 2015

For the last quarter, with great support of the generous benefactors, more people 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 people 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 people with disabilities.

During three months of April, May & June of 2015 with great help of donors, some achievements have been obtained:

Programs	No. of Cases	Funded
Heart Operation	16	10,513.00
Children with cerebral palsy and epilepsy who received rehabilitation	07	900.00
Other Support and Operation	07	456.20
Scholarship program for poor or disabled students	64	5,961.90
Total	94	17,831.10

Through the end of June 2015 the long-term activities of OG CDC are as followed:

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	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 children
+ Centre- based program in Nam Dong Centre for Caring and Early Intervention	6 children
+ Community-based Rehabilitation Program in Nam Dong	13 children
+ Community-based Rehabilitation Program in Hue	38 children
Jobs for disabled adolescences	20 workers










All programs above are on-going.

Gratefulness

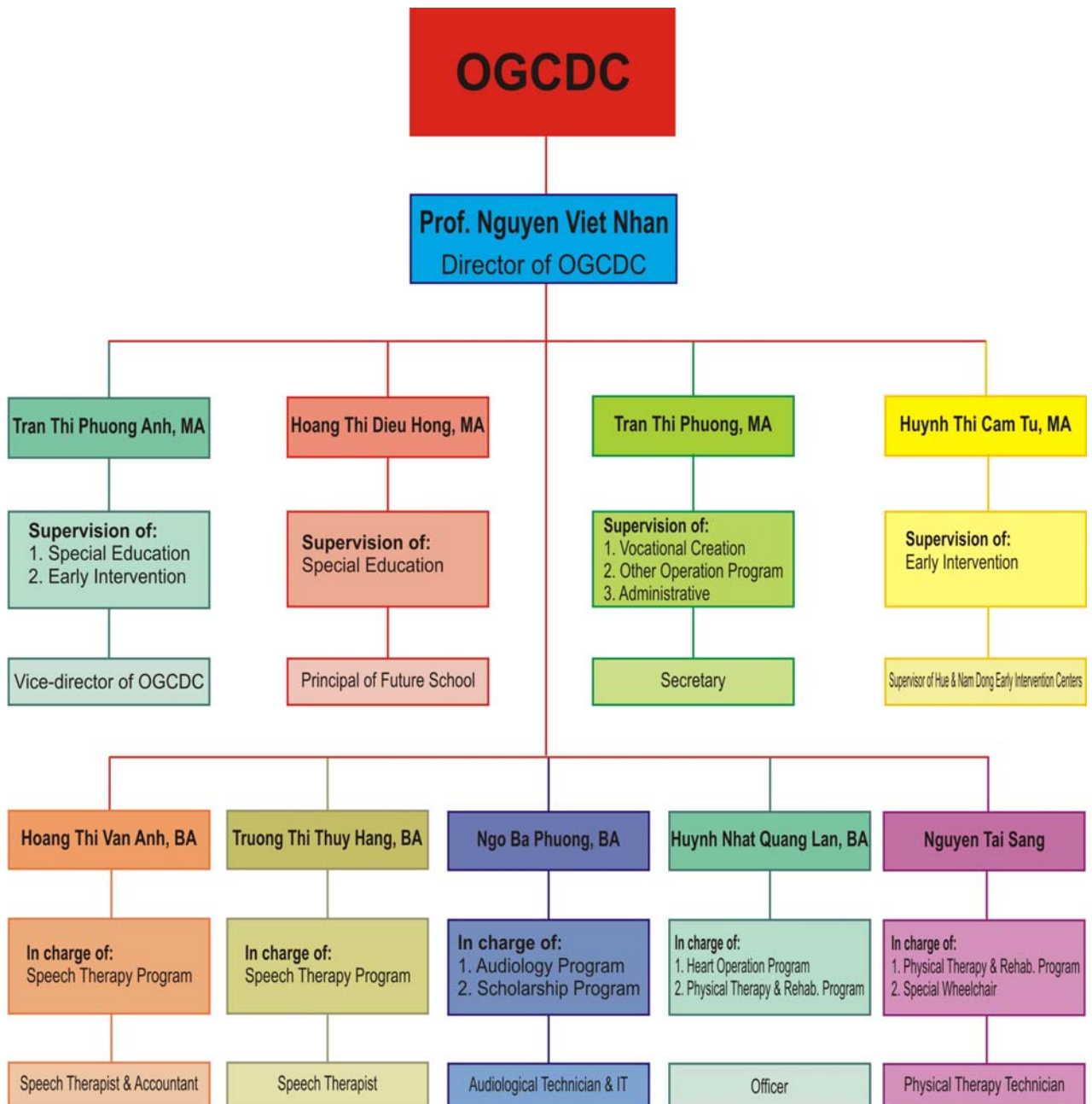
Founded with the mission of supporting children with disabilities, the OG CDC always gets the help of organizations and individuals at home and abroad. Your companionship is motivation for us on the road to bring joy to children with disabilities. We always tell ourselves that without your contribution, the OG CDC cannot go on like today.

In this newsletter, please allow us to express our deep gratitude for your contributions on funding the salaries for OG CDC staff who are serving for the running and development of programs to support children with disabilities.

We know that there are still many, many children with disabilities in underprivileged condition are in need of help. Therefore, we will always try harder to alleviate the difficulties of people with disabilities and not betray your confidence entrusted to us. Interest and your support are always as the luggage for us to step firmly on the road to support children with disabilities.

	Sponsors	Amount in USD
	THE MINDFULNESS COMMUNITY OF HAMPTON ROADS, VIRGINIA (USA)	3,737.94
	ADM ASSOCIATION (France)	1,380.00
	Ms. LE THI VIET HUNG (France)	197.30
	GIZ-GESELLSCHAFT FÜR INTERNATIONALE ZUSAMMENARBEIT (Germany)	2,285.71
	Mr. KAZUZO NOMURA (Japan)	1,377.35
	LA FONDATION STÉPHANE GUY CROISIER (Switzerland)	1,531.48
	DENISE AND KINSLEY PALMER FUND (Australia)	971.42
	KANAI FAMILY (Japan)	914.39
	MS. TO DIEU LAN (Vietnam)	476.19
	Total	12,871.78

The following diagram presents task responsibilities of OG CDC's staff in different supporting programs for people with disabilities.





Remark:

- Special Education Program: 14 teachers and 72 students
- Early Intervention Program: 7 teachers and 50 children
- Vocational Creation: 19 artisans
- Other operation program: 20 cases / month
- Speech Therapy Program: 20 cases
- Physical Therapy Program: 52 cases
- Audiology Program: 50 cases / month
- Scholarship Program: 299 students

♥ *Heart Operation Program*

 **AFEPS Association** (France) sponsored 6 cases with total amount \$2,368.66.


 **MINDFULNESS COMMUNITY OF HAMPTON ROADS FUND, VIRGINIA (USA)** supported 1 case with amount \$291.45.

 Ms. **CLAIRE BURGESS** (New Zealand) sponsored 1 case with amount \$487.25.

 **LA FONDATION STÉPHANE GUY CROISIER** (Switzerland) sponsored 2 cases with amount \$400.

 **TUOI XANH - ASSOCIATION D'AIDE EN FAVEUR DES ENFANTS DEÏMUNIS AU VIET NAM** (Switzerland) sponsored 4 cases with total amount \$1,142.57.

 **MS. PHAN NGOC TRAM (USA)** supported 1 case with amount \$285.71.

 **EYES OF COMPASSION RELIEF ORGANIZATION** (Canada) sponsored 4 cases with total amount \$2,128.92.

 **HEALING THE WOUNDED HEART SHOP** (Vietnam) sponsored 6 cases with total amount \$1,509.52.

 **THE UNITED WORLD COLLEGE Fund** (Singapore) sponsored 2 cases with total amount \$1,523.81.

 **VIET-KID Organization** (Germany) sponsored 1 case with amount \$150.

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.*



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.

In the second quarter of 2015, with the support of an **ANONYMOUS INTERNATIONAL DONOR**, 7 poor children with cerebral palsy received the supports during three months for rehabilitation at hospital. This is a big encouragement for the poor families to overcome the stage of their hard situation and have a better condition to take care for their children at the hospital. On this occasion, we would like to send our deep thankfulness to this Anonymous International Donor – who is always with us on the way to share the difficulties of poor families with children with cerebral palsy. We hope to continue receiving your supports next time.





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.

 **Mr & Mrs. TRAN MINH PHUOC'S FAMILY** (France) sponsored 1 case with total amount \$42.7.

 **Mr. BART RUUD** (USA) sponsored 3 cases with total amount \$61.10.

 **Mr. GREG GIANAS** (USA) sponsored 1 case with amount \$100.

 **STONE HOUSE Fund** (USA) sponsored 2 cases with total amount \$247.40.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GOOD STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AND HARD CONDITION

With the support of Vietnam Les Enfants De La Dioxine (VNEED), OG CDC has combined with Thua Thien Hue Youth Centre and The Association for the support of Vietnamese Handicapped and Orphans of Quang Tri province to grant 64 scholarships with the total of 125,200,000 VND for students with disabilities and hard condition in Thua Thien Hue and Quang Tri province.

These meaningful gifts are a big encouragement for our students to overcome difficult condition and fulfill their dream of studying. We would like to thank to VNEED for the great support in this program.

On behalf of poor students, we also would like to say 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)



THE ACTIVITIES OF LOTUS COMPASSION SHOP.

We are very moved by your concern and support for Lotus Compassion Shop last time. From Ottawa (Canada), through Eyes Of Compassion Relief Organization, Chanh Kien buddhist family has known the activities of Lotus Compassion Shop. They collected and supported the clothes for Lotus Compassion Shop. We noticed that geographical distance didn't stop their hearts to people with disabilities. On this occasion, we would like to send our deep thankfulness to you and hope to continue receiving your concern in the future.

Not only from Canada, we also would like to say thank you so much to Ms. Le Thi Yen Nhi and her friends (Hue City) who helped us to collect and support the goods for Lotus Compassion Shop.

In order to give an opportunity to students with intellectual disabilities in the daily activities, in last May, some students with intellectual disabilities from Future School had a practice at Lotus Compassion Shop. The students have been studied in classification, arrangement and valuation for the items.

Once again, we would like to say thank you so much for your sharing and giving an opportunity for people with disabilities to intergate into society.



SPEECH THERAPY PROGRAM



Speech therapy program went half way in 2015, was very fortunate to get the help of dedicated volunteers and professionals. From 18th January to 1st February, the Speech Therapist from Australia, Ms. Dominique Weston has worked with the group in the Early Intervention Center and Speech Therapy center for children having communication problems. During that time, Ms Dominique has supported speech therapy group to reset the assessment form, record information from the child, and especially high-tech applications on iPad in therapy for children with language delay.

From 18th May to 5th June, group of students from the University of Queensland, Australia has to work as volunteers in OGCDC. Student groups specialized Speech therapy, Physiotherapy, Occupational therapy have teamed together in therapy for children with communication problems, advocacy.

From 25th May to 29th May, Ms. Nguyen Thi Thanh is speech therapist from the Hospital of Pediatrics in Hanoi, she has experience working with children wear hearing aid / implant cochlear and children lisp. During the mission this time, she supported Speech Therapy group and Audiologist learning through lectures on theory and practice hard of hearing children. Ms. Thanh and speech therapy group together to listen and give advice to parents whose children have a hearing loss. On this occasion, we would like to say thanks to Ms. Thanh and friends who sent a lot of toys and books to support us to therapy for children.



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Once again, we 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.

PHYSICAL THERAPY AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM



Continuing the supporting program for children with motor disabilities, in the past months, physiotherapists and teachers still regularly go to centers belong to OG CDC to practice for children in Physiotherapy programs. Besides, the monthly careplan for children are also prepared by physiotherapists aim to guide for teachers, carers as well as parents of children to ensure that the children will be practiced in next summer holiday.

From 18/ 5 to 5/6, our office is very pleased to welcome the volunteer students are teachers major in physiotherapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy to from Queensland University (Australia). This is an opportunity for students to observe and contact directly with children with disabilities. In addition, those students and technicians of OG CDC can exchange and learn experiences from together.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

THE DREAM CENTER SUPPORT TO BUILD THE WASHING PRECINCT AND EQUIPMENTS IN REST - ROOM AT THE FUTURE SCHOOL



At last April, 2015, with the support of the Dream Centre (South Korea) in the program "Improving the rest-room", Future School has been built the washing precinct, equip new face and toilet basin, fit hot water system, fit the stainless steel bars to support to ensure better care and opportunities for disabled children can be independent in using the toilet. On behalf of the school staffs, parents and children, we would like to thank your kindness of the benefactors of The Dream Center (South Korea).

THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF FUTRE SCHOOL YEAR 2014-2015 AND INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY



On the International Children's Day 1/6, Future school organized Closing Ceremony with the participation of all teachers, students, parents and representatives of departments. With the cooperation between the Office of Genetic counseling and disabled children and The Provincial Youth and Adolescents Centre in management and professional knowledge, the

school has achieved encouraging results, such as the learning environment for the students was renovated and equipped with many devices, the quality of education is improving, developing vocational training for youngsters. The majority of students have good progress in learning and develop appropriate life skills. They are more confident when participating in cultural activities and receive significant gifts from benefactors.



PARTICIPATE IN FOOTBALL FFAV CUP 2015



Criteria are always appreciated the factors “Develop football for children and provide opportunities for all children aged 6 to 15 years old” were involved in playing football, FFAV Cup took place from 2nd to 5th of June 2015. In this period, there are 20 students and 6 teachers participated. In the spirit of fairplay, the student had playing very refreshing, funning, sharing with each other and enjoy painting. This is an opportunity for students with disabilities to interact with students from primary schools before the start of summer vacation.

LILIANE FOUNDATION (NETHERLAND) SUPPORT FOR 57 POOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN 6 MONTHS OF 2015

According to study results reported by teachers in the first 6 months of 2015, most of student with



disabilities have completed their individual lesson plan, make good progress in learning and skills development. Besides learning in class, students are participating in extracurricular activities such as: join in clubs, trip, practice, participate in most of national holidays, exchanges Culture - Arts - sport. Currently, there are still a lot



of children with disabilities who need support. With the goal of expanding the scope of support, we propose LR NLR supports

therapy for children with disabilities in movement difficulties, cleft lip and palate, challanging behavior to help them have the opportunity to integrate into the community and have better learning.

THERAPY ACTIVITIES AT THE LOTUS EARLY INTERVENTION CENTER

The Early Intervention Center at address 35 Ngo Thoi Nham Street is place to support for children with disabilities. There are one counseling room, one assessment room, 4 individual therapy rooms, one Physical therapy room, one sensory stimulation room and 2 classes. The center will support to therapy to children with special needs in the north of the Perfume River.

In May, the Center organized a day training for 20 teachers on "Enhancing skills for young stimulate behavioral disorders and the senses" of the group Students of the University of Queensland (Australia). Earlier in June, the seminar on "Introduction to the special education model in America" was organized by Mr. Craig Goldsberry presentation.

Also in June, the Center organized a skills development assessment for children with special needs, implement individual therapy for children with difficulties in motor, language, and behavior disorders and intellectual disabilities. The Center has supported to children both in the province and the neighboring provinces of Quang Binh, Quang Tri.

EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM

EARLY INTERVENTION CENTER IN HUE: IN COOPERATION WITH UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND (UQ - AUSTRALIA)



In the frame of cooperation program with the University of Queensland (Australia), by the last May, the EI center in Hue continues receiving group of students from the UQ for their internship term and technical exchange in the field of supporting children with disabilities. The opportunity of exchanging knowledge and skills of the students at different specializations as speech pathology, physical therapy and occupational therapy through regular practical sessions has brought lots of lessons and experience

for the teachers in conducting intervention sessions for children with special needs. As usual, we always welcome students and therapists from different institutions coming and sharing knowledge in the future.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITY FOR THE CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS



The end of June is the time when the school year 2014 - 2015 closes and class evaluation is conducted. By the time, in cooperation with the parents, the OGCDC hold a picnic tour for the children of the early intervention center at Alba Hot Spring. The activity aims to improve the ability of exploration and of adjustment in new environment for the children with disability. This also enhances cooperation spirit among teachers and parents as well as to create opportunities for the parents to share their emotions and experience

in supporting their children at home. Through the outdoor activity, many of the parents showed their expectations to have more chance to share with each other.

SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION (IASE) AND MR. CRAIG GOLDSBERRY

Via the IASE, by the last half of June, we are very honor to welcome Mr. Craig Goldsberry (a member of IASE) to the Office of Genetic Counseling and Disabled Children (OGCDC) to work as a volunteer. During the time, Mr. Craig paid visits to different institutions of OG CDC where he could participate in various activities such as screening children, class activities, individual intervention and outdoor activity. This is very great chance that we could be together sharing and in discussion about teaching curriculum and orientation on vocational training for adolescents with disabilities. Through this visit, we are very lucky to receive the big gifts of toys, materials and facilities for early intervention program funded by Ms Mary Gale and Mr. Craig. We would like to faithfully express our deep gratitude to the IASE as well as Ms. Mary Gale and Mr. Craig Goldsberry who have been always sharing and companying with us in conducting the mission of early intervention for children with disabilities.

EARLY INTERVENTION CENTER IN NAM DONG: CONSTANTLY INNOVATED CURRICULUM

With the aim of improving abilities and living skills of the children of the EIC in Nam Dong, we



always take innovation of the teaching curriculum as well as enhance knowledge and skills for the teachers there. By the last May, the teachers participate in the training course on teaching skills for children with special needs under presentation of lecturer and students from University of Queensland (Australia). Through the training course, the teachers from Nam Dong had he chance to exchange, to share and to learning more experience from the others in the fields of supporting children with disabilities.

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 children with disabilities and their families, we would sincerely like to thank the following benefactors who continue supporting 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.

- **USA:** Mr. Craig Goldsberry – member of International Association of Special Education; Mr. Kinsey McFadden.
- **Philippines:** Mr. Arriola Cireded Angelo Palustre
- **Australia:** Ms. Maree Maloney, Ms. Michelle Smith, Ms. Rachel Lucas, Ms. Tereza Stillerova, Ms. Emily Back, Ms. Elizabeth Coomer, Ms. Abby Glasser, Ms. Caitlin Coombes, Ms. Megan West.

Welcome to OGCDC, Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy



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