

Newsletter



July, August & September 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 July, August & September 2014 with great help of donors, some achievements have been obtained:

Programs	No. of Cases	Funded
Heart Operation	29	20,449.10
Children with cerebral palsy and epilepsy who received rehabilitation	08	1,047.60
Other Support and Operation	08	1,681.10
Scholarship program for poor or disabled students	70	5,600.00
Total	115	28,777.80

Through the end of September 2014 the long-term activities of OGDC are as follow:

Programs	Number
Poor families with disabled children in loan program	670 families
Scholarship program for poor or disabled students	222 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 3 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

My mother comes back



Not only Helping wounded heart of poor children, but OGCDC also try to support for patients in labor age with heart defect that has very pity circumstance. Most of them are the mainstay of their family. Mrs. Vo Thi Hong Hue, who stays in Phuoc Hiep hamlet, Phuoc Hiep Commune, Mo Duc District, Quang Ngai Province, is one of patient like that.

Mrs. Hue was born and grew up in Quang Ngai Province that has Tra river running around. Hue is a daughter of a farming family. Therefore, when she met Mr. Huynh Minh Tho who is a truthful farmer, she agreed to become his wife. Hue knew that getting married with Tho, she would face lots of difficulties because Tho has just a hand-to-mouth condition. However, she believed that if they tried their best, they would overcome every difficulty. After the marriage, Hue and her husband continued to do farming work and live in the house of Tho's parents. Then, three children were born respectively. They were very happy when all of the children were born healthily. Until now, the first child is 18, the second one is 16 years old and the final one is 11 years old. Despite the poor, all of the three children always try to learn well. As the children grew, the children's tuition increased so much that made Hue's family meet lots of difficulties. Although being farmers, they only have 600m2 of field land for cultivation. Therefore, the income is not enough to feed the whole family with 5 members. So, they have to hire more 1,000m2 to grow beans and sesame to improve extra income to cover daily life of the family as well as school fees for

the children.

Since the third child was born in 2003, Hue's health was declined. She was tired and shortness of breath, but she did not dare go to the hospital for checking due to their hard circumstances. She only took rest and medicine from the pharmacy. Since then, Hue is unable to work to help her husband which makes the circumstances of her family become more and more difficult.

After a long-standing time, in 2012, Mrs. Hue was constantly sick and decided to go hospital. Doctors informed that she had heart disease. She was transferred to the Hue Central Hospital for treatment. The doctor in Hue said that she needed a surgery as soon as possible with cost of 95 million dong. Holding the result on the hand, Hue and her husband felt as they were falling to the abyss. Because of lack of money, Hue discharged from the hospital to manage to this huge amount of money. However, Hue though by herself that she would never go to the hospital again. The reason is that Hue knew she would never have enough 95 million vnd for the operation. If she borrowed money, her husband and her children had to shoulder a big debt. She did not want her children life to be poor as hers. However, after night by night without sleeping, she just wanted to continue to live to



see her children grow up. She could not capitulate the death so that her children would be orphaned. Finally, she discussed with her husband to ask the help from the charity organization.


In the beginning of 2014, the condition of Hue was introduced to OGCDC. After doing the observation on their condition, we sent Hue's file to EOCRO organization to find the support. Not long later, Hue was supported a part of surgery cost. Thanks to the support, Hue's operation was performed successfully. Visiting Hue after the surgery, although she is still so tired, Hue looks so happy. The first daughter was taking care of her mother. She was also very moved when she sent the thank you to the donor: "I would like say thank you so much when you bring my mother come back with us".


We also would like to express our deep gratitude to EOCRO organization that brings the chance to operate for patients with heart defect so that they would be healthy enough to bring up their young children.


In addition, we thank you so much other donors who are always beside and help us in heart operation program for poor patients.


Heart Operation Program


 **AFEPS Association** (France) sponsored 6 cases with total amount \$2,462.


 **EYES OF COMPASSION RELIEF ORGANIZATION** (Canada) sponsored 7 cases with total amount \$5,301.80.

 **HEALING THE WOUNDED HEART SHOP** (Vietnam) sponsored 8 cases with total amount \$1,870.


 **NORWAY-VIETNAM CHILDREN'S HEART FUND** (Norway) sponsored 4 cases with total amount \$1,726.70.

 **SAPARIA COMPANY** (Czech) sponsored 1 case with amount \$652.

 **LA FONDATION STÉPHANE GUY CROISIER** (Switzerland) sponsored 2 cases with total amount \$252.40.

 **TUOI XANH - ASSOCIATION D'AIDE EN FAVEUR DES ENFANTS DEÏMUNIS AU VIET NAM** (Switzerland) sponsored 3 cases with total amount \$777.40.

 **THE UNITED WORLD COLLEGE Fund** (Singapore) sponsored 10 cases with total amount \$5,169.40.

 **VIET-KID** Organization (Germany) sponsored 3 cases with total amount \$816.90.

 **VIETNAMESE HEART TREE FUND** (Australia) sponsored 1 case with amount \$187.20.

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 **Lotus Humanitarian Aid Foundation** (USA) with this program.*




THE VISIT OF MR STEVE WAGNER, REPRESENTATIVE OF AIDE AU VIETNAM (LUXEMBOURG) ON THE ORGANIC FARM PROJECT FOR TEENAGERS WITH DISABILITIES IN NAM DONG MOUNTAINOUS DISTRICT.



In order to create vocational training and job creation for teenagers with disabilities in the mountainous district, OGCDC has developed a proposal of “Building an organic farm for teenagers with disabilities in Nam Dong” after conducting a need analysis there. In the last August, we are very pleased to welcome Mr. Steve Wagner, representative of Aide au Vietnam for the first visit to OGCDC and discuss in detail about implementation plan of this organic farm project. The construction will be carried out by the beginning of 2015 with the support Aide au Vietnam and Luxembourg government. This will be the first vocational training centre for people with disabilities in Nam Dong with the goal of promoting the acceptance of local population towards persons with disabilities and providing an opportunity of professional development, livelihood as well as shelter and appropriate care for young people with disabilities in a rural area of Vietnam. We would like to express our sincerely thanks to the Aide Au Vietnam for fulfilling our dream of bringing a brighter future for people with disabilities in a rural and mountainous district like Nam Dong.

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 6 cases with total amount \$1,329.

 **Mr & Mrs. TRAN MINH PHUOC'S FAMILY** (France) sponsored 2 cases with total amount \$322.90.



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.

 **Mr & Mrs. TRAN MINH PHUOC'S FAMILY** (France) sponsored 2 cases with total amount \$247.

ANONYMOUS INTERNATIONAL DONORS sponsored 6 cases with total amount \$540.



OPERATION PROGRAM FOR PATIENTS WITH CLEFT LIP AND PALATE.

On July 2014, 31 patients with cleft lip and palate were operated in the Hospital of Hue University of



Medicine and Pharmacy in the cooperation program of Chonbuk National University (Korea) and Faculty of Odontology, Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy. At this program, AFEPS Association (France) has supported a part of operation fees for patients (1,000,000 vnd per patient) and fees for speech



therapy training for parents of children with cleft lip and palate after operation.

On behalf of patients with disabilities and their families, we would like to send our deep thankfulness to AFEPS Association who have always been with us in supporting children with disabilities. We hope to continue receiving your support in the future.

✧ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GOOD STUDENTS WITH HARD CONDITION

With the support of Vietnam, les Enfants de la Dioxine - VNED (France), OG CDC has collaborated to The Provincial Youth and Adolescents Centre to granted 30 scholarships with the total of 60 million dong for handicapped or/ and good students with hard condition in Thua Thien Hue province.



During this period, OG CDC has granted 40 scholarships with the total of 57.6 million dong funded by an Anonymous donor, for poor students in Thua Thien Hue province. These meaningful gifts are real big encouragement for our students to overcome difficult condition and to fulfill their dream of studying.

We would like to thank to Vietnam, les Enfants de la Dioxine - VNED (France) and other donors for the great support in this program.

 **THE MINDFULNESS COMMUNITY OF HAMPTON ROADS, VIRGINIA (USA)**

 **Mr & Mrs. RANDY GRANT (Japan)**

 **AFEPS 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)**

 **YANO FUND (Japan)**

 **MASAKI FUND (Japan)**

 **KIMOTO FUND (Japan)**

 **DKSH VIETNAM Co.Ltd (Vietnam)**

✧ BICYCLE DONATION FOR POOR CHILDREN



With the support of the Vietnam Foundation (Australia), OG CDC 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.

We would like to thank to Vietnam Foundation for your great support in this program.

THE ACTIVITIES OF LOTUS COMPASSION SHOP.



During the last time, Lotus Compassion Shop continues to receive the support from a lot of friends in contribution different goods for the Shop. This is a very important contribution to maintain the activities of the shop, to create opportunity in job and life integration for children with disability. We hope the Shop will continue to receive your support in the future.

The aim of the Shop is sharing the difficulties and bringing the joy to people with disabilities. In the last July, Lotus Shop donated small gifts for the patients who have cleft lips and palate surgery in the smile operation program of OGCDC. Despite the small gifts, we feel very happy to see the joy on the faces of young children. Again, we sincerely thank you for your help for the joy of children with disabilities.



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

- Mrs. LE HUNG VIETNAM MARKET (France) and friends
- Ms. NGUYEN PHUC XUAN UYEN's family
- Ms. TRAN THI THAO HIEN's family
- Ms. NGUYEN THI MINH MINH
- Ms. NGUYEN THI QUYNH ANH's family
- Ms. DANG THI NGOC HOA's family
- Ms. TO DIEU LAN's family

SEMINAR ON APPLIED AUDIOLOGY



In the consent of the Rector of Hue University of Medicine (HUMP), OGCDC has collaborated with Cat Tuong hearing aid company to conduct the seminar "Applied Audiology with Clinically- Proven Best Sound Technology from Siemens" with the attendance of doctors from ENT Department, Faculty of Pediatrics, Psychiatry department of HUMP and special teachers for children with hearing impairment in Thua Thien Hue province. This seminar has supplied new knowledge in early identification and intervention as well as the wonderful impact of

hearing aids for people of hearing impairments.

PHYSICAL THERAPY AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Physical therapy program is still going well. The physiotherapists regularly go to the Future School, Duc Son and Thuy Bieu orphanage to support teachers conducting therapy for children with motor disability. Physical therapy program continues supporting for children in Nam Dong district with the participation of teacher Pham Thi Hong. Beside exercise guidelines specifically to each child, we have started training for Hong how to conduct the evaluation on the ability and set specific goals for each child to create the sustainability for Physical Therapy program in the Nam Dong mountainous district.



SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

FUTURE SCHOOL STARTS NEW SCHOOL YEAR OF 2014-2015



On 09/12/2014, together with the jubilant atmosphere of our national new school year, the Future School held a opening ceremony of new school year of 2014-2015. With the support of organizations and benefactors, the school was renovated courtyard cleanly, fitted shutters and new fence around the school to ensure



the safety of our students. The central goal that we want to navigate to this school year is to increase individual support for students with special needs, vocational training and product making for students aged 15 and older. All teachers, parents and students are highly encouraged to start the new school year.

NEW PAINTING FOR FUTURE SCHOOL, FUNDED BY BRETAGNE VIETNAM ASSOCIATION

With the financial support of Bretagne Vietnam Association, the Future School has been painted to welcome our students in this new school year after 10 years of operation. All parents, teachers and students are highly encouraged with a clean and nice environment. We are deeply grateful for the support of Bretagne Vietnam Association and Mr. Eric Facquet who have always co-operated and supported us in creating the best educational environment for our children with disabilities.



LILIANE FOUNDATION AND BRETAGNE VIETNAM SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP FOR POOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.

In the school year of 2014-2015, the scholarship program for poor children with disabilities in Future school, Đức Sơn orphanage centre, Nam Dong district and Hue Early Intervention Centre is on going well. Thanks to this support, many more students with disabilities can go to school, play with other children and integrate in their community activities.



SPECIAL CLASSES IN NAM DONG AND DUC SON STARTED NEW SCHOOL YEAR OF 2014-2015.



After 2 months of summer holiday, two special classes in Huong Huu and Huong Hoa began new school year. The children are very eager to meet each other and join in class activities. With the support of our local supervisor in Nam Dong , Ms. Nguyen Thi Kim Khanh , the classes are running well.

With the support of Norway Football Association, our children have enjoyed in Football activities with all children in Nam Dong. This is not only a good chance for our children to promote their motor skill but also participate in community activities with other children.



The special classes for children with disabilities in Duc Son Care Orphanage Centre has been started in this August, 2014. The main goal of our classes is that to enhance vocational training and individual support for children with disabilities . We express our gratitude to the financial support of Bretagne Vietnam Association and Liliane Fonds to children with disabilities.

EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM

EARLY INTERVENTION CLASSES IN HUE CITY



By the beginning of August, the early intervention center in Hue city started new school year 2014-2015. With the motto of improving life skills as well as building development environment for children at risk of autism, in early August we conducted opening a new classroom for children over 8 years old. Being under the professional advice of Mrs. Kerstin Gruener (GIZ organization - Germany), the class structure as well as school supplies is designed to fit specific teaching method for autistic children and aligned with reality. We

hope this new model will yield practical effectiveness for children to help them integrate better. Through this, we sincerely thank the GIZ organization (Germany) and Schmitz Stiftung organization (Germany) who have funded for setting up the class with better model and would appreciate in hope in the near future that we could have the opportunity to accompany together in the other programs.





































EARLY INTERVENTION CLASS IN NAM DONG BEGINS NEW SCHOOL YEAR




Mixed with the atmosphere of national opening school day, the Nam Dong class also began the new school year in early June 8 with lots of joys and energy. From this new school year, the children have started shifting to independent learners in the self-help activities and in learning activities. We would like to express our deep thanks to Susan Hammond and the War Legacies Project (USA) who have been always devoted and passionate concern for children with disabilities as well as for the greater share of

OGCDC's activities.

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)
-  **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)
-  **Ms. UTE SCHWABE** (Germany)
-  **Ms. KERSTIN GRUENER** (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. KINGSLEY & Mrs. DENISE PALMER** (Australia)
-  **Mrs. SUE DURAND** (Australia)
-  **TRACY VUONG'S FAMILY** (USA)
-  **LE THI HAN'S FAMILY** (USA)
-  **CHILDREN OF VIETNAM Foundation** (USA)
-  **HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION** (Belgium)
-  **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.

- **Luxembourg:** Mr. Steven Wagner, Lee Wagner, Mrs. Kim Anh Duong.
- **Japan:** Ms. Setsuko Tamura
- **France:** Ms. Francois Legodec, Ms. Gaudiere Camille, Ms. Burnier Mathilde, Mr. Robbiani Adrien, Ms. Eliot Marine.
- **Australia:** The students from University of Queensland: Ms. Ashlee Teakle, Ms. Yolanda Lovie-Toon, Ms. Ermina Jusic, Ms. Rebekah Thureson, Ms. Margaret Keller, Mr. Ladoi Marip, Mr. Trung Vo, Ms. Kathryn Scanlon, Mr. Alecander Carter, Ms. Elizabeth Whitted.

Welcome to OGCDC, Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy



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