

Friends of the Underprivileged
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This is our newsletter for friends who get together, in our personal capacities, with the sole vision of helping the underprivileged in Asia.

FOU has been striking to be more efficient. FOU was officially registered as a nonprofit corporation in July 2009, and in April 2010, it was granted tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the US Internal Revenue Code. Any contribution to FOU, therefore, is tax deductible under section 170 of the above-mentioned code. Ms Lien Ha, Ms. Chau Tran, and Mr. Nguyen Hung are the officers for FOU this year. With the new status, FOU will be more efficient when handling donation and working with other nonprofit corporations to serve the underprivileged.

In 2009, FOU provided 190 scholarships at US\$50/year/child in Hue, Buon Ma Thuot, Di Linh, and Tan Uyen. We forwarded a special award to the outstanding student Do Thi Loan on behalf of Loan's scholarship sponsor. Loan lives with a brother, a mentally unstable sister, her grandmother, and her single mother who works as a laborer to support the whole family at the new economic zone in Tan Uyen. Loan walks 5 km to her school every day and helps her mother after school to make the ends meet. Despite of such hardship, Loan has been an outstanding student who received numerous honorary certificates from her school (Figs. 1-2).

FOU also supported 18 heart operations in 2008, 20 cases in 2009, and 18 funded but pending operations in 2010. All poor children were selected by the Office of Generic Counseling and Disabled Children office (OGCDC) in Hue, and the operations were performed at the Hue Central Hospital by talented medical professors and their qualified students at Hue Medical School (Figs. 3-8).

The energetic group Underprivileged Children of Vietnam (UCOV) at United World College (UWC, Singapore) has been very active with numerous charity projects. Ms. Kate Levy and her team organized a successful fund-raising dinner to support FOU and other charity organizations. The collected fund was then forwarded to Vietnam for scholarships and medical assistance to poor children. In March 2009, four UWC students Teresa Walterman, Robyn Gollifer, Barbara Richardson, and Nikki Adams spent a week in Di Linh leprosy camp, Vietnam. They taught English to the children, organized games to promote teamwork, and distributed gifts to patients. The four UWC students also met the scholarship recipients at the camp, took with them the invaluable experiences of helping the underprivileged while leaving behind the great memory and appreciation from the Sisters, the patients and their children in the leprosy camp (Figs. 9-14).

FOU has been so thankful for the opportunities to help the underprivileged. On behalf of all the poor children, we would like to sincerely thank all friends and supporters worldwide who have been providing meaningful support to our medical and/or educational projects.

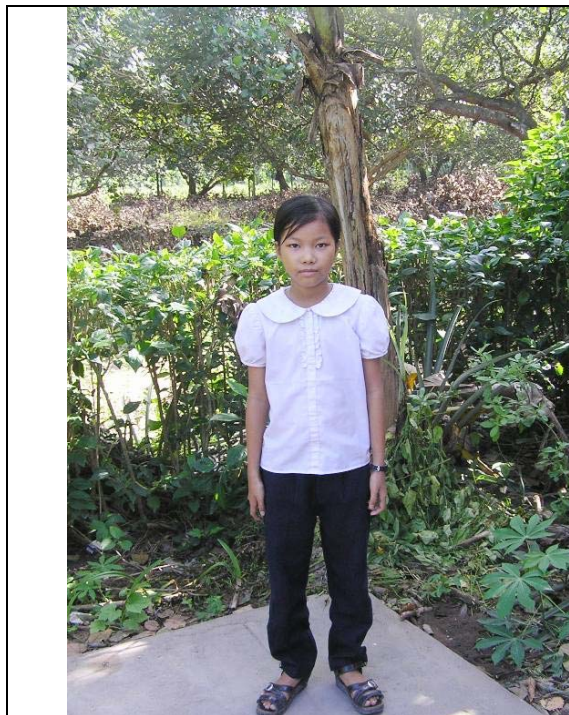


Fig. 1: Do Thi Loan, an exceptional student in Tan Uyen new economic zone.



Fig. 2: Loan and her grandmother at their home.



Fig. 3: Trinh Xuan Hung after his heart operation. Hue Central Hospital



Fig. 4: Pham Thi Tuyet before an operation

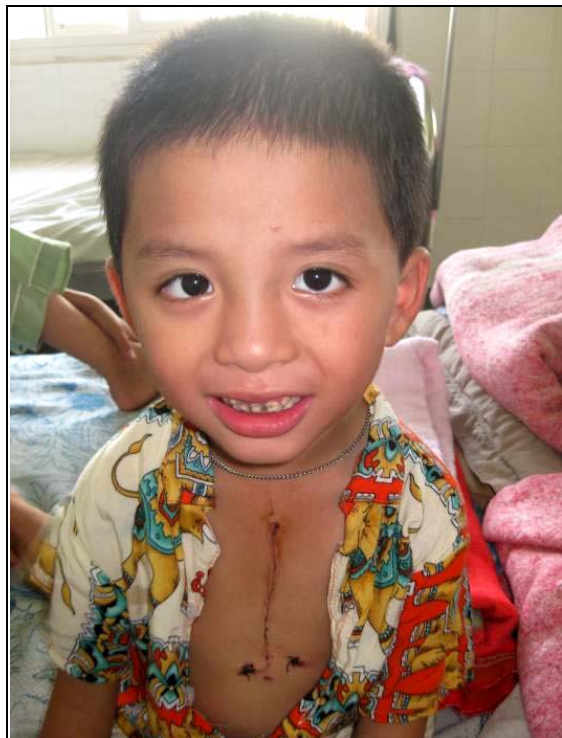


Fig. 5: Vo Van Thien after his heart operation. Hue Central Hospital.



Fig. 6: Ho Quoc Cuong after his heart operation. Hue Central Hospital.



Fig. 7: Vo This Hong after her heart operation. Hue Central Hospital.



Fig. 8: Do Thi Nhu Quynh after her heart operation. Hue Central Hospital.



Fig. 9: Teresa, Robyn, Barb, and Nikki (a-d) prepare gifts to patients at Di Linh leprosy camp.



Fig. 10: Nikki hands out awards to outstanding students.



Fig. 11: A patient awaiting his gift from UCOV.



Fig. 12: Nikki and a patient.



Fig. 13: Barb at an English class in the camp.



Fig. 14: Children of the lepers show their appreciation to UCOV-UWC and its representatives.



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We sincerely thank the following groups on behalf of all the underprivileged children in Vietnam:

- The Vietnamese community in Singapore.
- United World College and Underprivileged Children of Vietnam (UCOV), Singapore.
- Care for the Underprivileged (CFU), USA.
- Friends and colleagues worldwide

Scholarship Sponsors

The following sponsors have provided 190 scholarships to underprivileged students in Di Linh, Tan Uyen, Hue, and Buon Ma Thuot for the academic year 2008-09. Separate scholarship packages were sent to the sponsors previously.

- Care for the Underprivileged (CFU, USA)
- Underprivileged Children of Vietnam (UCOV) & United World College (Singapore)
- Hoang & Tu Anh, Xuan Lan, Tuong & Vang, Khiem Vu & Joan Nguyen, Isabella, Sofia, Luca, ChingKing Chieng, Deanna Ng -Dam Trang, Khie^m -Do^~ & Tie^p, Kie^t & Tha?o Vivien Nguyen, Kim Sides, Le Thanh Tung, Le^ -Dan Lam & Thanh, Le^ Q. Tra^m & Bui Vinh, Lunch Group, Luo+.c Tra^^n & Ha.nh, Minh Chau, Lien Ha, Nhu Duong, Paul Pham, Qui' Nguyen, Teri Tra^^n, Thu.c Nguye^~n, Tru+o+ng CH Vie^.t & Hie^.p, Tua^^n & Nha`n Tra^^n, Bi Dao & Bau Bau, Caronine & Rick Lazovick, David Dinh, Ryan Dinh, Thanh Heyman, Thanh Ostheimer, Thomas & Hoang Yen Pham, Thuyen & Phuoc, Tim & Thuy Tran Griesser, Mai Lan, Nguyen An, Nguyen Y, Van Du & Hoang, and Dieu Phu.

2008-09 Scholarship Recipients

- In BuonMaThuot: Nguyễn Thị Tuyên Phương, Nguyễn Thị Kiều Nhi, Nguyễn Thị Kiều Trang, Trương Thị Huệ, Dương Thị Thùy, Nguyễn Thị Ngọc Dung, Giang Thị Ngọc Huyền, Võ Thị Kiều Trinh, Nguyễn Thị Thu Trang, Phạm Thị Hường, Đoàn Ngọc Diễm Ca, Lê Thị Bích Ha, Đặng Thị Huệ, Nguyễn Thị Hoài, Đoàn Thị Tuyết, Mai Thanh Thanh, Đặng Thị Thanh, Hồ Thị Ngọc, Nguyễn Thị Thu, and Phạm Thị.

- In DiLinh: K' Dong, Ka Xuân Diệu, Ka Quỳnh Dao, Nguyễn Tài Thông, K' Danh, K' Thành Đạt, Ka Huyền Vi, K' Vinh, Ka Vui, Ka Hân, K' Minh Nhật, Ka Tuyết, Ka Dạ Thảo, Ka Lục Bình, Đặng Hồng Nhi, K' Trường Lâm, K' Tấn Đạt, Ka Hớp, K' Thành Lộc, Ka A Lành, Nguyễn T.Thanh Hằng, Nguyễn Ngọc Trang, K' Xuân Kiên, Ka Mẫn, K' Lộc Dương, Ka Kim Nhung, Ka Nguyễn T.Thu Hiền, Nguyễn T Ngọc Trinh, K' Adông, Ka Hiếu, K' Ngọc Thạch, Lê Đình Thái, K' Sơn, K' Jôn, K'Thanh, Ka Hương, K' Hòa, Ka Ôn, K' Xinh, Ka Thanh Vân, K' Thuận, Mă Thôn, Ka Thị Sang, Ka Sương, Ka Thiên, K' Thanh Hằng, Ka Mai Chi, Ka An, Ya Thơ, K' Sỹ , K' Minh Châu, K' Cường, K' Quyền, Nguyễn Ngọc Trâm, Ka Hằng, Ka Diễm, Nguyễn Hoài Phong, Ka Đôm, Ka Xuy, K' Thuận, Đinh Công Bình, Ka Thu, Nguyễn .T.Ngọc Uyên, Ka Mul Nhội, Ka Quỳnh Như, K' Brừn, Mo Lom Duyên, Ka Thúy Lý, K' Thành Doanh, Phạm .T. Duy Nguyễn, Nguyễn H.Minh.Anh, K' Sự, Ka Ngọc Sương, Ka Kim Nhung, Đặng Nhật Lệ, K' A Viện, Đinh Ngọc Linh, Ka Thi, Đặng Minh Thuần, Ka Du Hiên, Ka Thẩm, Ng .T .Thủy Tiên, K' Phú, Ka Lê Thảo, K' Nhật Linh, Ka Quỳnh Diễm, K'Jơ.Ních .Tâm, Lê Nguyễn Bảo Trâm, K' Tuyn, Ka Dung, Ka Hoàn, Ka Du, Ka Mận, Lê Nguyễn Uyên Vi, Ka Huệ, Ka Thẩm, Ka Ria, Lê.Ng. Uyên Phương, K' Brừs, K' Phúc.

- In Hue: Nguyễn Thị Hồng Loan, Ha` Thị Thẩm, Hồ Thị Trắc, Ha Thi Hong Lam, Ha Thi Nguyet, Nguyễn Duy Quốc Phú', Huỳnh Ngọc Hồng, Hồ Dac Hoa, Nguyen Van Luan, Nguyễn Đình Minh Khue.

- In Tan Uyen: Nguyễn Văn Chương, Bùi Minh Trung, Nguyễn Thành Trung, Phan Văn Quyết, Bùi Đức Chính, Lê Văn Vương, Lê Ngọc Nhi, Huỳnh Thanh Tâm, Nguyễn Ngọc Duyên, Dương Mạnh Lành, Nguyễn Thị Thùy Trang, Đỗ Thị Mai Tiên, Trương Thị Bảo Quyên, Đỗ Văn Kiên, Đỗ Công Hậu, Phan Trương Ngọc Lý, Nguyễn Văn Nam, Nguyễn Văn Dương, Nguyễn Văn Hiếu, Lâm Thái Phương, Đỗ Ý Nghĩa, Lâm Ngọc Huyền, Nguyễn Thị Thảo, Nguyễn Thị Thu Thủy, Nguyễn Kim Thoa, Nguyễn Anh Vũ, Chu Thị Tâm, Phan Văn Nho, Trương Thị Kim Ngân, Trần Nhã, Nguyễn Thành Trung, Dương Thúy Kiều, Lê Thị Mỹ Dung, Đỗ Thành Tài, Nguyễn Đức Duy Khang, Đỗ Ngọc Tú, Đỗ Nhân Giang, Đỗ Thành Nhân, Phạm Thị Bích Thủy, Lê Thị Hồng Sen, Trần Thúy Vân, Trương Thị Hồng Sương, Dương Kim Tuyền, Phạm Thị Thủy Tiên, Nguyễn Thị Loan, Đỗ Như Ngọc, Nguyễn Thành Đạt, Đỗ Thị Kim Thủy, Dương Mạnh Thuận, Đỗ Minh Mạnh, Trần Thị Thanh Thủy, Phạm Hồng An, Lâm Chí Thiện, Nguyễn Văn Hiệu, Nguyễn Minh Hùng, Bùi Thị Hoài Thương, Đỗ Thị Loan, Bùi Thị Diễm Linh, Đỗ Văn Hậu, Nguyễn Thị Thùy Trang.