



Children of Vietnam
Building Bright Futures



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Emergency and Disaster Relief UPDATE!

COVID has put a strain on all of our programming this year. With lockdowns and economic uncertainty we have met the immediate needs of children and families as well as providing the services they need through each of our initiatives. This year's Annual Fund - Care for a Child Campaign addresses the needs of all of our children and families both now and in the future.



From MUD to FRUIT!



Last year, 13 consecutive monsoons devastated Vietnam and caused severe mudslides and loss of livestock, homes, crops and livelihoods. The rural mountainous area of Tay Giang was hit especially hard. Your gifts to the Disaster Relief fund supported an entire community of **30** households get back on their feet. The villagers planted an orchard in an the area where only mud remained after the monsoons. We provided the community with

3,294 guava and mango trees, fertilizer and water pipes for irrigation. We provided training on how to set up and care for the orchard so it is bears fruit and provides a livelihood for the whole village.

With a Little Help from Our Friends...

We collaborated with Rise Against Hunger, our partner of many years, to distribute emergency aid to **454** people in Hoa Vang, part of Da Nang's Industrial Zone, who lost their jobs in the garment, sporting goods, plastics, and electronics industries due to a COVID citywide lockdown.

A young mother quietly joins the crowd waiting for COVID relief from Children of Vietnam and Rise Against Hunger. Her family, which includes her 2-year-old daughter and parents with disabilities, lives below the poverty level. Before COVID she earned all the income for the entire family as a janitor in a noodle shop and crafting floral decorations for extra money. When the noodle shop closed during lockdowns she fished and grew vegetables to feed her family. They had no Income. When she received the emergency aid, she said, "I will use it for buying milk and nutritional supplements for my daughter and some food will be prepared for next time in case of quarantine again."



Keeping Children Nourished

FROM SOYBEANS TO SOYMILK

In 2018, COV launched our successful Soybeans to Soymilk program as part of our Keeping Children Nourished initiative. Kindergarteners from rural, agricultural communities joyfully participate during the school year improving their health and encourages attendance. We supply soybeans and train school staff process the beans into nutritious and delicious soymilk! In recent years, **700 young learners** benefited twice a week.

We know that learning and nourishment go hand in hand, especially children at risk for malnutrition and stunted growth. The program has proven so successful that teachers and district leaders requested COV continue contributing soybeans. The rural farming parents understand the benefit of their children receiving the milk from attending school.

10% more added to your Annual Fund gift could feed 1,633 more children in our Keeping Children Nourished Initiative.



10% more added to your Annual Fund gift could enroll 10 more children with disabilities in our Increasing Opportunities for Disabled Children Initiative to receive therapies, educational scholarships, family support and medical aids.



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Just simply hold your phone's camera over the code, when the camera locks in the code a bar will appear, touch the bar and you will be at our online donation site!

Increasing Opportunities for Children with Disabilities



As the COVID 19 vaccines continue to roll out and lock downs remain limited, we plan to expand Hope System of Care, part of our Increasing Opportunities for Children with Disabilities Initiative, into Da Nang's largest rural district: Hoa Vang. Many people who live in Hoa Vang survive on less than \$2 USD per day. Over 19% of the population, including 650 children, live with one or more disabilities.

Expansion of Hope System of Care into Hoa Vang will bring COV's wraparound case management approach to these children's education, healthcare, nutrition, housing, and their families' livelihoods. By the end of the two year program, children with disabilities will attend schools appropriate to their abilities, have improvements in their mental and physical health, live in safe and sanitary environments. Importantly, their families and communities will recognize and better support their rights. We can't wait to share updates with you about the transformative results of HSC in Hoa Vang!



For people who no longer itemize their charitable giving, the CARES Act will allow these individuals, including married individuals filing separate returns, to claim a deduction of up to \$300 on their 2021 federal tax return. The maximum deduction is increased to \$600 for married individuals filing joint returns.

Empowering Single Mothers

NEW Glasses and a NEW Outlook on Life.



Last spring, many single moms were given the gift of clear sight thanks to a very special donor contribution of reading glasses. These women are part of our Empowering Single Mothers Initiative. During this two-year program, the women work hard from sunrise to sunset and face many challenges to grow their businesses. The women manage various micro-businesses, including raising livestock, making noodles and other foodstuffs, tailoring clothes, and farming vegetables. The women receive livelihood training, education, nutrition, housing repairs, and healthcare assistance.

Most importantly, they support each other to build a better life for themselves and their children. New glasses help them see better, but their vision of the future is never cloudy!

10% more added to your Annual Fund gift could enroll **7 more** women in our Empowering Single Mothers Initiative.

Educating For a Future

Meet Nhu, a New Member of Study Steps !

The youngest child and second daughter in her family, Nhu can't wait to begin her 6th grade school year! COVID 19 has made life and learning difficult, especially for children from poor families. Nhu's dad, works as a bricklayer and has health issues, and her mom, a housewife, do the best they can for their four children surviving on \$1.72 per person per day in a rundown house in a flood zone.



Nhu earned top grades in elementary school and wants to continue her success as she moves up a grade. This year she will start Middle School with support from Children of Vietnam's Study Steps Tutoring and Life Skills Program. As part of Study Steps, she'll receive support and services necessary to help her achieve her dreams. COV provides her with a scholarship to cover tuition, uniforms, and related school fees so that her family's limited resources do not hold her back. We provide her with a desk, chair, and lamp so she is able to do homework — currently she and her siblings eat and study at the family's only table. She'll also receive a bicycle to make transportation to school less difficult. Additionally, she and the rest of her all-girl cohort will receive after school tutoring and life skills training. She'll sharpen her academic learning and participate in activities to strengthen her self-esteem and introduce her to topics like budgeting, anti-bullying, and self-protection.

SHARE



SHARE YOUR SHARES!

Children of Vietnam accepts gifts of stock! Stock gifts are a great way to share your passion for COV and provides a solid future for children living in poverty. To make a stock donation, please contact Nancy Letteri, at nletteri@childrenofvietnam.org



GIVE THE GIFT THAT GIVES ALL YEAR LONG!

Life is uncertain, especially for children living in poverty.

The daily challenges of hunger, lack of access to education, single motherhood and having a child with disabilities make it difficult to think beyond today. You can help.

Become a MONTHLY donor, you will lift Vietnamese children from poverty all year long!

To become a sustainer visit <https://www.childrenofvietnam.org/donate> and choose recurring gift.

Delivering Clean Water and Sanitation

OUR MISSION

Children of Vietnam lifts children out of poverty by eliminating barriers to fulfilling their potential through comprehensive services that focuses on one child, one family, one community at a time.

OUR VISION

A Vietnam in which all children flourish, reach their full potential, and contribute positively to society.

After their morning trek to kindergarten, smiling young students line up at their school's water fountain. They take turns filling their bottles with fresh water to drink throughout the school day. Clean water splashes in the sinks as they wash their hands before meals and after using the toilet. Easy access to healthy water transforms their lives and everyone's in their community.



In our last fiscal year, COV installed 12 water filtration systems bringing the grand total to 30 new systems as part of our Delivering Clean Water and Sanitation Initiative! More than 8,300 children and their communities benefit from clean, safe water. The filtration systems provide easy access to water and that creates healthy habits.

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