



Dear Friends,

Thank you for being part of a community of people who believes in building brighter futures for disadvantaged children and their families in Vietnam.

Your support of Children of Vietnam enables us to make life-changing impacts on the lives of children and young adults living in poverty. We do this through five core programs:

Hope System of Care – our 360-degree, wrap-around support program for children with disabilities, including those who may have been affected by Agent Orange.

Education – includes our Study Steps tutoring program for children in grades 6-12; our Bright Scholars program that provides college scholarships; and the construction of rural kindergartens.

Empowering Foundations for Women and their Children – helping to build stable and sustainable livelihoods for single mothers.

Nutrition – providing soy milk and nutritious meals for rural kindergartens.

Clean Water & Sanitation – providing access to clean water in remote communities by installing water filtration systems.

From October through December, we engage in our Annual Fund campaign that is our largest fundraising drive of the year. This year's campaign is entitled 'Circle of Giving' and we have a goal of raising \$300,000. The first \$40,000 will be matched by a generous donor. Please consider joining our circle of giving this year and donate today!

With gratitude,
Scott Willis | Board Chair

PROGRAMS EDUCATION FOR A FUTURE

In 2024, the Study Steps program made a positive impact, teaching 747 students life skills, communication skills, and personal development. Additionally, Study Steps directly supported 280 students with tutoring, scholarships, and school supplies. Twelve university students graduated from the Bright Scholars program, nine of whom achieved good-to-excellent results while expressing excitement about their future endeavors. Furthermore, many Bright Scholars students participated in volunteer activities oriented towards strengthening their communities.

COV is broadening educational opportunities by expanding the Bright Scholars program to Thua Thien Hue and Quang Tri Provinces, supporting 30 additional students; and adding 20 in Quang Nam Province and Da Nang City. This expansion will bring the total number of students receiving assistance to 115, all of whom face significant challenges.

"In a world where engineering is often seen as a 'man's profession,' I aim to inspire and empower young girls like me to follow their passions."

— Thu

A Bright Scholar studying Civil & Industrial Construction



2024 IMPACT RECAP

Children of Vietnam impact from July 2023 to June 2024:

10,785

kindergarteners from **58 schools** were provided with soy milk, daily.

280

disadvantaged students received grants for academic tutoring & life skills training.

2,280,960

nutritious meals were provided to children every day throughout the school year.

747

students received grants for personal development skills training.

1,100

children at five schools in remote areas were provided with clean water.

205

single mothers received direct support, including 60 new participants.

22

mini water filtration systems were provided for **22 families** in disadvantaged areas.

81

poor, but bright students received university educations.

148

children with disabilities received assistance, including health checks & therapies, medical aids, & educational & family support.

ONE

new playground for children with disabilities was constructed.

ONE

new classroom was constructed.

PROGRAMS HOPE SYSTEM OF CARE

The Hope System of Care program provided comprehensive support to 148 children, with a specific focus on education, health, nutrition, and community engagement, enhancing each child's well-being and happiness year-round. This year, the program expanded its focus to include mental well-being and family support.

To foster joy and community, COV hosted events such as International Children's Day and the Mid-Autumn Festival, creating memorable experiences for the children and their families.

In Cam Le District of Da Nang, COV conducted caregiver training to strengthen parental involvement, supporting a holistic approach to child development. Looking ahead, COV is planning a new project designed to empower 200 caregivers of children with disabilities (CWD).

This initiative will equip caregivers with essential skills; create an online support community; and encourage advocacy for their children's needs. By improving caregiving practices, the project aims to foster the developmental progress of CWD and enhance family access to resources and support.

"I feel much happier than before because now I can run, go to school, talk to friends, and, best of all, I don't have to have surgery anymore. Surgery is very painful."

— Truong, 11

A beneficiary of the Hope System of Care



ONE-TIME DONATION IMPACT

Your donation can make a real difference:

\$50

Ensures that a school child has access to clean drinking water.

\$100

Provides textbooks & school supplies to a student for (1) school year.

\$250

Supplies mobility aids & therapies for a child with disabilities.

\$500

Supports a single mother with micro-loans & training for one year.

\$1,500

Covers a young student's full university education for (1) school year.

With your support, we can open doors to endless possibilities for children in Vietnam.

PROGRAMS EMPOWERING FOUNDATIONS FOR WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (EFWC)

This year, COV directly supported 205 single mothers, including 60 new participants. With a specific focus on health and well-being, COV conducted general check-ups for 205 women and provided specialized medical support to five individuals who required unique needs. Additionally, scholarships were awarded to 153 children of single mothers, including 16 outstanding students who gained acceptance into top universities.

Through community-building activities like the "Tết" Celebration and workshops in business and nutrition, the EFWC program formed a supportive community that strengthens single mothers and their children, fostering resilience, independence, and positive change within their communities.

"We share and encourage each other to keep going, even when things get tough."

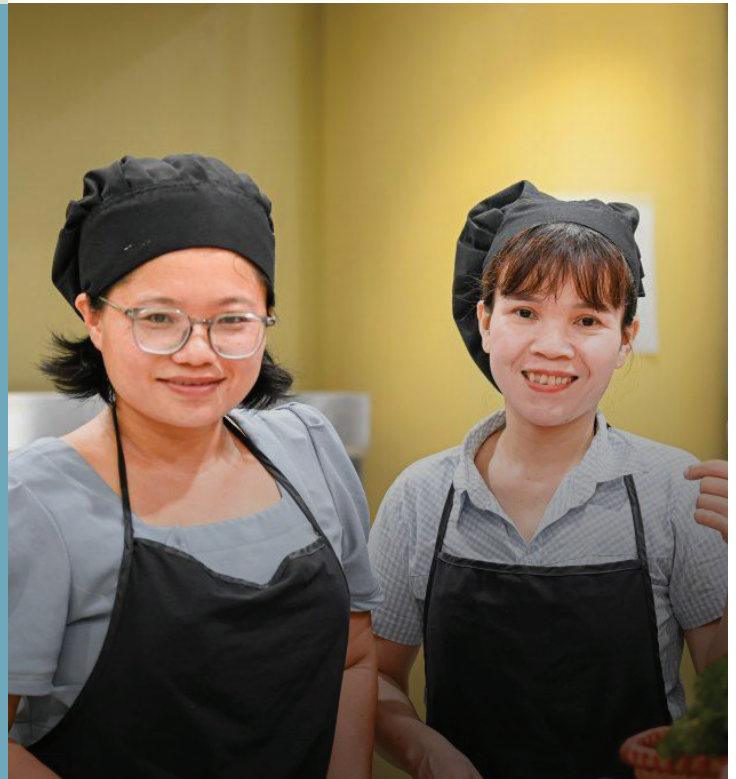
— Ms. Hai
A beneficiary of the EFWC

LEGACY GIFTS

Creating or updating your will can have a profound impact on the future of children in Vietnam. By including a gift to Children of Vietnam in your will, you can ensure that we continue to provide education, healthcare, and essential services to those who need it most. It's a simple step that can create lasting change for generations to come. To include an optional gift to COV in your estate plans through FreeWill, please contact our Executive Director.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR BENEFICIARY

Four years ago, I was overjoyed when COV staff visited my home to tell me I had been accepted into the Bright Scholars program. COV has been a part of our lives for many years, supporting me not only through university but also by helping me with mobility impairment treatment through the Hope System of Care program. In 2009, COV even built a home for our family, which we still live in today.

As a final-year student at the University of Economics - University of Danang, I am grateful for COV's support, which covers my tuition and living expenses. The training sessions and workshops that they provide are incredibly valuable and have helped me grow into a more confident person, bringing me closer to achieving my dreams.

— Hanh // **Bright Scholar Student**



PROGRAMS NUTRITION PROGRAM

In 2024—besides continuing to provide nutritious meals for children in mountainous areas in Da Nang City, Quang Nam, and Quang Ngai Provinces—COV also extended its nutrition initiative to benefit more children in Quang Tri and Thua Thien Hue Provinces.

In collaboration with Rise Against Hunger, COV provided 2,280,960 nutritious meals to children, ensuring they received daily nourishment throughout the school year.

Additionally, COV provided soy milk to 58 pre-schools in mountainous areas, significantly improving the nutritional well-being of 10,785 children in disadvantaged regions by reducing malnutrition and promoting healthy growth.

To further enhance nutrition support, COV organized training sessions for 245 program participants, including management and catering staff from four local partners at the start of the school year.

“At the start of the year, child malnutrition rates were high. However, after just one quarter of receiving nutrition support from COV, the children’s follow-up weigh-in showed a noticeable decrease in malnutrition rates.”

— Ms. Hong Nguyen, Principal
Son Tan Kindergarten, Quang Ngai Province

DELIVERING CLEAN WATER & SANITATION

COV made significant strides in promoting clean water access for children in schools this year. We successfully installed water filtration systems benefiting a total of 1,100 children in 5 educational institutions. These new systems not only enhance children’s health but also eliminate the need for bottled drinking water. This is less costly AND it is good for our planet.

“Now, the children can drink water safely at school every day. They feel healthier and don’t worry about getting sick.”

— Ms. Huong Lan, Principal, Dong Phu Kindergarten,
Quang Nam Province



A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends,

Children of Vietnam's 2024 Annual Fund campaign, **Circle of Giving**, has set an ambitious goal to raise **\$300,000 to reduce the long-term impact of severe poverty on children** who live at the bottom of the social ladder. Through our work, COV lifts children and young adults living in rural areas out of poverty and on to better lives. This creates a "circle" that not only helps other family members, but also creates a spirit of giving back within our beneficiaries.

With your donation, we can continue to support families in serious need. Will you consider making a gift to help these families lift themselves out of poverty? One anonymous donor has stepped forward to match dollar for dollar the first \$40,000 of donations, doubling the impact of your gift if you donate by December 30th.

COV, in its 26th year of operation, continues to steadfastly support the needs of thousands of Vietnamese children across three provinces in Vietnam. Our hard-working staff, under the guidance of Country Director - Tuan Vo and Executive Director - Giang Wells-Dang, are dedicated to delivering services with compassion to address the needs of those whom we serve. By meeting our Annual Fund goals, we can increase our resources and touch more lives. In other words, your support helps us reach new children and families in need.

We recognize that, particularly at this time of year, you are deluged with requests for help from many worthy organizations. And so, we are especially appreciative of your generosity.

Children of Vietnam is truly grateful for any assistance you can offer to support our work. Please consider making a donation today to help us reach our \$300,000 goal and leave a lasting impact on the life of a child living in poverty. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

With sincere appreciation,

Scott Willis // Board Chair

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RECURRING GIFTS

Life is uncertain, especially for children living in poverty. You can help by becoming a **monthly** donor and lifting Vietnamese children from poverty all year long.

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Children collaborate in play at Son Tan
Kindergarten, in a classroom constructed by COV.