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Founded in 1998 by Ben Wilson, Children of Vietnam (COV) began as a simple mission to help Vietnamese children in need.

With a scooter and a heart full of compassion, Wilson delivered essential supplies to families across Da Nang. Word of his life-changing efforts spread quickly, and COV's commitment to community partnerships and rapid aid delivery has become its cornerstone.

Today, COV continues to brighten the futures of Vietnamese children, providing hope and support where it's needed most.

Each year, COV serves more than 30,000 children. Join us in educating minds, healing bodies, sheltering families, and nurturing vulnerable children in Vietnam.

Children of Vietnam is a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization, founded in 1998, that builds bright futures for vulnerable children in Vietnam by educating, healing, sheltering, and nurturing.



GET TO KNOW COV



Dear Friends and Supporters,

As I reflect on 2024, I am filled with profound gratitude for your unwavering support and belief in our mission at Children of Vietnam (COV). This year, we expanded into two new provinces, Thua Thien Hue and Quang Tri, extending our reach to more children and families in need. This growth and deeper impact have only been possible through your generosity and shared commitment.

Our focus on providing wraparound services for children with disabilities remains central through the Hope System of Care program, which served 148 children this year. These children gained access to education, comprehensive health services, specialized check-ups, rehabilitation support, caregiver training, and home accessibility improvements. This year, we placed greater emphasis on training caregivers, offering mental health support, and facilitating parent support groups to strengthen family resilience and caregiving capacity.

Education continues to be at the heart of our work. Through the Bright Scholars program, 81 university students are pursuing degrees, with several earning top academic honors. Their resilience and determination inspire us daily. Equally inspiring are the 280 students in our Study Steps program, receiving tutoring, life skills training, and scholarships to support their education. Many of these students have stepped up as volunteers, helping children with disabilities and single mothers, giving back to their communities in meaningful ways.

We continued to improve nutrition, providing daily soy milk to 10,785 kindergarteners and delivering nutritious meals to 20,072 children in remote areas. Additionally, 205 single mothers received microloans, vocational training, and scholarships for their children. We also built a playground for children with disabilities and constructed a kindergarten to support early learning.

These accomplishments belong to you—our compassionate community of donors, partners, and volunteers. Your support makes it possible for us to walk alongside those we serve, creating real change and brighter futures together.

I want to share something that left a deep impression on me this year. In the summer of 2024, I participated in a workshop with our Bright Scholars. One student shared, “Receiving a scholarship from Children of Vietnam has been more than financial support—it’s been a reminder that I’m not alone.” These words capture the connection and hope that fuel our work.

With heartfelt gratitude and hope,

Giang Wells-Dang
Executive Director

A letter from our
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CHILDREN OF VIETNAM IMPACT FROM JULY 2023 TO JUNE 2024

10,785

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

2,280,960

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

205

single mothers received direct support, including 60 new participants.

1,100

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

22

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

148

Children with disabilities received assistance: health checks & therapies, medical aids, & educational & family support.

280

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

747

students received grants for personal development skills training.

81

poor, but bright students received university educations.

1

new playground for children with disabilities was constructed.

1

new classroom was constructed.



IN 2024, CHILDREN OF VIETNAM RECEIVED THE HIGHEST RANKINGS ON THE MAJOR CHARITY ASSESSMENT PLATFORMS



2024
IMPACT RECAP



PROGRAMS & IMPACT

EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE
BRIGHT SCHOLARS

81

disadvantaged students benefited from the program.

57

students attended the workshops and outdoor activities.

6

workshops and outdoor activities were held.

9

students graduated with Good and Excellent rankings.

STUDY STEPS

280

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

225

students attended outdoor activities.

72

skill training sessions were held.

747

students received grants for personal development skills training.

PRESCHOOL BUILDING BLOCKS

1

classroom was built.

1

playground for children with disabilities was constructed.

45

preschool children benefited from new classrooms.

112

pieces of learning equipment delivered to children.



OUR 26 YEARS OF IMPACT

12,450

students studying at schools and universities received one-time scholarships.

280

students received tutoring from grade 6 through high school.

358

students received support from the Bright Scholars program.

57

new classrooms constructed and fully equipped.

EDUCATION

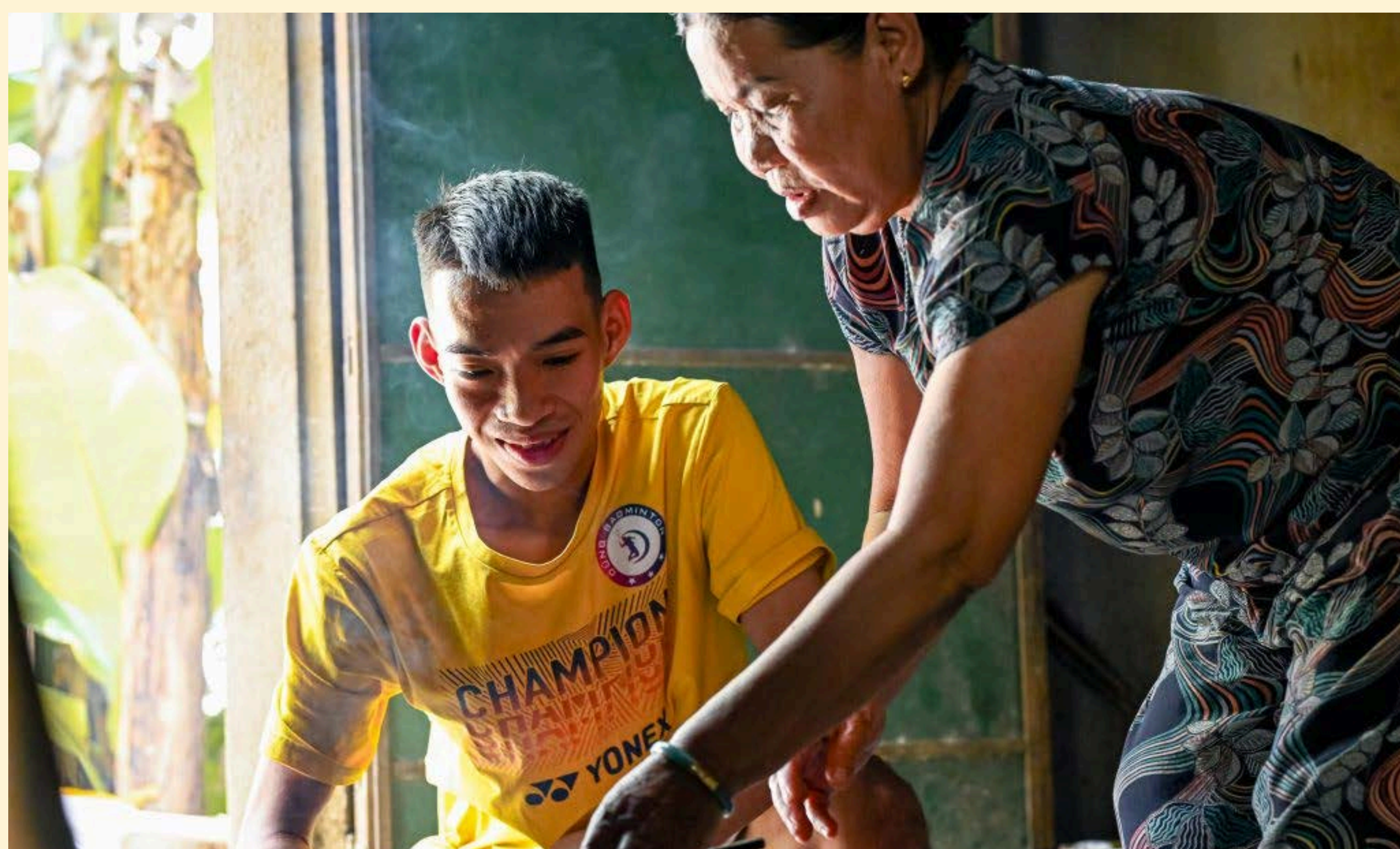
BRIGHT SCHOLARS

Pham Minh Thuan is a third-year Geography Education student pursuing his dream of becoming a teacher. His journey is inspired by his mother's resilience and strengthened by the support of COV. Raised by a single mother who started a duck porridge business through COV's "Empowering Foundations for Women and Their Children" (EFWC) program, Thuan learned the value of perseverance from an early age.

Since joining COV's Study Steps program in 2014 and later becoming a Bright Scholar, Thuan has received essential support for his education and living expenses. Beyond his academic pursuits, he excels in badminton, a sport he also teaches part-time to help support his family. His determination shines both on the court and in the classroom, reflecting his commitment to building a brighter future for himself and his mother.

“In badminton, you navigate the court and adapt to your opponent. Just as in geography, you understand and adapt to the world's dynamics. Both require strategic thinking and adaptability.”

— Thuan, Bright Scholar Student // [Learn More](#)



BRIGHT SCHOLARS



Through the Bright Scholars program, COV provides scholarships to 81 university students. In 2024, 12 students graduated, with 9 earning Good to Excellent academic rankings and expressing excitement about their future careers. Beyond their academic achievements, many Bright Scholars actively contribute to their communities. Their volunteer efforts include repairing a center for children with disabilities, participating in playdays for children with special needs, and organizing fun events for single mothers and their children. Their dedication reflects a deep commitment to creating a positive and lasting impact in their communities.

During this school year, Bright Scholars participated in workshops on public speaking, communication skills, leadership, and life design, along with various outdoor activities organized by COV. These experiences helped them build confidence, strengthen teamwork, and develop essential life skills while creating meaningful connections and lasting memories with fellow scholars.

In 2025, COV will expand the Bright Scholars program to Thua Thien Hue and Quang Tri Provinces. Through this expansion, COV aims to broaden educational opportunities and empower more students to pursue their academic and personal goals.

EDUCATION

STUDY STEPS

Nguyen Ngoc Bao Uyen, a ninth-grade student, is a determined and resourceful young woman who has faced life's challenges with remarkable resilience. After her parents' divorce and the financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, her mother struggled to support the family, putting Uyen's education at risk. With support from COV's Study Steps program, Uyen was able to stay in school and pursue her dreams.

Over the past three years, Uyen has consistently ranked first in her class, earning recognition for her academic excellence. Alongside her studies, she set up a small online shop where she sells handmade knitted creations, combining creativity with entrepreneurial spirit to help support her family.

“I want to start my own business and be successful so I can take care of my mother. I want her to travel and not work so hard anymore,”

— Uyen, Study Steps Student // [Learn More](#)



STUDY STEPS



The Study Steps program made a significant impact by reaching 747 students through training in life skills, communication skills, and personal development. 280 students received direct support through tutoring, scholarships, and school supplies. The year-end academic results were impressive: 215 out of 280 students earned Good, Excellent, or Outstanding rankings, reflecting their academic progress and dedication. Some students also received awards in subjects such as Mathematics, Literature, and English, highlighting their exceptional talent and determination to succeed.

The Study Steps group in Nguyen Tri Phuong Secondary School celebrated an exceptional milestone this year, with all 23 students graduating from high school and gaining admission to various universities. Impressively, 21 students were accepted into their preferred majors, reflecting their strong academic performance, clear goals, and determination to follow their passions. The remaining two students choose vocational training programs to reduce educational expenses while securing practical career opportunities. Their thoughtful decisions demonstrate resilience, resourcefulness, and a strong commitment to building better futures through education.

EDUCATION

PRESCHOOL BUILDING BLOCKS

"I am overjoyed to see my child learning and playing in a spacious, clean, and beautiful school."

– Ms. My Le, a parent
at Tien Hiep Kindergarten, Quang Nam Province.



PRESCHOOL BUILDING BLOCKS



In 2024, COV constructed a new classroom at a school in the mountainous commune of Tien Hiep, Quang Nam Province. The original building, built in 2002, had fallen into disrepair, raising serious safety concerns for students. Recognizing the urgency, COV began construction in March 2024 and officially handed over the new facility in July 2024. This upgraded learning environment now benefits more than 35 children and three teachers, fostering a safer, more supportive space for education.

Additionally, COV built a new playground at a center for children with disabilities in Quang Nam. Designed with inclusivity in mind, the playground ensures that all children, regardless of ability, can enjoy safe and accessible play experiences.

To further expand educational opportunities, COV conducted surveys at four schools across Quang Nam and Quang Tri Provinces. Based on the findings, plans are underway to build three new schools in the mountainous regions of Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, and Quang Tri Provinces in the coming year.

EDUCATION

EMPOWERING FOUNDATIONS FOR WOMEN & THEIR CHILDREN
2024 EFWC IMPACT RECAP

205 single mothers benefited from the EFWC program.	98 single mothers received microloans & livelihood support.	20 single mothers received household items: beds, mattresses, fans, and wardrobes.	38 EFWC children received desks, lamps, and bicycles.
95 single mothers received Tet gifts.	205 single mothers received medical care.	1 single mother's house was refurbished.	17 training sessions were held for women.
96 scholarships were awarded to children of single mothers.	153 single mothers attended training sessions.		



OUR 26 YEARS OF IMPACT
722 SINGLE MOTHERS RECEIVED WRAPAROUND SERVICES FOR THEIR FAMILIES

- MEDICAL CARE**
- LIVING ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENT**
- TET GIFTS**
- TRAINING WORKSHOPS**

SCHOLARSHIPS & EDUCATIONAL DEVICES FOR CHILDREN

EMPOWERING FOUNDATIONS FOR WOMEN & THEIR CHILDREN

Ms. Le Thi Xuan Loc, a single mother of three, has faced life's challenges with unwavering determination. Despite financial struggles, she has worked tirelessly to build a better future for her daughters, Thuc Ni, Thuc My, and Khanh Ngoc. With support from the EFWC program, Ms. Loc received small business grants, healthcare assistance, and educational scholarships for her children, enabling her to create a more stable life for her family.

Determined to make ends meet, Ms. Loc established a small sidewalk coffee shop, where she serves customers every morning. In the afternoons, she works as a housekeeper, adding to her income from the coffee shop to support her family.

Her eldest daughter, Thuc Ni, dreams of becoming a doctor and is steadily pursuing that goal. Her outstanding academic performance earned her a place as a Bright Scholar at the University of Danang School of Medicine and Pharmacy. Thuc My, her younger daughter, was recently recognized for her academic achievements with an educational trip to Korea – a proud moment for the family.

"Every time I attend the parent-teacher conference at the end of the school year for my children, I feel so proud because all three of them are well-behaved and have excellent academic achievements".

– Ms. Loc, a beneficiary of the EFWC // [Learn more](#)



EMPOWERING FOUNDATIONS FOR WOMEN & THEIR CHILDREN



The EFWC program continued to support single mothers and their children by providing essential services and fostering long-term stability. In 2024, 205 single mothers received direct assistance through skill development programs focused on business management, nutrition, and personal development. Health and well-being were prioritized through general medical check-ups for all 205 women, with specialized treatment provided to five individuals with urgent medical needs.

Community-building remained central to the program, highlighted by the annual “Tết” celebration. This special event brought mothers together to prepare for the Lunar New Year without the burden of extra expenses. They visited a festive “Tết Market,” where they could select traditional holiday foods and household essentials at no cost. The celebration not only eased financial stress but also strengthened the sense of community and belonging among participating families.

The program's impact extended further through a partnership with the Rotary Club of Da Nang, offering career guidance and vocational training to promote economic independence.

To empower the next generation, COV awarded scholarships to 153 children of single mothers, enabling them to pursue their education. Notably, 16 outstanding students earned admission to top universities in Vietnam. Additionally, 60 new single mothers joined the program this year, receiving not only essential resources but also emotional support through a strong network of peers who understand their struggles.

HOPE SYSTEM OF CARE (HSC)

2024 HSC IMPACT RECAP

148

CWD received wraparound services.

148

CWD participated in Mid-Autumn Festival activities and received gifts.

148

CWD received health checkups.

2

training courses were conducted for CWD in 6 wards in Cam Le District.

100

caregivers participated in training sessions on "Improving Knowledge and Skills to Care for and Educate Children with Disabilities".



OUR 26 YEARS OF IMPACT

1,152 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (CWD) RECEIVED WRAPAROUND SERVICES

HEALTHCARE, REHABILITATION, AND NUTRITION

FAMILY LIVELIHOOD AND MICROLOANS

EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

HOUSING

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

HSC

HOPE SYSTEM OF CARE (HSC)

Hao Nhlen, a 10-year-old boy with cerebral palsy, faced significant challenges after being abandoned by his father. He was unable to sit or walk independently, and his family struggled to meet his medical needs. Since joining the HSC program in 2023, he has received home-based physical therapy three times a week, tailored specifically to his condition, along with financial assistance for his epilepsy medication.

Over the course of a year, Hao Nhlen has made remarkable progress. He went from being unable to sit or walk to sitting up on his own and even taking his first assisted steps.

Hao Nhlen's journey shows how dedicated care and resilience can transform lives.

“Since receiving support from COV, Hao Nhlen is happier, more active, and gets sick less often. It brings me so much joy to see him improving every day.”

Pham Thi Hien, Hao Nhlen's mother // [Learn more](#)



HOPE SYSTEM OF CARE (HSC)



The Hope System of Care program provided essential support to 148 children, focusing on education, health, nutrition, and community engagement to promote their overall well-being and development. Recognizing the importance of fostering a supportive environment, we organized community events such as International Children's Day and the Mid-Autumn Festival, creating meaningful opportunities for children and their families to connect, celebrate, and build lasting memories.

This year, the program expanded its services to include mental well-being and family support. In Cam Le District, COV conducted parenting skills workshops to strengthen caregivers' understanding of child development and encourage active family involvement. These sessions equipped parents with practical tools to better support their children's emotional and educational needs.

Looking ahead, we are preparing to launch a new project supporting 200 caregivers of CWD. This initiative will provide essential caregiving skills, build an online support network, and promote advocacy for their children's needs. By improving caregiving knowledge and skills, the project aims to support children's development while helping families access vital resources and services.

NUTRITION

2024 SOUP MIX IMPACT RECAP

2,280,960

meals served.

20,072

schoolchildren served every day.

147,8

tons of soup mix delivered to beneficiaries.

102

preschools and elderly centers received soup mix every day.

2024 SOY MILK IMPACT RECAP

10,785

schoolchildren received cups of soy milk daily.

58

preschools are provided with soy milk daily.



OUR 26 YEARS OF IMPACT

> 15,280,960

meals served.

14,301

children received soy milk.

NUTRITION

NUTRITION

In 2015, COV introduced the Soup Mix program to provide vital nutrition to young children in Son Tan and nearby communities. This program goes beyond meal provision by training school staff in food safety, balanced portioning, and preparation to ensure consistent, nutritious meals.

Since 2018, the Soy Milk program has further enriched children's diets, with fresh soy milk prepared on-site three times a week to provide vital nutrients. At Son Tan Kindergarten, children enjoy warm soy milk after nap time, supporting their healthy development while fostering positive habits around nutritious food. Son Tan Kindergarten also serves as a distribution hub, preparing soy milk for other nearby schools, and expanding the program's reach across the region.

The sight of children heading home after a day filled with nourishing meals, learning, and play embodies COV's mission—empowering children, families, and communities with life-changing support and brighter futures.

“I had a really good meal. I'm so full, I don't feel hungry anymore at nap time.”

Tram, 5 years old, Son Tan Kindergarten // [Learn more](#)



NUTRITION



In 2024, COV continued providing nutritious meals for children in mountainous areas of Da Nang, Quang Nam, and Quang Ngai Provinces while expanding the program to reach more children in Quang Tri and Thua Thien Hue Provinces. In partnership with Rise Against Hunger, we delivered 2,280,960 nutritious meals, ensuring children received daily nourishment throughout the school year.

Additionally, in 2024, COV supplied soy milk to 58 preschools in mountainous areas, improving the nutritional well-being of 10,785 children. This effort helped combat malnutrition and promote healthy growth in disadvantaged regions.

To strengthen long-term nutrition support, COV plans to organize training sessions for management and catering staff from four local partner organizations at the start of the next school year, fostering a more comprehensive approach to child nutrition.

NUTRITION

DELIVERING CLEAN WATER & SANITATION

2024 WATER TREATMENT IMPACT RECAP

217,800

liters of clean water were provided in FY2024.

22

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

1,100

children in 5 schools in remote areas were provided with clean water.



OUR 26 YEARS OF IMPACT

427

water filtration systems installed in schools and villages.

3,340

children in remote areas were provided with clean water.



WASH

DELIVERING CLEAN WATER & SANITATION

COV installed a water filtration system at the Tra Giang Kindergarten, Quang Ngai Province, providing 55 children and 10 staff members with reliable access to clean water for drinking and meal preparation. This improvement has greatly enhanced daily life at the school. Seeing the children enjoy fresh, safe water inspires ongoing efforts to bring clean water to more communities in need, fostering a healthier future for all.

“I’ve been drinking a lot more water, especially after playing with my friends at recess. It tastes so much better now—it’s not salty anymore.”

Knu, 5 years old, Tra Giang Kindergarten // [Learn more](#)



DELIVERING CLEAN WATER & SANITATION



Access to clean water, basic sanitation, and hygiene are fundamental rights that remain unmet for many children in Vietnam, particularly in remote, ethnically diverse regions. These deficiencies contribute to serious health issues, including malnutrition and stunting, posing severe risks to vulnerable children.

COV made significant strides in promoting clean water access for children in schools in remote and mountainous areas. We successfully installed water filtration systems in 5 educational institutions, thereby benefiting a total of 1,100 children. These new systems not only enhance children's health but also eliminate the need for bottled drinking water, thus reducing waste and associated costs in schools.

Looking ahead, COV is committed to furthering this mission. In 2025, we plan to install 29 additional water filtration systems and 5 wells in underserved areas, bringing safe water to even more children and their communities.

WASH



GIANG WELLS-DANG
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, **COV US**



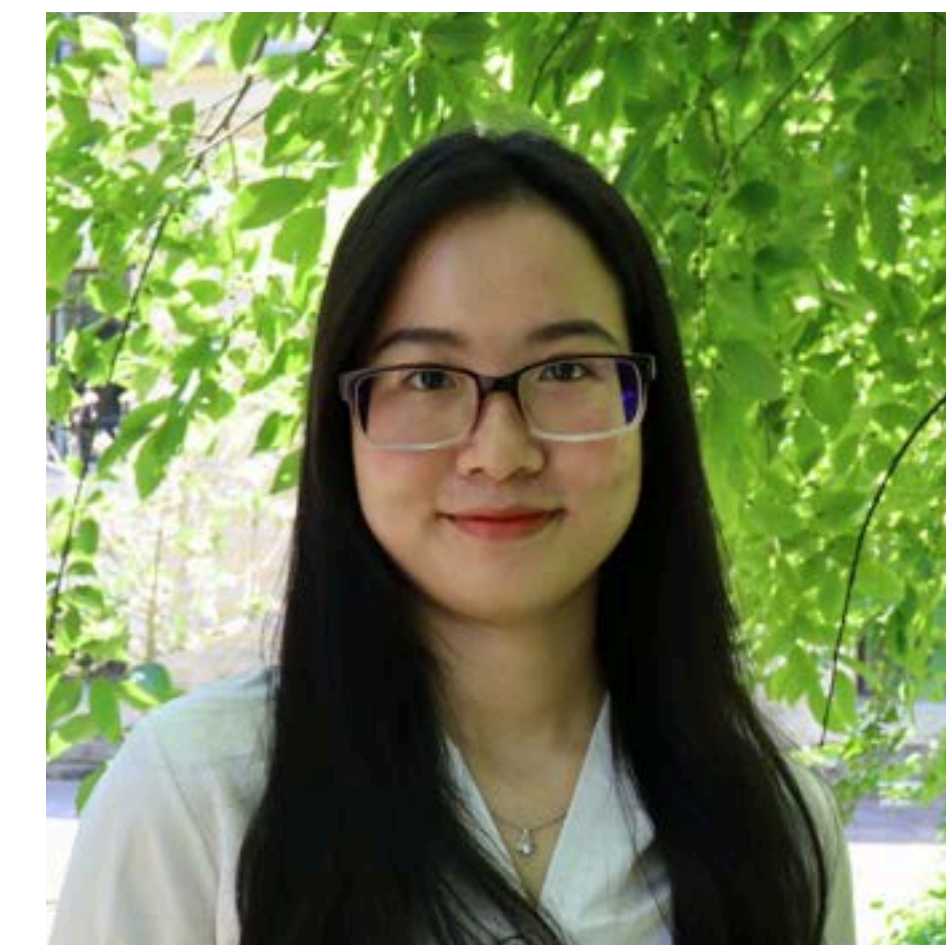
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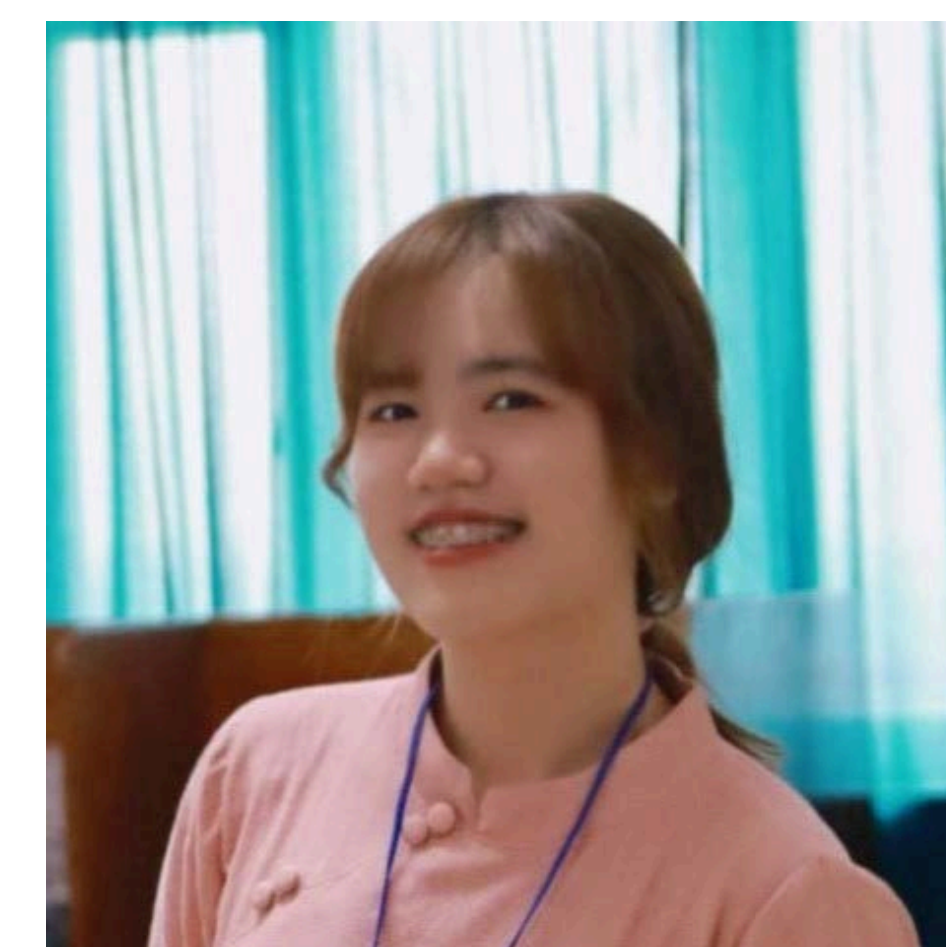
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Ben Wilson is the Founder and President of Children of Vietnam. Prior to founding Children of Vietnam, Ben was a successful international engineer and senior project manager traveling to over 30 countries managing multi-million-dollar construction projects for a number of corporations. Vietnam was his last assignment where he lived for almost three years before retiring and founding Children of Vietnam. Ben is a passionate and tireless advocate for the many Vietnamese children living in very poor environments and with limited resources.



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SCOTT WILLIS



HELENA BERGER



KATHY ORMS

COV BOARD

EXPENSE OVERVIEW

JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

\$1,300,393

Program Services

\$169,988

Management & General

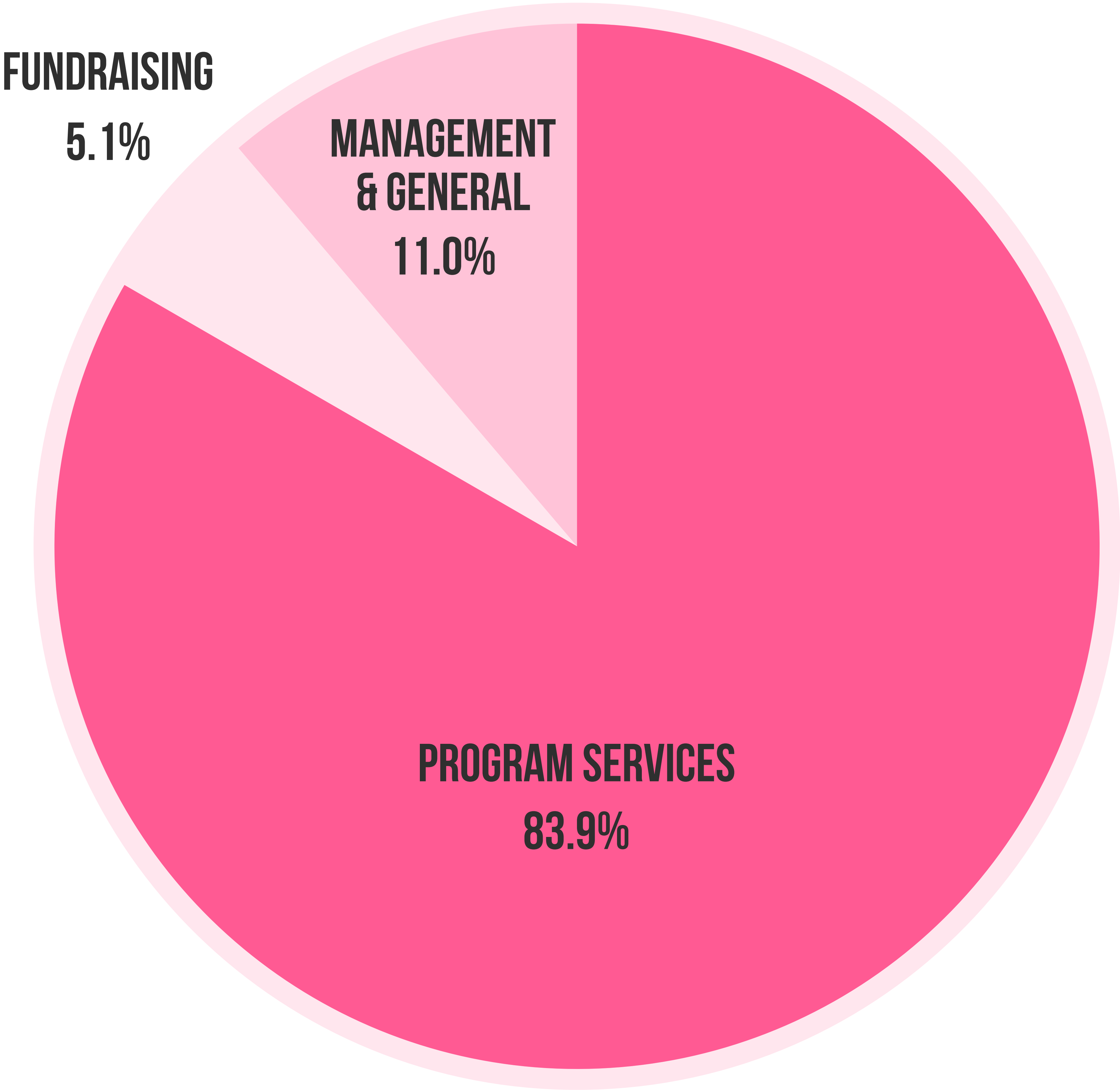
\$79,105

Fundraising

\$1,549,486

Total

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



BE PART OF THE CHANGE

For 26 years, Children of Vietnam have come together to transform the lives of tens of thousands of children. Through volunteering, fundraising events like bike rides, marathons, and shared meals, you've helped us build a brighter future.

Now, we invite you to join us and keep the circle of giving alive!

Here's how you can make a difference:

- Spread the word about our mission and share our story with your network.
- Volunteer your time and skills to support our work—become part of the team.
- Organize a fundraising event in your community.
- Make an **online donation**.
- Join our fundraising bike ride on March 11, 2025—whether in Vietnam or from wherever you are.

Get in touch at **info@childrenofvietnam.org** or call us at **(336) 235-0981** to learn more!

Your contributions open doors to education, healthcare, nutritious meals, safe housing, and clean water for children in need, empowering them to overcome barriers and break free from poverty.

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