



## *The Residence News*



Quynh was born into a poor family in a coastal village far from Hoi An; about 20 km across the river. The only access to this village is by boat. Her father is a fisherman and her mother is a housewife. Quynh is fifteen years old and she has two sisters and two brothers. Her family was devastated when her oldest sister was sent to the hospital for heart surgery three years ago. The cost of the surgery was a large financial burden on the families shoulders. Her mother was forced to find work to earn enough money to look after the family and pay medical expenses for her daughter's condition. Now Quynh's sister has recovered but the doctor requires her to be re-examined every six months.

Quynh's parents have worked very hard to afford health care for their daughter and for the rest of the siblings to attend school however their life remains difficult. This school year Quynh passed her entrance examination to an advanced high school in Hoi An. Advanced schools are for the most academically gifted students. Unfortunately her parents can no longer afford for her to go to school as it is too expensive. Quynh is a hard-working student. She has achieved excellent results in the past nine years.

In Vietnam, access to secondary education is severely limited outside of the main cities. The main reasons include geographic scarcity of secondary schools and the education system structure. High schools are usually located in town centre and education is not free.

A child just like Quynh is now waiting for your support. Your help can ensure one child's education needs are met, and together we can collectively provide them with the best chance of a bright future. Sponsorship includes:

- \* Housing at The Residence, in proximity to local government secondary and high schools
- \* A complete education including school fees, extra tuition fees, supplies, and uniforms
- \* Practical necessities including daily food, clean water, and daily supervision
- \* Medical attention including annual exams and other aid as needed
- \* Constant access to social workers and other trained adults for guidance

## *LITTLE DREAM*

Lien was born in a poor family in Binh Duong village, Thang Binh district about 30 kilometers away from Hoi An. She is eleven years old and she has two sisters. Her father passed away from a bomb explosion when she was just two years old. Her oldest sister suffers from a congenital heart disease. Her second sister has Lupus; which is a very difficult disease to treat and the doctor asked for her to be re-examined every month.

Her mother has worked very hard in order to earn enough money for her daughters' treatment and education. But their life is always a struggle.

Lien is a hard-working student. She has achieved excellent results in the past four years. Her desire is to study hard, go to university, and find a stable job to allow her mother to do less strenuous work. Lien is very excited that she has been accepted to live at The Residence in January 2014. The future door has just opened for Lien. We hope all her dreams come true!



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## EDUCATION AND HOPE IN

In the beginning of every new school year in October, CHIA has a sponsorship hand-over celebration for children who are being supported by CHIA. At this event, all children's school fees in the beginning of new school year are repaid. These fees cover uniforms, school bags, books, note books, learning tools, accident and health insurances, study fee, extra summer class fee, etc...



In this school year (2013 - 2014) we are very happy to continue supporting five tertiary sponsorships for four girls and one boy who had excellent results on their university entrance examination in July 2013. Thanks to many kind contributions from our international donors these students will have the chances to continue studying without worrying about study fees. Your generous sponsorship will help many disadvantaged students to reach their dreams and CHIA is so happy to provide a link between you and them.



## Can you please help?

Long is living in a small old brick house with his mother and younger brother who is studying in grade three. Long's mother is working as an artisan however her income is very low and therefore it is not enough to cover all the families living expenses. After Long's parents divorced, Long's father lives in a city in the south and doesn't support or contact the family anymore.

Long studies in grade six. Although Long's family has many challenges in their life, he still performs very well in his studies. Unfortunately Long is at a disadvantage in his studies because he cannot attend any extra class to improve his knowledge. At school, Long is quite vivacious and always gets along very well with his classmates. He is also active and enthusiastic in his school and class activities. An education sponsorship can help Long overcome difficulties and allow him to concentrate on his studies

In Vietnam, due to the education system structure, children must attend extra classes during the school year and the summer holidays. These classes are 'optional' however for the majority of cases this is the only way they will learn all the information required to pass examinations. This again puts children from poorer families at a disadvantage and increases financial pressure on the family.

Children just like Long are now waiting for your education sponsorship. You can help ensure one child's education needs are met and we collectively provide them with the best chance of a bright future. Sponsorship includes school fees, school insurance, additional tuition, uniforms, textbooks and stationery.





## The Energetic Girl

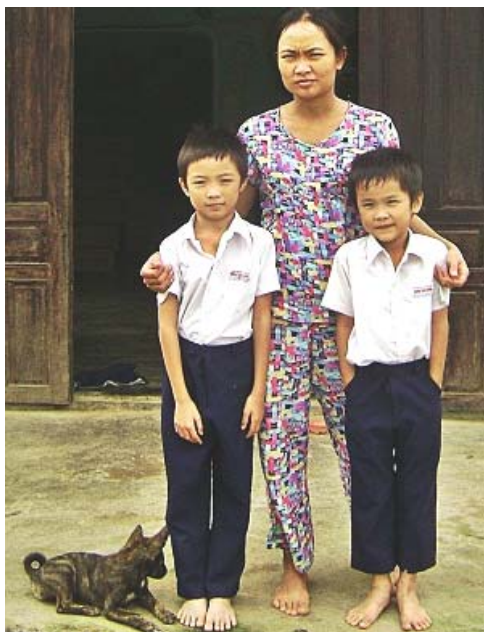
This four year old girl has suffered from mild cerebral palsy since she was born. Because of a developmental delay, Thao isn't able to stand and walk normally like other children at her same age. After receiving CHIA therapy exercises, Thao can now walk confidently in her walking frame. She can also communicate some single words and is becoming less shy with strangers. Thao's health condition has also improved since she started receiving CHIA's monthly nutrition support.



On the day we visited Thao's family, her father had been at home taking care of three children for three months. The mother has been working out all day to earn money for the entire family. Although they are living in poor conditions and facing financial difficulties, they always have warm smiles on their faces. We hope that the child's condition as well as the families financial situation will improve with the support CHIA has provided.



## The Two Boys with Haemophilia



Tuong and his younger brother, Vuong, are from a poor family and live with their parents and their grandmother. They used to live in a small and basic house in an area threatened by flooding every year. They can't live in that house anymore, so they now stay at their grandmother's house.

Tuong's mother works as a farmer with a low and unstable income. The father is a local construction labourer who works outside all day. Their income would be enough to cover all their basic living costs if Tuong and his younger brother did not suffer from a severe bleeding disorder called Haemophilia. This is where the body is missing Factor 8, which is part of the blood clotting process. If the blood is not able to clot properly, children are at risk of significant internal bleeding, resulting in severe medical complications. This family is struggling to keep up with the high cost of the brother's treatment and medication.

Tuong and his younger brother have suffered from Haemophilia since they were born and over the years their family has spent a lot of money on their treatment. These children have been in hospital many times for blood transfusions and Factor 8 injections which cost between \$100/\$120 per injection. The two children suffer from a very severe form of haemophilia, and so they must receive this costly treatment every month. If they don't receive this treatment, they would suffer significant complications including blood loss, organ damage, low iron and severe joint damage. Tuong's elderly grandmother often gets sick, but must help out with the care of the brothers and household chores so their parents can work.



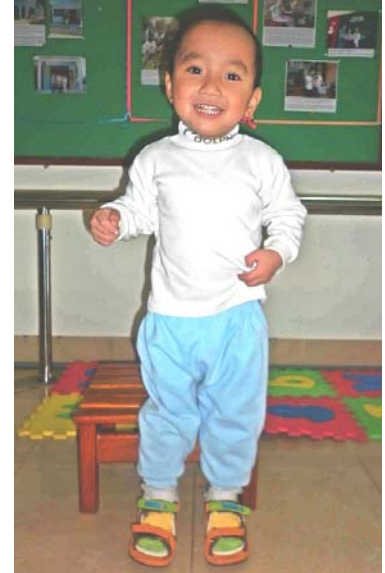
This year, CHIA is asking for monthly sponsorship so that we can continue to support Tuong and Vuong's monthly medical treatment. With continued treatment these boy's can live a happy, healthy and productive life.



## Therapy News

Lam, who attends CHIA's POD (Program of Development) is three years old. His disability condition prevented him from walking because the muscles in his legs create continual spasms. His father accompanied him to the Da Nang hospital for assessment. The result was that Lam would be admitted to the hospital for surgery to strengthen his muscles. This will enable him the opportunity to stand, walk and lead a normal life.

The cost of this treatment was too expensive for his parents to afford on their own. It was determined that if Lam has immediate surgery he will be able to walk much sooner and lead a normal childhood. Recognizing this potential, CHIA decided to assist Lam and his family in this situation. The surgery was a definite success and now, Lam is wearing leg braces to support his walking. After few weeks of doing therapy at CHIA, he has seen a great deal of progress. He can stand up from a chair and walked about six steps by himself. We are very happy with Lam's recovery and our ability to help Lam and his family during this difficult time.



### Make a donation

#### From Australia

(tax-deductible receipts available to Australian donors for donations of \$2 and over)

#### Deposit into CHIA's bank account:

Bank: Bendigo Bank  
Branch: Corrimal, NSW, Australia  
Account name:

Children's Hope In Action  
BSB: 633000

Account number: 127543924  
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Swift/IBAN code: BENDAU3B

#### Post a cheque / money order to:

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*Since the beginning CHIA has*

Provided Health insurance for **362** children

*Supported 117*

Orthopedic diagnostics,

**30** Orthopedic surgery

**19** Hearing assessments

Cancer treatment for **9** children

**283** Cardiac assessments

Heart surgery for **55** children

**34** Cleft lip and palate surgery, **16** Cleft-lip assessment

**8** Facial deformity surgery, **23** facial deformity assessments

**20** Colo-rectal surgery

**1064** Flu, **97** Hepatitis B, **49** Rubella and **24** chicken-pox vaccinations

Hepatitis B test for **53** children

**482** Baseline medical assessments

Helped **64** children access nutritional support

Provided **617** tins of milk

Completed community health education about " Infant Nutrition" for **1185** mothers

Managed a Residence of **30** children

Awarded **132** students for improvement

Kept **104** children attending school

Provided **38** bicycles for school students

Sponsored kindergarten for **14** toddlers

Helped **15** teenagers access vocational training

Provided glasses for **11** children

Tet gifts and celebrations for **826** children

Built **21** new houses, repaired **3** houses, **1** water and sanitation system for one primary school, and **1** piggery and **8** piglets as livelihood support

Provided **155** wheelchairs

Delivered **3,563** physical therapy sessions

Provided **52** other pieces of disability equipment

**150** Cpals training sessions (CHIA Practical and Life Skills)

**6** Aqua therapy sessions

Organized a day trip for **77** children on the day for Person with disability

Mid autumn festival for **712** children

*From October to December CHIA has*

Conducted **262** home visits

**7** cardiac assessments

**13** Baseline medical assessments

**171** Therapy sessions

**3** Orthopedic assessments

**3** Orthopedic surgery

Delivered **10** wheelchairs

Review **27** wheelchairs

Delivered **5** bicycle

Sponsored kindergarten for **3** children

Maintained **71**

children in Education sponsorship program

Tertiary sponsorship for **10** children

Helped **3** teenagers access vocational training

Nutrition support for **7** children

Delivered **23** gift bag in Christmas festival

Buy **20** warm jacket