



The Residence News

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Linh was born in a poor family in Duy Hai village, from Hoi An about 20 km away and across the river. Due to a congenital heart defect Linh's father cannot do any heavy work therefore her mother has to work all day. Despite their hard work, Linh's family has a very limited income and they could not afford to provide their daughter with proper living or study conditions. Linh's mother requested permission to send Linh to The Residence so that Linh can have a chance to pursue her better education. Linh moved to the Residence when she was 11. Living in The Residence makes Linh feels very happy. When she first arrived, she sometimes felt homesick as she missed her parents and her little sister. However, with the love of staff and her house mates Linh has become familiar and comfortable with the living style at The Residence. Linh has a sweet voice and is a very talented singer. She often performs at different events at the Residence. Linh is a hardworking student; her last study result was quite good. She hopes to become an English teacher in the future.



Linh, in the middle of The Residence Chorus



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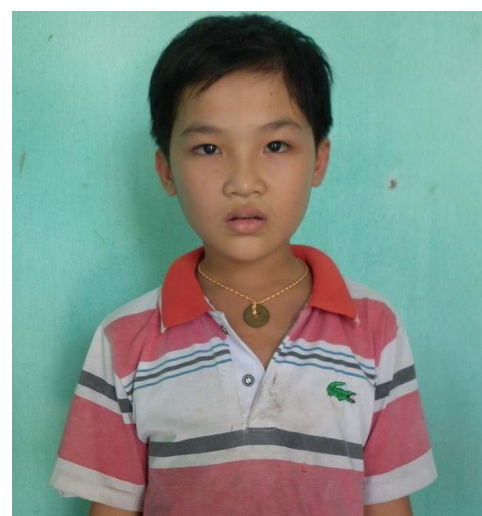
Can you please help?

A little boy, Khanh is living in a poor family with his mother who suffers from mental illness. We were moved to tears when first meeting Khanh and his mother. Khanh was crying beside his mother who was laying in the front foundation of their house. She suffers from mental illness so she has a difficult time controlling her emotion despite this his mother is very intelligent and graduated from a college in Quang Nam province. Unfortunately, she was sexually abused by a man and became unexpectedly pregnant. Both of her parents have passed away so her grandparents and other relatives have helped to take care of her and Khanh until now. Khanh's family used to live in a small hut made from simple wood and rotten iron sheets. In Feb 2012 with the support from the local government and their relatives, they had a new stable house built for them. However it's quite hard for them to cover all of their living costs as Khanh's mother is unable to go to work and the grandparents are too old to work as farmers.

Khanh is in grade 7. With an old bicycle, he rides 3 km to school everyday. He doesn't have the chance to study after school like his other classmates. Khanh performs quite well in school however he just studies by himself without attending any extra tuition classes. Khanh said he will try to continue to study and wishes that he can become a doctor in the future to treat his mother and the disadvantaged people in his country.

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 knowledge required to pass examinations. This again puts children from poorer families at a disadvantage and increases financial pressure on the family.

Children just like Khanh are now waiting for your education sponsorship. Your help can prevent one more child from quitting school. Help us provide him with the best chance of a bright future.



These two children, Lan and Khanh are confront with the risk of leaving school due to their financial hardship circumstances

Let's us share with you another touched story in CHIA Education and Training Sponsorship program. Lan was born into a disadvantage family with seven members. Her father is a fisherman so he often is not home. Her mother raised five children with a low income from selling lottery tickets. Lan's mother job is not very stable and it is difficult for her to cover all of the living costs. Furthermore, three of the children are attending school. It takes a lot of money to cover school fees and extra class fees so Lan has to spend her free time helping her mother sell lottery tickets.

Although Lan's family lives in difficult circumstance, she achieved high results during the first semester of grade 7. It is very hard for her to get a good education because she doesn't attend any extra class to improve her knowledge but despite this, she did very well. Every day, Lan uses her old bike to go to school and sell lottery tickets as well.

Lan is interested in English and she does very well in that subject at school. She wishes to be a tour guide in the future. When talking to her about her study, she said that she would have a better chance of getting a good education if she had the resources to pay for extra classes. An education sponsorship will help Lan overcome these difficulties and allow her to pursue her dream.



Medical News

Phuc has to grow up without a father. His mother is mentally ill and was abused before she gave birth to him. Because his mother and his 78 year-old grandma can't take care of him; his auntie, uncles and neighbor have helped look after him since he was born. As they are struggling financially the family came to see CHIA and asked for support.

When we first met Phuc, he had a horrible rash. Although the family had gone to the hospital, the rash wouldn't get better. CHIA immediately helped him by bringing him to see the CHIA doctor and his rash started to go away after a few days.

Following this, we visited Phuc's house and to find out more information about his families condition. They live in a very small and basic house with nothing valuable inside. When we asked the mom what she had for breakfast, she said she had some biscuits because they were out of rice. We bought rice for them and basic items like socks, soap and diapers for Phuc. Because this family's circumstances are very difficult, CHIA had a meeting to find the best way to help them overcome their difficulties.

Looking at the sad eyes of the mother, CHIA felt sorry for Phuc and his family and promised that we would try our best to support them as much as we could.



Phuc in the arms of his wild eyes-mother



Little Han is waiting for encourage and help to overcome his disease.

Little Han is only five years old and suffers from leukemia. His families condition is very difficult. Last year, his grandmother died after two years of fighting breast cancer. After that long time of various treatments, the whole family seemed to be exhausted. They sold all their valuable things in the house hoping to save her life.

Once again, misfortune came back to this disadvantaged family when they discovered Han's leukemia. They didn't know what to do however, the family knew that they had to save Han. They brought him to the city hospital, which is a 100km away from their hometown, where he has been staying for 5 months now in order to get chemotherapy. Han and his family have been fighting with pain, fear and the burden of increasing medical bills every day.

CHIA visited him last week in the hospital. He looked so weak and sad. Han was very upset because he had no toys or cartoons to read while spending all of his time in the hospital room. We hope to get your support to help Han and his family to overcome their tragedy. They have a long way to come but with your support, they can ease the burden of medical expenses and focus on getting Han healthy!



Disability News



Phi has suffered from cerebral palsy since birth in 2001. His family is from Cham Island which is about 18 km from Hoi An land. Because of the distance, he does not have many opportunities to access CHIA's therapy services. Twice a year, CHIA's therapist visits the family to train the family to help Phi's movements. We have been helping him for over six years already. He has difficulties with hearing, memory, movement and speech and also has developed scoliosis.

Phi's parents are fishermen and laborers and he has two siblings who go to school which is a regular cost for the family. His family still lives in the same house with his grandparents because they do not have enough money to make their own house. He has been growing up and now his old wheelchair does not fit him any more. The family has asked CHIA to support a new one for him because their income is too low to afford it themselves. A wheelchair will help improve Phi's quality of life as it increases his mobility and as seen previously, lightened the load for his family.

Housing News

CHIA would like to share with all of its donors and supporters about the happiness of Trang and her family. They have had their old and unstable hut replaced thanks to the funds from the Australian Consulate General.

Trang is now in grade 2 and always the best student in her class. She has great parents who love her very much and want to provide a favourable condition so that she can attend school like other children. The scarcity and poor soil conditions prevent them from planting rice. Therefore it's quite hard for Trang's parents to work to improve the quality of their life when they had to pay for the maintenance of their house very frequently. Building a new secure concrete house seemed out of their hand, so this has been an amazing opportunity for Trang's family.

There are many disadvantaged children like Trang are waiting for your help to get out of their difficult conditions. Your support can help give them a chance for the future.



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Branch: Corrimal, NSW, Australia
Account name:

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BSB: 633000
Account number: 127543924
BPay biller code: 342949
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Since the beginning CHIA has

Health insurance for **362** children
114 Orthopedic diagnostics, **27** Orthopedic surgery
19 Hearing assessments
 Cancer treatment for **9** children
272 Cardiac assessments
 Heart surgery for **54** 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
463 Baseline medical assessments
 Helped **50** children access nutritional support
 Provided **587** tins of milk
 Community health education about " Infant Nutrition" for **865** mothers
 Managed a Residence of **30** children

Awarded **122** students for improvement
 Kept **137** children attending school
 Provided **32** bicycles for school students
 Sponsored kindergarten for **5** toddlers
 Helped **9** 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 **142** wheelchairs
 Delivered **3,392** physical therapy sessions
 Provided **51** 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 **630** children

From April to June CHIA has

Conducted **184** home visits
3 cardiac assessments
6 Baseline medical assessments
153 Therapy sessions
2 Orthopedic assessments
 Delivered **1** wheelchair
 Sponsored kindergarten for **5** children
 Maintained **108** children in Education sponsorship program
 Community health education about " Infant Nutrition" for **151** mothers
 Nutrition support for **7** children
 Built **3** houses for disadvantaged children in communities