



The Residence News



Xuan is practicing her computing skill

Xuan was born in Duy Thu which is one of the poorest rural areas in Duy Xuyen district, Quang Nam province. There are five people in her family: her parents and the three children. The family's income depended mainly on the work of Xuan's mother. Because of working too hard to support the five family members, Xuan's mother health declined quickly when Xuan was four years old.

The father had to borrow money from different sources to help his wife with her treatment. All of the valuable furniture of the family was gradually sold to get a small amount of money. Xuan's father was stressed and depressed when their situation reached an impasse. Eventually her father left his wife and the three children and moved away.



Xuan, in dark yellow, with her mates at The Residence

Some good-hearted neighbors and Xuan's grandmother tried to help her mother. However when Xuan was just twelve years old her mother breathed her last in her sickbed beside her children. This has resulted in Xuan's psychological crisis and depression.



Xuan's older brother had to quit school to find a job to earn money for his two siblings, but the income was not enough to feed the three people. Xuan's grandmother brought her three grandchildren to her house so that she can look after them although she was over eighty years old at the time. The difficult circumstances of Xuan made others compassionate, providing her with some food and some clothing and referring her to CHIA where she was accepted to live at the Residence under CHIA support when she was fifteen.

At The Residence, Xuan can enjoy the family-like environment that she dreams of everyday with the helpful staff and the other children. Now Xuan does not feel lonely anymore because she has a big family that always stands by, encourages and supports her.

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A Big Difference

Nguyen was born in a poor family. His father was accidentally electrocuted when Nguyen was 2 years old. All of the family's expenses are on the mother's shoulders. Nguyen's mother must try her best to earn money by working in the rice fields and collecting tree skins to sell. However her health is not good so her income is also low and unstable. Their living costs and Nguyen's school fees put the family under a lot of financial pressure.

Nguyen's mother must spend a lot of time working and this affects study because there isn't much supervision or support from adults. Fortunately, Nguyen's grandmother lives nearby so she can take care of him and do the household chores while his mother is working. Nguyen is in grade 9. He performs quite well in almost all subjects at school, especially Math where he puts in a lot of effort. Nguyen's health is not good so it affects his studies a lot. Also Nguyen must go to school on foot because of having no bicycle or he asks his friends for a lift day by day. Understanding how hard situation Nguyen is facing, CHIA and our donor provided with a new bicycle. It's a present to encourage Nguyen with his school work by shortening the time it takes for him to travel to school.



Nguyen with his new "SCHOOL MATE"



CAN YOU PLEASE HELP?



Happy Tuan with his parents

A little boy, Tuan is living in a poor family. His father is blind and has only one arm because of the Vietnam War. It seems hard for Tuan's father to get a job however luckily he now works for Hoi An Union of the blind people. His mother has partial sight in one eye and her health is quite weak so she stays at home to take care of her children especially Tuan's elder sister who has several disabilities. Tuan's elder brother finished his compulsory military course and now is a trainee for a tourist company in Hoi An.

At the moment Tuan is studying in grade 8 and has just finished the first term. In his school report, he performed well in almost all subjects except for English. Tuan said that he loves to learn Physics because it's quite exciting. He is attending 3 private extra classes: Maths, Physics and English to get better results in the next term of school. Hopefully he will try his best to learn and pursue his future dream.

We hope you applaud the hard work and efforts made by this family. To help Tuan we are seeking a sponsor for his education. The cost of his education is \$360 per year. Any amount donated will make a significant difference to Tuan's life.



CHJA Dental Project

Following the success of the last 2 dental clinics, CHIA is partnering again with East meets West Dental project to hold another clinic for students of Cam Thanh primary school in Hoi An. This time, the clinic was held over five days and increased number of professional dental expert in attendance.

The team examined nearly 500 students at the school. Among them, more than 400 children were given dental treatments including descaling, sealing, filling, fluoride and extraction. From the practice of working, we recognized that even there was a dental nurse at the school the dental care was not carried out at the best level because the school does not have sufficient budget for the professional clinic and dental equipment. All they can do is to advise the parents to take the child to the dentist and the rest of the treatment was depending on the parent's responsibilities and abilities. Following the clinic we could see a huge impact on the children and their families as the children were receiving much needed treatment.

In 5 days of working, CHIA and East meets West dental clinic brought more than **2,000 dental services 500 children!!**



Can you please help?



Duy and Tuan are brothers and they both suffer from Hemophilia which can cause uncontrolled internal bleeding. The family of the 2 boys is very miserable and poor. As Duy and Tuan's hemophilia is chronic, they have to visit the hospital very often. Last summer, Duy died from brain damage after falling from the stairs. The parents had brought Duy to the hospital but the damage was too severe. Duy's death was a big shock for his mother because he is a very lovely boy at home and at school.

Last week, another accident happened to Tuan, the younger brother. He felt a lot of pain in his head. His mother took him to the hospital and they found out that there was a crack in his skull. He was admitted to the hospital where he received treatment with Factor 8 the only medicine that can help him to survive. Prior to this event, Tuan already had stayed at the hospital for a month with bleeding of his ankle caused by a strain. Now, Tuan has to stay for a long time at the hospital to receive treatment for his skull. Every day, he needs at least 4 injections of Factor 8 and it needs to last for 2 weeks to make sure the bleeding inside the brain stop. His family depends on the farming work of the parents but now the mother has to stay with him at the hospital so the cost for the treatment is out of their ability.

We hope this news reaches you so the family can receive your kind support to overcome their difficulty. Every donation will be appreciated and assist in saving Tuan's life.



Last month, we welcomed Ms Sandie, an Australia physiotherapist and her students to work at CHIA office. Every year, she takes a group of her students to CHIA for volunteering and helping the children in our Disability project. During that time, we learnt a lot from each other. Ms Sandie and her students have spent most of their time and efforts to help our disabled children. Each student worked directly with all children in turn. They worked very hard and the children were very happy to practice and play with the students in particular Nhung and Giang who are carers of the Disability project were excited to work with them. They have experienced more skills and learnt lessons to take care for the children. Although they have been at CHIA for one month, the students worked effectively. There are many children getting better from the exercises. All the children and their parents were really excited and joyful. Time passes so quickly, we had to say goodbye them. We do believe that one day these students will come back to visit us. The most important thing is that Ms Sandie will continue working with CHIA and there will be many more lovely students volunteering with CHIA Disability project in the future. Once again, we would love to say thank you to Ms Sandie and her students for their great efforts. Our staff and children will miss them a lot.

Disability News



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
BPay biller code: 342949
Swift/IBAN code: BENDAU3B

Post a cheque / money order to:

Children's Hope In Action
PO Box 7360
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Since the beginning CHIA has

In the last three months, CHIA has

Provided Health insurance for **363** children

Supported 117

Orthopedic diagnostics,

30 Orthopedic surgery

19 Hearing assessments

Cancer treatment for **9** children

287 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

493 Baseline medical assessments

Helped **74** children access nutritional support

Provided **625** 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 **40** bicycles for school students

Sponsored kindergarten for **14** toddlers

Helped **19** teenagers access vocational training

Provided glasses for **11** children

Tet gifts and celebrations for **876** children

Built **22** new houses, repaired **3** houses, **3** water and sanitation system for one primary school and 2 families, **1** piggery and **8** piglets as livelihood support

Provided **155** wheelchairs

Delivered **4,102** physical therapy sessions

Provided **54** 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

Conducted **53** home visits

Medicine support for **5** children

7 Baseline assessment

204 Therapy sessions

Provided **2,000** dental services to **500** children

Sponsored kindergarten for **3** children

Maintained **71** children in Education sponsorship program

Tertiary sponsorship for **9** children

Helped **4** teenagers access vocational training

Nutrition support for **10** children

Built **2** new toilet blocks