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## Quarterly Newsletter



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### Check out our new video!



#### Hoi An Social Club Fundraising Event

The Hoi An Social Club organizes monthly meetings dedicated to local charities. We were very lucky to be chosen for the June event at the Almanity Resort and Spa. During the meeting, CHIA was introduced to the participants (mainly from the expat community) and we were able to raise funds through a silent auction and ticket sales. The event had a record turnout, with over 80 guests enjoying the entertainment and helping Children's Hope in Action. We are very grateful for the support and the generosity of the Hoi An Social Club.



#### Swimming Lessons for our POD Children

Recently, our donor Kamar Group kindly provided us with enough funds to pay for swimming lessons for all the children attending our POD programme. The children enjoy their time in the pool very much, and the teacher from Swim Vietnam designed activities that help children with disabilities improve through hydrotherapy. We have seen some tremendous improvements in the children that have attended swimming lessons in the past, which is why we are always seeking for funds to make it an ongoing project.



**Inside this newsletter edition are hyperlinks to our webpages. Please get involved and help CHIA any way you can.**

## Make a donation or sponsor a child

#### From Australia

(tax-deductible receipts are 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:

#### From the USA

In order for donations from US citizens to be tax-deductible we have partnered with Global Development Group USA. We can provide a tax-deductible receipt.

Please stipulate your donation to:  
**"Project J156 - CHIA's Quang Nam Project Vietnam".**

At: [www.globaldevelopmentusa.org](http://www.globaldevelopmentusa.org)

#### Post a cheque to:

Global Development Group USA  
Project J156 - Children's Hope in Action

#### From Anywhere in the World

You can [donate](#) or [sponsor a child](#) directly through our [CHIA website](#), or with our partnership with [Global Development Group \(GDG\)](#).

**Click on the hyperlinks in this newsletter to be redirected to our**





## Disabilities News

In this newsletter, I will continue with an update on the story of Duong. In a previous issue, I mentioned that she started attending 1st grade at a local school, after participating in the therapy sessions at CHIA. After the first semester, because Duong is not independent in walking and her education is limited, the school decided to reduce her attendance to just one learning session in the school, covering only two subjects: Math and English.

Her family decided to let her go back to CHIA to continue practicing for the rest of the day, so she would be more independent in walking.

After coming back to CHIA, we saw her make many changes. She is more confident than before; she has always been a hard-working child, so she practiced very passionately to improve herself. In the past, she was not able to walk alone, but now she can walk by herself, one step at a time, faster and faster. However, she still has difficulty in standing up. We hope that she will overcome this obstacle soon so that she can feel more confident in her walking. We always remind Duong and her family that they should continue to practice at home as much as possible, so her condition will improve.

I hope that one day she will stand up and walk on her feet to be able to open the door of her life.

*Written by Dinh Thi Thuy Phuong*



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*Making great strides each and every day!*



*CHIA is a happy place to be!*



30/05/2017 10:44



*Duong loves swimming lessons with the other CHIA children!*



## Education News

### Introducing Quy

As we followed the local collaborators, we reached a house located in the deep alley of the village. That's where we met Quy's extremely poor family. Quy is the second child in the family; he is five years old, while his older sister is in grade 6. Quy is a small child, very underweight and malnourished. His body shows signs of not receiving enough vitamins and minerals because he doesn't have enough to eat. Quy attends kindergarten, and he says he has friends and enjoys his time there – he loves singing songs and playing with his friends during breaks.

At the time we visited, only Quy and his father were at home; the mother was not home because she was receiving a radiation treatment at Da Nang Hospital, due to a terminal-stage brain tumor. Each treatment she receives extends her life by one month. No one else takes care of the children, so the father must leave his wife alone in the hospital during her treatments: he needs to stay home to take care of his children. Quy's father has a heart disease, but due to the difficult circumstances, the family cannot allocate any money for his treatment, and he cannot do heavy work. Because of the family's situation, the father has to go to the rice fields to find fish for the children to eat. The situation this family is coping with is very difficult and heart-breaking.

After the visit, we wrote a letter and asked our donors to help the family. There are currently two Australian sponsors who are helping Quy with his education and nutrition. We are very grateful for that.

I hope that there will be more benefactors willing to help improve Quy's situation, because his family is still facing many difficulties. Your support will help them overcome the difficulties in their life, and the children will have the opportunity to be educated and have a brighter future.

*Written by Dinh Thi Thuy Phuong*

### Education Sponsorship for 23 children in Duy Xuyen District

In early June, we cooperated with the Vietnamese government to organize an event to deliver education sponsorship to twenty-three children. In this sponsorship, we were able to provide full education to these children from kindergarden to secondary school and one at university. This amazing project is not yet completed, we have another 47 education sponsorships to deliver in other districts. We are so proud to know that we have helped these children to gain the education they deserve. These children have excelled in their subjects and are having great success. This would not have been possible without the support and sponsorship of our CHIA donors. Please continue to help any way you can.



Quy and his sponsor family



To Support the families and children of CHIA, please **donate**, **sponsor** and **fundraise** with us at



## Medical Update

### Introducing Hien

Hien was born on 12/04/2014 and is currently attending kindergarten. He lives with his father and grandfather in Hoi An village, Quang Nam Province, Vietnam. Hien's mother died in 2016 from a brain tumor, after receiving treatment for six months. The father had to pay a lot of money for the mother's treatment, which has left him with a large debt. The father works as a laborer for a builder and earns 5 million VND per month, but his income is unstable because when the weather is bad, he doesn't work. The grandfather is 82 years old and too frail to work, so the father also has to take care of the grandfather.

Hien's father says Hien loves going to kindergarten, but the cost is very high. He is a good child – well-behaved and enthusiastic about his studies – and is liked by his teachers. Hien has many friends and loves to play games – participates in all the activities at kindergarten. Hien's health is good, and his father tries to make sure he has enough to eat and has a healthy diet.

The family home is very basic and small. The government has recognised this family as poor and has granted them 'poor certification'. However, they do not support the family financially.

In Vietnam, the families are responsible for the total cost of sending their children to school. Therefore, if the father is unable to pay for Hien's education, he will remain at home until he is old enough to work in a low-paid job. With the support and care from a donor, having the school fees covered will relieve the father, and Hien will have an opportunity to flourish and progress with more security by attending school and fulfilling his dreams.

### Multi-vitamin for Pregnancy

We received donations from Vitamin Angels in the USA for 189 women. CHIA has delivered these vitamins to 134 women already, and we have a further 55 remaining to distribute. The need for these vitamins is so high that we are about to receive another 432 bottles of vitamins for 216 women. This is so that each woman can receive two bottles each. The benefit of these vitamins are focused on lactating during pregnancy. A poor family would never be able to afford the cost for these supplements. CHIA has been working with Vitamin Angels since 2016, and we look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts with them for the years to come.



### Sex Education Classes for Teenage Children

This year, we continued our sex education programme, extending this service into another district. After quite a long time negotiating with the government, we were able to gain authorization to run the programme. In April, CHIA attended 7 different schools in Thang Binh district to educate Year 9 students (15 year-old). We received support and cooperation from the government and the education and training department for this to happen. CHIA provided many children with new knowledge that they would have not gained in regular classes. They learnt about sexually transmitted diseases, abortion, and more. We hope that they are able to make better decisions to protect themselves and have a deeper understanding of these issues.



*Hien and his father*



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## *Life As a Volunteer*

Hello, We are Kerry & Brian on a 9 month trip through Asia with 3 months in Vietnam. We have had a long time dream to pack the house, down size, chuck the backpacks on and head off for an extended period of time to explore and immerse ourselves into different cultures. South East Asia is the destination with the view of volunteering throughout.

It was by chance we have been volunteering at CHIA after not wanting to leave Hoi An as we love it here. We always had plans of volunteering but up in Hanoi so after putting the question out there on FB Jeanne got back to us and here we are. We have spent the last 5 weeks volunteering every morning at CHIA and could not be happier with our experience. Engaging, playing, teaching the children brings a smile to our faces everyday. We have also had the opportunity to visit village homes & engage with families, visit schools, enjoyed handing out education sponsorship and taking the children to swimming lessons. The work and effort that goes into running a place like CHIA is endless, the staff work very hard for the best outcomes for all the children and families that engage with CHIA. We are going to find it very hard to leave but CHIA will always have a special place in our hearts. Thanks for making our hearts smile. x



### **CHIA Online Survey Results**

Thank you for all of you who participated in our online CHIA survey and questionnaire! We have taken on board all of the data we have collected from the survey. 89% would like knowledge of where my money goes after I donate it, 40% appreciate the social media updates and 60% would like personal updates about their individual sponsorship. 50% said that the best way to help CHIA is by donations, and 30% is by volunteering. We will work diligently to meet your needs and continue to improve CHIA for you and for our families and children you support!



## Since 2006 CHIA has accomplished:

### In education, housing & residential services:

Tet Vietnamese celebrations and gifts for **895** children

Built **22** new houses, repaired **3** houses, **7** water and sanitation system for **1** primary school and **6** families, **1** piggery and **8** piglets as livelihood support

Managed a Residence of **30** children

Awarded **177** students for improvement

Mid autumn festival for **1,957** children

Provided **98** bicycles for school students

Kept **145** children attending school

Sponsored kindergarten for **26** toddlers

**100** education packs for children at a kindergarten in the village

Hosted **103** Intrepid tours.

Helped **19** teenagers access vocational training

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

Provided handmade quilts and clothing for **40** children

**19** children attended the "Australasian Taste" event in Da Nang hosted by Australian Consular General

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

Provides sexual education for **1,980** teenagers

Cooperated with LifeStart foundation to provide formula for **40** infants

Provided furniture for **20** poor families such as bunk beds, metal storage cabinets, tables, chairs...  
Provided multivitamins for **189** pregnant and breastfeeding women

### In health and disability services:

**18** Aqua therapy sessions

Provided Health insurance for **363** children

Supported **117** Orthopedic diagnostics, **30** Orthopedic surgery

Provided glasses for **11** children

Delivered **9,428** physical therapy sessions

Provided **68** various disability equipment

**8** group of **52** therapy specialists providing **265** therapy sessions for **12** children with disabilities

**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 assessments

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

**20** Colo-rectal surgery

**1064** Flu, **97** Hepatitis B, **49** Rubella, **24** chicken-pox vaccinations and **53** Hepatitis B tests for children

**1,698** Baseline medical treatment and assessments

**1,106** Medicine support

Nutritional access and support for **124** children

Provided **688** tins of milk powder & **2,304** boxes of fresh milk

Completed community health education about " Infant Nutrition" for **1,185** mothers

Provided ventolin for **2** children

Provided **198** wheelchairs

## Since March 2017 CHIA has accomplished:

Conducted **125** home visits

Medicine support for **2** children

**30** Baseline assessment & treatment

**625** Therapy sessions

**02** special chairs for the kids of POD & **7** various disability equipment

Maintained **74** children in Education

Tertiary sponsorship for **3** children

Sponsor kindergarten for **10** toddlers

Nutrition support for **18** children

**4** group of **32** therapy specialists providing **125** therapy sessions for **12** children with disabilities

Provided clothes for **20** children

Provide multivitamin for **55** pregnant and breastfeeding women

Provides sexual education for **1,400** teenagers

Provided **1** bicycles for 1 child

Provided **13** wheelchairs for people with disabilities

Hosted **25** Intrepid tours

**11** Aqua therapy sessions (swimming lessons)