

Quarterly Newsletter

Jeans donation for girls

During the last few years, we were so lucky to have received lots of gifts and kind donations from several Companies and Corporations to distribute to our communities.

In the last quarter of the year 2019, we received a huge donation of ladies denim jeans. We were so happy to receive over 3,000 pairs of new jeans that were in suitable sizes for our recipients. These jeans were distributed to the female students of secondary colleges and high schools in the mountainous regions of Quang Nam province.

All the students were so very happy to receive their new jeans. The donation of the jeans was very timely as at this time of year the weather was becoming colder in the mountain districts.



We would like to offer our sincere thanks to Ever Spirit Company who generously donated the jeans.

We are also very grateful for the support from Karma Group, who kindly supported us with part of the transportation fee, enabling the importation of these goods from Hong Kong.

We wish all participating organisations the very best and look forward to enjoying similar, joint ventures and rewarding experiences with you all in the near future.

Much love,
from the CHIA team

Christmas

Our CHIA kids had a wonderful time celebrating an early Christmas organised by the Karma Group.

This time, the event was a bit different from the previous 3 years, our CHIA children joined with 100 students from 'English free classes' that the Karma Group also supports.

The kids had a great time and especially loved watching the magician and other shows presented by the students of the English classes.

At the end of the event, each of the children received a gift and a goodie bag that made them all very excited and really happy. We are again extremely grateful to the Karma Group for their generous and ongoing support of CHIA during the past 4 years and we look forward to our strong and long lasting relationship in the years to come Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2020 - the year of the Rat





CHIA gratefully acknowledges the generous support of Karma Group



Bike and Wheelchairs

In recent years, CHIA has been fortunate to receive kind donations from Spring Valley Rotary School To End Poverty (S.T.E.P). The donations included wheelchairs for children with disabilities and bicycles for able bodied students to go to school.

Early in November 2019, we were so delighted to welcome S.T.E.P back to visit us and we held an event for the delivery of wheelchairs for 11 children with disabilities and 30 bicycles for students from very poor families in Phu Ninh district. As you may know, Phu Ninh is one of the poorer districts of Quang Nam province and they have many needy children.

During the presentations, all the children and their parents were so very happy, to have the new bikes to go to school and new wheelchairs for their daily use. CHIA is so pleased that we could give such a contribution to make these children's lives easier and happier. As always, we are so thankful for the ongoing support and kind donations by Spring Valley Rotary School To End Poverty (S.T.E.P).

Fundraiser

We had a great and a most memorable fundraising event in October 2019 at the Expat Appreciation Party.

So many people turned out to support us by participating in raffles and a silent auction, both with fabulous prizes for the lucky winners.

We are thrilled to have raised 14.7 million VND in total.

We would like to express our huge appreciation and eternal gratitude to the Shore Club and the Deck House from An Bang Beach for hosting CHIA as the charity for this event. We are also really thankful to The Hoi An Social Club team and CHIA volunteers for helping us with all your hard work in achieving the great success at this event.

We are more than grateful to all the donors who generously donated their gift vouchers and products for our raffle and silent auction prizes.

With love from all of the CHIA team





Disability Program

Bo is a 4-month-old girl, who came to us with fibroid lumps (neck - right hand-side). Bo's mother said they had taken Bo to Da Nang General Hospital for examination.

The doctor said they could operate on the tumor to remedy the problem. Another doctor said that the best treatment would be to conduct physiotherapy and that the fibroids will disappear.

The doctor then began physiotherapy at the Da Nang Hospital. But, because their home is a long way from the hospital, travel was difficult and they were worried they could not attend as regularly as needed. Then, fortunately, they knew about CHIA through an acquaintance, who in the past, also have a child with neck problems similar to that of Bo. They had also participated in physical therapy at CHIA. Their child was cured, so they recommended Bo's family to CHIA.



CHIA advised the family that they should not be too worried and they should focus on practicing regular physiotherapy according to the doctor's instructions and Bo's condition will improve. After hearing our advice, they decided to bring Bo to CHIA to practice physiotherapy.

Because Bo was so young, it was very difficult for her to adjust to the treatment. During which, she cried a lot, and this upset her Mother to the point where she cried too. The therapist explained to Bo's Mother that, if the intervention is not carried out early, Bo's condition will worsen. Mother then accepted this advice and gradually accepted the situation and agreed to continuing the treatment.

Today we are happy that Bo's motor functions are line with the developmental milestones of a normal child. She is also very pretty and agile. It was just so unfortunate to have contracted the fibroids in her neck at such an early age.

We also offered encouragement to Bo's parents and, since Bo came to CHIA, they have felt more at ease and now have an optimistic view for the future.

Once again, we always wish all the best will come to you - Bo

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:

Children's Hope In Action
PO Box 7360
East Brisbane, QLD 4169
Australia

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

Post a cheque to:

Global Development Group USA
Project J156 - Children's Hope in Action
120 Hiwassee Circle
Reliance, TN 37369, U.S.A.

From All over the World

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Education News

Bao and An and story of their family



Binh Minh a commune, in the coastal area of Quang Nam province, has many families from poor households. In the commune there is the very special case of Ms. Lan's family.

Her husband died due to an electric accident whilst working. His sudden death caused great pain for his loved ones, friends, and especially his small family. The two children are very young, the son is 7 years old, Bao and the girl is An, 3 years old.

The main income for Ms Lan is based on sewing products that others provide with very little money in return. Because of the difficult circumstances, there is no money to cover the life need and study for the two school aged children, so they stay at home with their mother. The quality of meals and living conditions for the family, are generally inadequate and they often become sick. All these difficulties to pile up onto the shoulders of Ms Lan who is a young Mother.

After receiving this case through a collaborator of the commune, CHIA organisation made home visits, surveys, and collected information. Through CHIA's social networking sites, there were benefactors who became interested and able to help Bao's case.

Thanks to this help, Bao was able to continue to school like his peers. What worried us was An, because we were only able to intervene to help Bao. We visited Bao many times to pay for his studying, we saw in An's eyes the sadness, her eyes told us everything. Ms Lan was worried about the fate of her daughter An, because the children of the same age were all able to go to school but due to the difficult circumstances, An had to stay home.

Once again, we at CHIA could not stand still, Doing everything we could to help An. Our efforts paid off when we found a benefactor willing and able to help. An has since been able to attend school and is a lot happier and healthier as a result of this. Ms Lan is very happy and relieved.

Unfortunately, that joy was short lived, as Bao's sponsor could not continue his help, due to special circumstances. This is why we tell this story today, to let people know of Ms Lan's sad, unfortunate and difficult position. Ms Lan would like to say she is very grateful for all the help so far from CHIA and benefactors.

We hope that after reading this article, sponsors will expand their golden hearts to help Bao have a chance to go to school and so this family can look forward to a happy future.



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

www.ChildrensHopeInAction.org



Teaching project



The Special Education Program for children at CHIA has been in operation for 2 years now.

Initially, the program encountered many challenges, the main one was how to apply the knowledge to these children as they are all challenged with disabilities (some with intellectual disabilities, some with physical disabilities).

Teaching normal children is difficult enough, so it is obviously more difficult to teach children with disabilities. Fortunately our teacher Chi is very enthusiastic in her teaching and passing on her knowledge. So now with Chi's teaching the children are learning more and increasing their knowledge, and are very enthusiastic to keep learning.

The children are making noticeable daily progress so both the teachers and students are very happy about that.

One issue was that some of the children were unable to talk when they first came to CHIA Special Education Program but, since joining these undertaking classes, they have been able to speak more and more words. So much so, that other can now understand what they are saying, which is a great outcome.

Also, some of the children could not read or write when they joined CHIA Special Education classes. Since joining, these children are now able to use a pen and so write some letters, color in pictures and even do simple calculations.

Since joining the CHIA Special Education Program, all the children have made great progress and all involved, including the children, their parents, teachers and Staff at CHIA are very happy and grateful.

We hope more sponsors will be interested in funding CHIA making it possible to continue this very Special Education Program giving children with special needs the opportunity to access the knowledge and skills to help them have a better life and a brighter view of the future.



Medical Update

Nutrition support will make a big difference to Vu's health

CHIA's Nutrition Program has supported the disadvantaged children in Quang Nam province,

A recent and very good example is Vu's case in Duy Thanh commune. Vu is 3 years old and is attending kindergarten near her home.

When we visited Vu, the family situation was very difficult. They were in accommodation which was a tiny house without a security door of any kind and so the family were unprotected. Vu had two older brothers, sadly one has died due to a serious illness. Vu's Father suffered a labor accident which resulted in him losing the ability to do heavy work and so he finds it hard to get a job.

Vu's mother became the main financial provider for the family. This involves her catching and selling copper crabs and shrimps. This is a very low income job and not enough to cover their everyday life.



After receiving a special case about Vu, CHIA decided to support her with nutrition. Since receiving this help, Vu seems to be happier and healthier than ever before and has gained weight. This help has partly reduced the financial difficulties faced by the family. They are very happy for this support and Vu's increased health.

Further good news, through the CHIA organisation, we found a sponsor who was able to support the partial repair of Vu's family's house. It is understood that the family will be able to borrow more money to cover the rebuilding of the house.

Hopefully, with more benefactors and sponsors, CHIA will be able to carry on caring and supporting unfortunate cases similar to Vu's.

We aim to help so the children can be able to develop, both physically and mentally, enabling them to have better futures. Also so we can help families reduce their worries regarding money.

We hope that after reading this article, sponsors will expand their golden hearts to help.

Health Insurance

CHIA was thrilled to provide Health Insurance to 15 students from some very poor families.

Proudly, this is the 3rd year CHIA has been able to offer these awards of Health Insurance to this community.

We hope the students will continue happy, healthy and continue to do well at school.



Housing, Water & Sanitation

Following up with our August newsletters, about building a new house for one of our sponsored family. We are now so thrilled to share with you all a great news, in our first working day of the new year 2020. This family is now having their own new house to live after many year living in a very simple hut. Our huge thanks to of Sandra and Gary Kuppe for their generous donation to help this family so that they can have their most happy Tet ever.



House before



New house is on progress
(Photo with our sponsors Sandra and Gary)



Completed New & Beautiful House

New bathroom for the New Year

CHIA has another project we are very proud to be a part of and that is to provide a new bathroom for a very poor Hoi An family. The family is made up of the two Grandparents, Father and son. The old bathroom was grossly inadequate, with no privacy and an unhealthy environment, impossible to keep clean.

The new bathroom was started from scratch using concrete, bricks and tiles in the wet areas and constructed by locally employed laborers. It is now completed and in use.

What a great way to enter the New Year and CHIA wish the family a happy and healthy Year of the Rat and good fortune for their future.



Other activities

New playground equipment

November 2019 was a busy and successful time for us at CHIA. We were very happy to have the support from Hoi An Events volunteers who provided new playground equipment for children in our local community. They also provided paint to brighten up the front of our community house.

Starting early in the morning, our volunteer team worked hard to unpack the playground equipment and put the items into place to be installed later.

We also scraped the mould and flaking old paint from the walls of the community house so that, in the afternoon, a large group of around 20 volunteers could start their painting project. The team of Hoi An Events painted traditional games on the ground of the forecourt in the community area.



In the afternoon, the weather was very hot but the group continued to work very hard. They divided their large group into 4 smaller groups in order to complete all the tasks.

One group installed the playground equipment, another group painted the front wall of the community house and the other two groups completed the task of drawing and painting the traditional games.

Later in the day, all the work was done and the community house has a new, vibrant and bright appearance and the colorful traditional games look great.

The beautiful new playground equipment is now available for the kids to use. We are sure that local people and their children will be very pleased and thankful for the generous donation of time and equipment from this group of volunteers, Hoi An Events and CHIA for supporting their local community





Since 2006 CHIA has accomplished

Education, housing– water, sanitation & residential services

Tet Vietnamese celebrations and gifts for **1,095** children

Built **25** new houses, repaired **4** houses, **9** water and sanitation system for **1** primary school and **7** families, **1** piggery and **8** piglets as livelihood support, Built **3** chicken coop for **3** family, **1** kitchen for **1** family

fixed and painted the old fence and an old broken playground for **5** school

Managed a Residence of **30** children

Awarded **177** students for improvement and partly support for **50** gifted students visit Hanoi

Mid autumn festival and Tet gifts for **2,147** children

Provided **134** bicycles for school students

Kept **145** children attending school

Sponsored kindergarten for **26** toddlers

200 education packs for children at a kindergarten and school supplies for **80** students in the villages

Hosted **134** Intrepid tours.

Helped **23** teenagers access vocational training

150 Cpl's training sessions (CHIA Practical and Life Skills)

Provided handmade quilts and clothing for **70** children

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

Organized a day trip for **87** children on Person with disability.

Provides sexual education for **6,780** teenagers

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

Provided furniture for **21** poor families such as bunk beds, metal storage cabinets, tables, chairs...

Health and disability services

46 Aqua therapy sessions/swimming lessons

Provided Health insurance for **408** children

Supported **117**

Orthopedic diagnostics, **30** Orthopedic surgery

Provided glasses for **11** children

Delivered **12,939** physical therapy sessions

Provided **85** various disability equipment

41 group of **236** therapy specialists providing **952** 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

1,769 Baseline medical treatment and assessments

1,106 Medicine support

Nutritional access and support for **127** children

Provided **674** tins of milk powder & **2,304** boxes of fresh milk and over **3,000** boxes of milk tea

Completed community health education about " Infant Nutrition" for **1,953** mothers

Provided ventolin for **2** children

Provided **223** wheelchairs

Provided **5** new computers

Provide shoes for over **3,084** children and adults, **6,680** sweaters for teenage girls and women and **3,500** pairs of jeans for girls student s in mountainous areas

CHIA accomplishments since August 2019

Conducted **57** home visits

Medicine support for **2** children

8 Baseline assessment & treatment

548 Therapy sessions

Provided **12** wheelchairs and **3** various disability equipment

Provided 3 baby stroller for **3** children

Maintained **57** children in Education

Nutrition support for **23** children

6 group of **35** therapy specialists providing **65** therapy sessions for **10** children with disabilities

built **1** house for one family
built one new bathroom for **1** family;
build **1** kitchen for **1** family;
painted **1** community house and install **1** set of new playground equipment for **1** community

Kept teaching numeracy and literacy for **6** children with disabilities at CHIA

Mid Autumn Festival for **20** students
Christmas party for **20** students and their parents

Provided **39** bicycles for **39** children

Provided over **3,500** pairs of jeans for girls students in mountainous areas

Provide furniture and other kitchen items for **1** family

Life skills training for a family of 6 people

Provide health insurance for **15** students