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FOREWORD



50. It's the number we would like to highlight this year for it is the number of students who graduated from universities thanks to the program that we have set up for twelve years. And we are proud to say that we did not do this alone. Your continued support has forever changed the lives of more than 50 impoverished students and orphans through higher education. With the much-needed financial aid that we provided, they have become thriving and successful engineers, doctors, professors, and business managers. Many now have families of their own and, in turn, start paying it forward by helping other impoverished students from central Vietnam to the best of their abilities.

Their success brings us great joy and reinforces our initial belief. Twelve years ago, when we concluded our first mission, we saw that education could be the only sustainable form of aid, at least for this region. The examples of children succeeding and achieving social mobility through academic merit would act as the driving force to help change the fates of poor children in rural areas, whose only choice was to work in the field for next to nothing. However, without financial support, we knew that these families could not afford to send their children to university, especially when they still had to earn a living, one day at a time. That was why we founded this program with the belief that our first graduates would help sustain it by assisting younger children in the poor villages where they grew up. The seed we sowed has come to fruition. We trust that this first group of students will continue this good tradition and keep the program alive.

We have no doubt that 50 will soon become 100. This new year, we welcome ten new students to our

scholarship program and bring the number of students being sponsored by our association to almost 50. And not too far into the future, we will celebrate the milestone of having 100 students graduating from our program. Needless to say, we could not have done this without the invaluable support from our donors and supporters. We would like to thank Bowery and PwC Vietnam for their generosity this year. We would also like to thank the Avenir Association, one of the oldest and most reputed charitable associations in Vietnam, for the support, help, and valuable advice it has given us for years. We are honored to receive your trust and we promise to continue doing the best we can this year and many years to come to change as many lives of Vietnam's most disadvantaged youth as possible.

Sincerely,
DSC executive board

EDITO



Cinquante, voilà le chiffre que nous voudrions que chacun ait à l'esprit, cette année. Car cinquante, c'est le nombre d'étudiants universitaires diplômés, passés par notre programme, que vous avons mis en place depuis maintenant douze ans. Voilà une immense fierté : grâce à votre soutien continue, tout au long de ses années, ce sont plus de cinquante étudiants et enfants très pauvres, orphelins, qui ont ainsi réussi à boucler leurs études supérieures. Grâce au soutien financier que nous leur avons apporté, ceux-là aujourd'hui sont ingénieurs, docteurs, professeurs, business managers, épanouis et réussis. Plusieurs ont fondé famille, et désormais à leur tour viennent en aide, à hauteur de leurs moyens, à d'autres étudiants pauvres du centre du Vietnam.

Leur succès nous ravit, et nous confirme dans notre constat initial. Notre vision fut, il y a douze ans, à l'issue de notre première mission, que l'aide la plus pérenne serait dans le domaine de l'éducation. Nous imaginions que permettre à des contrées pauvres de voir l'exemple de gamins réussis, en ascension sociale grâce au mérite scolaire, voilà qui permettrait d'agir en locomotive pour des régions rurales, pauvres, où le seul destin fut longtemps de travailler la terre, pour hélas un salaire de subsistance. Nous devinions que sans soutien financier, pour ces familles pauvres aller à l'université, plutôt que travailler, voilà une alternative difficile pour des foyers trop pauvres pour se priver d'un salaire et payer des frais de scolarité. Nous imaginions que les premiers diplômés, passés par notre programme, en retour permettraient de continuer à pérenniser le programme en venant à leur tour en aide à des petits

frères et petites sœurs dans les villages pauvres où ils avaient eux-mêmes grandi. Nous en voyons, avec émotion, aujourd'hui les premiers résultats, nous espérons que demain eux prendront encore plus notre relais pour faire vivre le programme.

Ces cinquante deviendront rapidement cent. Cette nouvelle année, nous accueillons plus de dix nouveaux étudiants dans notre programme de bourses, pour un total de près de cinquante étudiants sponsorisés par notre association. Nous fêterons dans quelques années le centième étudiant diplômé du programme. Pour continuer à opérer, nous avons besoin de l'aide et du support de tous. Pour tous nos donateurs et soutiens, merci pour votre aide précieuse cette année, merci en particulier à Bowery et à PwC Vietnam, vos dons sont une marque de confiance qui nous engage et nous honore. Merci également à l'association Avenir, l'une des plus anciennes et réputées associations caritatives pour le Vietnam, pour son soutien, son aide, et les précieux conseils qu'elle nous donne depuis des années. Nous promettons de faire le nécessaire, cette année encore, pour nous montrer digne de cette confiance, et pour continuer dans notre mission auprès des plus jeunes démunis du Vietnam.

L'équipe éditoriale Duc Son Child

LỜI NÓI ĐẦU



50. Đây là con số chúng tôi muốn nhấn mạnh trong báo cáo hoạt động năm nay. Sau 12 năm thành lập, đã có 50 sinh viên chính thức tốt nghiệp đại học thông qua chương trình học bổng mà Quý nhà hảo tâm đã cùng đồng hành và hỗ trợ. Với sự hỗ trợ tài chính thiết thực này, chúng ta đã góp phần thay đổi cuộc sống của 50 em sinh viên nghèo hiếu học, và hôm nay, họ đã trở thành những kỹ sư, bác sĩ, giáo sư, hay nhà kinh tế lỗi lạc. Không chỉ ngừng ở đó, các em sinh viên này đang tiên phong nhân rộng giá trị tốt đẹp của chương trình bằng cách đáp đền tiếp nối, tiếp tục giúp đỡ các em học sinh sinh viên nghèo hiếu học khác đến từ miền Trung.

Sự thành công của các em không chỉ mang lại niềm vui, mà còn giúp củng cố thêm mục tiêu và tầm nhìn ban đầu của chúng tôi. Khi chúng tôi kết thúc nhiệm vụ đầu tiên 12 năm về trước, chúng tôi nhận thấy chỉ có giáo dục mới mang lại những thay đổi bền vững, ít nhất đối với một tình nghèo như Thừa Thiên Huế. Chính những tấm gương thành công, đạt được những cải thiện điều kiện sống nhờ vào thành quả giáo dục sẽ giúp truyền cảm hứng, giúp các trẻ em nghèo khác ở vùng nông thôn có thêm động lực thay đổi số phận của mình, để hiểu rằng sự lựa chọn cuộc sống của các em không chỉ gói gọn ở những công việc đồng áng với mức lương không đủ để ăn. Thế nhưng, chúng tôi hiểu rằng nếu không có sự hỗ trợ về tài chính, các em và gia đình sẽ không đủ khả năng để tiếp tục con đường học vấn khi họ vẫn phải giằng xé kiếm ăn từng bữa. Và đó chính là kim chỉ nam khi chúng tôi thành lập chương trình này, với niềm tin rằng các em tốt nghiệp đại học qua trợ giúp của chương trình sẽ đáp đền tiếp nối, tiếp tục giúp đỡ các trẻ em nghèo khác được tiếp cận cơ hội học tập. Và hạt giống chúng tôi gieo năm nào nay đã gặt

hái được quả ngọt khi nhóm sinh viên đầu tiên này tiếp tục truyền thống tốt đẹp, giúp chương trình phát triển một cách bền vững.

Chúng tôi tin rằng con số này không dừng ở 50; nó sẽ sớm nhân rộng thành 100. Trong năm học sắp tới này, chúng tôi chào đón thêm 10 em sinh viên vào đại gia đình, nâng tổng số sinh viên hiện đang nhận được hỗ trợ tài chính từ hiệp hội lên gần 50 em. Chỉ trong tương lai gần, 50 em này cũng sẽ tốt nghiệp, nâng tổng số sinh viên tốt nghiệp từ chương trình lên cột mốc 100 sinh viên. Và chúng tôi không thể đạt được cột mốc này nếu thiếu đi lòng tin và sự hỗ trợ quý báu từ Quý nhà hảo tâm, những người đã sát cánh cùng Đức Sơn Child trong suốt những năm tháng qua. Chúng tôi chân thành cảm ơn các doanh nghiệp Bowery và PwC Việt Nam đã đặc biệt hỗ trợ chương trình trong năm vừa qua. Chúng tôi cũng chân thành cảm ơn Hiệp hội Avenir, một trong những tổ chức từ thiện lâu đời và uy tín nhất tại Việt Nam, vì sự hỗ trợ, giúp đỡ và những lời khuyên quý báu trong nhiều năm qua. Chúng tôi rất vinh dự được nhận sự tin tưởng của Quý nhà hảo tâm và chúng tôi xin hứa sẽ tiếp tục mang lại nhiều thay đổi hơn nữa cho các trẻ em nghèo, bất hạnh tại Việt Nam hôm nay và trong tương lai.

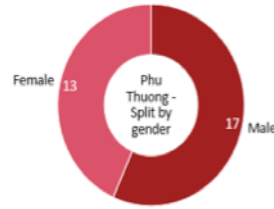
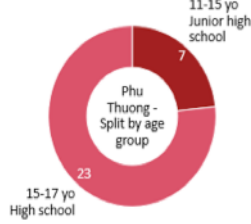
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Life in Duc Son, Phu Thuong and Uu Dam

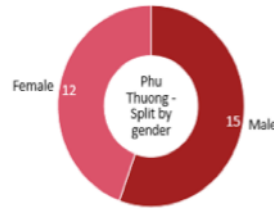
2023 seems to be a positive year for Hue. The airport, brand new, modern, is a flagship of the city modernization. Tourism has been slowly recovering, and we are happy to see Hue again lively and dynamic. Last May, the city hosted its annual festival, which has been a big success with several groups of dancers and musicians coming from all over the world. For all our centers and orphanages, this is a positive sign, as they rely on local and international donors. The central region enters a period of economic recovery after a few years of COVID and lockdown. This means better job prospects for our students graduating from university, as well as better standards of living for a poor province that still relies heavily on tourism and foreign investment.

Still, Duc Son, Phu Thuong and Uu Dam all need substantial financial support and aid to function daily. Our three centers fulfill an essential social and humanitarian function in the poor city of Hue and its vicinity and will more than ever need financing to continue to do so.

2022-23



2023-24 - projected



Our actions, this year (FY2022-23)

At our center: in Phu Thuong

As for the previous years, our activities with Phu Thuong center have been one of the key highlights of this year. Phu Thuong center, which is home to 30 kids, from 12 to 18 years old, from very poor background and / or orphans in the region of Thua Thien Hue. Phu Thuong center is fully managed by our association since 2019. It is one of the few independent and non-religious center for poor kids and orphanage in Hue.

This year again, we are extremely proud of the results of our kids in

Phu Thuong. From its creation, in 2007, Phu Thuong philosophy has been to offer a chance for deserving kids from very poor areas and / or very difficult family background a chance to get a university diploma. A number of kids at Phu Thuong center are orphans, living mainly thanks to the support they receive at the center. From the inception, most kids have been hard working, earning excellent grades and with a stunning 100% success rate at the highly selective university exams.

This year, all of our 30 kids at the center earned academic awards from their school. 11 of

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them got the highest award (labelled “giỏi”, i.e. “great results” or “excellent”, award normally granted to top 3-4 students of a class), and the rest of them (19) got the second highest award (labelled “khá”, i.e. “satisfactory”). 8 of these students have graduated from high school this year, and again all of them have successfully pass the exams to the university. As they graduate from high school, these 8 students will leave Phu Thuong center (to join our university scholarship program). We will replace them with new high school / junior high school students. Our staffs from Phu Thuong have finalized the field work to recruit new potential students last August and we are happy to host 5 new kids in our Phu Thuong center.

This year, one of our high school graduates has been admitted with full financial aid to the prestigious Fulbright University, in Saigon. She will withdraw from the university scholarship program as the financial aid provided by Fulbright



7 of our 8 kids from Senior high school, who will enter university in September (from left to right: My Phuong, Ngoc Lien, Dat, Them, Dieu My, Nguyen, Khanh, Nhat Duy)

Full name	University	Total scholarship- euros / year commitment from DSC
<u>Nguyễn Nhật Duy</u>	<u>Đại học Sư Phạm kỹ thuật DN</u>	700
<u>Phan Văn Đạt</u>	<u>Đại học bách khoa ĐN</u>	700
<u>Nguyễn Ngọc Liên</u>	<u>Đại học kinh tế Huế</u>	800
<u>Hà Thị Mỹ Phương</u>	<u>Đại học ngoại ngữ Huế</u>	700
<u>Nguyễn Thị Thêm</u>	<u>Đại học ngoại ngữ Huế</u>	800
<u>Võ Thị Diệu My</u>	<u>Đại học Y dược Huế</u>	700
<u>Trần Văn Khánh</u>	<u>Đại học khoa học Huế</u>	700

August 2023 – visit at Phu Thuong center along with our partner, association Avenir from France (1/2)

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August 2023 – visit at Phu Thuong center along with our partner, association Avenir from France (1/2)

August 2023 – visit at Phu Thuong center along with our partner, association Avenir from France (2/2)



This year, we have upgraded and changed few equipments. This was much needed for the facility. In total, we have invested over 1000 euros this year in various upgrade works. We hope to be able to continue this, to help improve the living conditions of our kids at the center. We would like to thank our donors for their support in these much-needed repair works.



New water purifier, installed in May 2023 – thank you donors!

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Our actions, this year (FY2022-23)

At our center: in Uu Dam

The pagoda is still being very well managed by sư cô Phước Thiện and her team. They are doing a tremendous work caring for the 32 kids living at the orphanage (30 kids are living fully in Ưu Đàm, two university students are living outside but still are taken care of by Ưu Đàm). The number of students at university joining our scholarship program and sponsored by our association has been growing. We are very happy to see one more student able to pass the exams for higher education this year. We welcome her to our scholarship program.

This year we are happy to see one kid from the program officially starting her new job, in Japan in tourism. Kim Ngan has been sponsored by our association, under the scholarship program. She graduated in 2022, then went to study Japanese for one year to prepare for her new job there. We learnt she will join her boyfriend, who was another member (among the first ones) of our scholarship program with Ưu Đàm. We expect to have one new university graduate in 2024. They would join our first 3 students from Ưu Đàm, graduating from university last year (for a total of 6 students graduating from university with our financial

support and since the beginning of our partnerships).

We unfortunately learnt that this year, cô Phước Thiện, the person in charge of Ưu Đàm, has to cease the operation of her restaurant. She opened a restaurant a few years ago, providing cheap and affordable meals for poor students and low wage workers. She confessed that as she is getting old, she would prefer to focus her energy with Ưu Đàm and the kids here. We would like to express our gratitude for her continuous service to the local community throughout these years.



Kim Ngan, who graduated last year from Hue tourism college and will start soon her new job in Japan



Donations from donors in Vietnam and France (toys, clothes) to Ưu Đàm kids

At our center: Duc Son pagoda and orphanage

Duc Son pagoda remains the largest orphanage in central Vietnam. This year, 108 orphans and kids live in the center, taken in charge by the 10 nuns of the pagoda. We are very happy to see several new graduates, from university and from high school this year.

With Duc Son pagoda, this year we have continued this year to focus our actions on the ad-hoc support and funding, to help the pagoda in their daily management. Our operation this year include the following:

Financial aid, from our individual donors in France (thank you to our donors this year for your precious support)

Delivery of first support, clothes, toys (big thanks to our Vietnamese sponsors giving us all these)

The center has hosted one new newborn, abandoned one month ago at the door of the pagoda.



Cù Bảo Đức, the youngest kid at Duc Son Pagoda, 1 month old



Cù Bảo Khanh, 18 months old



Kiều thiện bảo trân, 2.5 yo and Kiều Thiện Bảo Anh, 1.5 y.o

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In addition, this year, we are happy to hear that one new student has successfully enter tertiary education. She will join our program starting this September (and receive our financial support).

Welcome to:

- Kiều Thiện Bảo Lộc, she will enter the university for nursing and rehab study this year

Congratulations to:

- Võ Thị Thái Nguyệt, graduating from the college for nursing and rehab study

- Nguyễn Thị Mỹ Linh, graduating from the college for nursing and rehab study

- Nguyệt et Linh seront en formation cette année, et nous espérons qu'elles trouveront un emploi à la suite de cette formation, en juin 2024

At our center: Duc Son pagoda and orphanage

Our university scholarship program remains our key and flagship initiative. Since the implementation of the program, 10 years ago, we have been providing full financial aid (between 200 to 1500 euro per annum, per student depending on their school and their situation) for our students under our program. For every student from each of the 3 centers we have been working with,



Visit in august 2023 at Duc Son pagoda

we guarantee that any and every student graduating from high school and entering university will be eligible to our scholarship program.

This year, our program provided financial support to 40 students, disbursing close to 25,000 euros. This year, we are extremely proud to announce that 10 students will graduate. In total, our program will have, by the end of July, have a network of 50 alumni. Building a strong alumni network, to continue to build solidarity after our students graduate, is one of our ambitious objective in the short term. Our initial project was to create a solidarity community network, where successful graduates would give back to their community and hometown once they were successfully set. This ambition remains, and as our number of alumni grows this is our next big milestone.

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Financing and budget

We have disbursed, in total, 53,000 euros to support our three centers and to finance our scholarship program. The decrease vis-à-vis previous year is mainly due to the reduced number of students in our university scholarship program and to the reduced number of kids in our center in Phu Thuong.

We would like to thank again all our donors and sponsors, without whom none of the activities above would be possible. We would like to warmly thank Bowery Europe, and PwC Vietnam, our top corporate sponsors for next year.

For this upcoming year, we are again calling for donors and sponsors. We plan to strengthen our corporate partnerships, which will be necessary to sustain our activities. Our operations will continue to require substantial funding, and we do hope we will be able to count on your continuous and invaluable support this year. This year more than ever, we need your support. We would be very keen to enroll more students, but we would need more donors to do so.

Name	University	With DSC since...	Graduating in	Future job after graduation
Cái Pháp	Dai Hoc Cong Nghe Saigon / University of technology of Saigon	Sept-19	Sept-23	Currently finishing his internship, hopes to be hired after that
Nguyen Thi Thu Dung	Dai Hoc Duy Tan/ngành Điều Dưỡng / Duy Tan university, speciality rehab	Sept-19	Sept-23	Currently finishing her internship at the Quang Nam hospital
Nguyen Thi Thu Huong	Đại học công nghệ thông tin / University of Technology	Sept-19	Dec-23	Currently finishing his internship, hopes to be hired after that
Nguyen Thi My Oanh	Dai Hoc Y Duoc Hue (ngành điều dưỡng) / University of Pharma of Hue / specialty rehab	Sept-19	Sept-23	Currently finishing her internship at the Da Nang hospital
Truong Thi Thu Ngoc	Dai Hoc Kinh Te Danang(Quản trị Du Lịch) / University of Economics of Danang / specialty tourism	Sept-19	Sept-23	Currently finishing his internship in Da Nang, hopes to be hired after that
Bui Thi Thu Tien	Dai Hoc Y Duoc Hue (ngành điều dưỡng) / University of Pharma of Hue / specialty rehab	Sept-19	Sept-23	Currently finishing her internship at the Da Nang hospital
Thai Thi Nhu Y	Dai Hoc ngoại ngữ (tiếng nhật) / University of Foreign language – Japanese	Sept-19	Sept-23	Class valedictorian – finishing currently her internship
Tran Thi Kim Ngan	Cao Dang Du Lich Hue / Tourism College - Hue	Sept-19	Dec-22	Preparing to go to Japan to work, studying Japanese for one year
Võ Thị Thái Nguyệt	College for nursing and rehab study Hue	Sept-20	Sept-23	One year prep work before being hired
Nguyễn Thị Mỹ Linh	College for nursing and rehab study Hue	Sept-20	Sept-23	One year prep work before being hired

Financials - in Euro

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (p)
Spending									
Scholarship program - Phu Thuong	2 600,00 €	12 400,00 €	25 500,00 €	34 500,00 €	37 900,00 €	31 200,00 €	23 650,00 €	23 350,00 €	22 850,00 €
Scholarship program - Uu Dam			1 100,00 €	2 000,00 €	2 112,44 €	1 351,81 €	900,00 €	900,00 €	900,00 €
Scholarship program - Duc Son	1 100,00 €	1 350,00 €	1 000,00 €	1 500,00 €	1 000,00 €			700,00 €	700,00 €
Full management of Phu Thuong				28 368,97 €	26 081,85 €	27 877,77 €	27 202,85 €	26 685,12 €	26 380,72 €
Buying land - Duc Son (1)			18 480,00 €						
Other operation to DSC				- €			1 500,00 €		1 000,00 €
Other operation to Uu Dam				900,00 €	1 000,00 €	1 000,00 €	1 000,00 €	1 000,00 €	1 000,00 €
Other fees	114,00 €	147,72 €	250,00 €	246,98 €	246,98 €	246,98 €	246,98 €	246,98 €	246,98 €
Total	3 814,00 €	13 897,72 €	46 330,00 €	67 515,95 €	68 341,27 €	61 676,56 €	54 499,83 €	52 882,10 €	53 077,70 €

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (p)
Revenues									
Individual donors - france - sponsors	6 174,75 €	5 452,04 €	15 122,00 €	3 600,00 €	3 500,00 €	4 500,00 €	4 900,00 €	4 900,00 €	4 900,00 €
Sponsorship Linkbynet				21 000,00 €	10 000,00 €	7 500,00 €			
Operations in France (déjeuner Lognes)			3 973,86 €	5 000,00 €	5 000,00 €			4 700,00 €	4 700,00 €
Donors - US					9 000,00 €	4 500,00 €	4 500,00 €		
Individual donors - Vietnam	2 600,00 €	12 400,00 €	22 513,00 €	30 000,00 €	26 000,00 €	30 000,00 €	31 000,00 €	25 600,00 €	9 000,00 €
Individual donors - Australia					3 000,00 €	1 000,00 €	1 000,00 €		2 000,00 €
Fund raising for land purchase				- €					
Donation from Association "Avenir"			4 000,00 €	7 300,00 €	12 000,00 €	12 000,00 €	11 000,00 €	12 000,00 €	12 000,00 €
Sponsoring Boverly								4 500,00 €	15 000,00 €
Other donations				4 524,98 €	1 000,00 €		1 500,00 €	1 000,00 €	
Donation for "Uu Dam"				900,00 €					
Sponsoring PwC VN									5 100,00 €
Total	8 774,75 €	17 852,04 €	45 608,86 €	72 324,98 €	69 500,00 €	59 500,00 €	53 900,00 €	52 700,00 €	52 700,00 €

TESTIMONY FROM OUR STUDENTS



**Nguyễn Nhật Duy, 18 y.o.,
who will enroll next year in
the University of Technology
of Danang**



My name is Nguyen Nhat Duy, I am 18 years old this year. I am the youngest child in my family, there are 3 people in my family. My sister is studying, working and living in Ho Chi Minh city. I just moved to live and study away from home because I just completed the admission procedure. My mother

is a farmer in her home town and does the house work every day.

Next year I will try to study well to get good results. After graduating from college, I will do a job that I love and try to help my family and children with difficult circumstances like me.

Over the years, my sponsor, Phu Thuong and Ducsonchild has helped me a lot in my studies. They pay tuition every year and feed me, they trained me to become a good person.

Later, when I have a stable job, I pledge to take part of my salary to give to DucSonChild so that the sponsor can take care of poor students.

**Trần Văn Khánh, 18 y.o., who
will enroll next year in
University of Sciences of Huế**

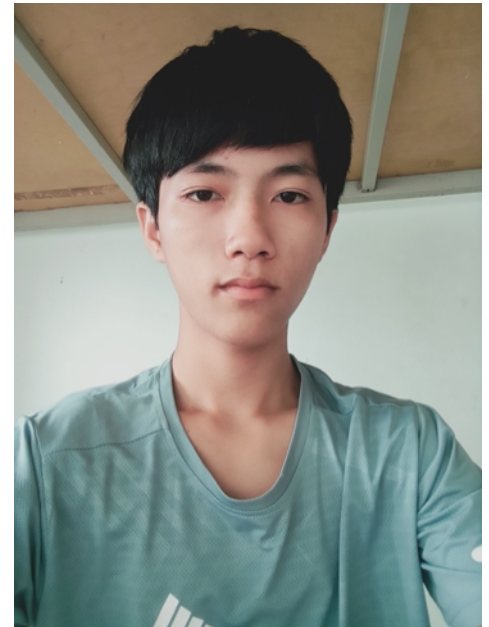
My name is Tran Van Khanh, I have just entered university, next year I will study at the University of Science, and I hope to have a stable job after graduation.

Phu Thuong and DucSonChild have helped me study since 6th grade, helped me go to school, pursue my passions and dreams.

In the future, when I have a stable job, I will return to help, be myself a sponsor to support disadvantaged children, and try to be able to help more children outside Phu Thuong center for poor kids.

I thank everyone!

**Phan Văn Đạt, 18 y.o., who
will enroll next year in
Polytechnic University of
Danang**



My name is Phan Văn Đạt, born in 2005, a future student at Bach Khoa Da Nang University majoring in Biotechnology. I enjoy listening to music in my free time, reading novels or learning about unique creatures in nature through the internet.

Next year I will focus on learning English and using it fluently in communication. After graduating from university, I hope to be able to work at Biological Research Center to participate in creating new breeds of animals and plants, bringing more benefits to the livestock and farming industries cultivation.

The center ở Phu Thuong helped me continue to go to school, created the best conditions for me to focus on studying, and taught me the necessary skills to be able

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to live independently throughout the years.

Later, I promise will contribute money to the support fund of Phu Thuong center for poor and disadvantaged kids, share my experiences and give advice to students so that they can choose the right path for you as well as participate in volunteer activities organized by the school or by Phu Thuong center.

Hà Thị Mỹ Phượng, 18 y.o., who will enroll next year in University of Foreign Language of Huế



To DucSonChild and their donor,

My name is Hà Thị Mỹ Phượng, I am 18 years old this year, currently a freshman at Hue University of Foreign Languages. I like Japanese culture, so I chose to study Japanese language when I go to university. I also like cooking and

listening to music in my free time.

My plan next year is to study and learn more about Japan. In addition, I plan to find a place to study English to improve my foreign language skills. After graduating from university, I want to be a teacher. I am a Japanese teacher and want to help many people with difficult circumstances like me.

Phu Thuong center helped me not only materially but also mentally. Help me have good learning conditions, specifically as follows:

- Fully equipped center with learning equipment such as computers and books.

- Pay tuition and other fees during the annual study period.

- Support demand necessary, as well as entertainment activities during the learning process to reduce stress.

- Allowing me to develop myself while at the same time giving me discipline.

Later, after my graduation, I have the following mission:

- First, I will participate in volunteer activities and help as much as I can.

- During my studies, I will try to study well so that I can have a stable job in the future, helping poor students.

- I will participate in the fund activities with previous students as well as classmates which has been established by students who have

graduated to give back.

Nguyễn Ngọc Liên, 18 y.o, who will enroll next year at the University of Economics of Huế



Hello Duc Son Child Association and our benefactors living in America, Australia, France and all over the world.

First of all, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the benefactors who have supported and accompanied Nhà Bảo Trợ Phú Thượng and us during the past time. Here, I would like to introduce a little about myself. My name is Nguyen Ngoc Lien, I'm 18 years old and I am a freshman at the University of Economics of Hue. The major I chose is

marketing because I feel it suits my personality. I grew up without my father's arms, but my mother never let me be deprived. She let me have a full education like my friends my age. I have lived with my grandmother since I was 2 years old. Because my grandmother was sick, the house was not good enough and my mother worked far away so my uncle asked me to let me go to Nhà Bảo Trợ Phú Thượng to continue studying and have a place to live. I feel fortunate that I live and study in this place.

Next, I would like to talk about my plans for the coming year. I hope next year's self will be more and more perfect in many aspects. I want to become active and enthusiastic to participate in more social activities and improve my grades in study. Especially can be proficient in English and start a new language. In fact, I am cherishing my dream of studying abroad. But now I am still worried about my foreign language as well as my finances. I believe that opportunities will come to those who persevere and never give up. After graduating, I hope to work at a multinational companies. There I can learn and develop myself. Besides, this is also an opportunity to exchange and acquire knowledge from international friends.

Honestly, if it weren't for Nhà Bảo Trợ Phú Thượng, I probably wouldn't be the person I am today.

This place has helped me a lot in every way. I am so grateful about miss Duong, the person in charge, because she help me a lot. Here, she taught me how to be a good person, gave me a place to live and paid for all my study expenses. Now I can confidently enter the university door thanks to her merits for connecting with benefactors far away. I always feel lucky and grateful to have the opportunity to live there.

I feel very appreciative of what I had and have, so returning to help students in Nhà Bảo Trợ Phú Thượng and poor students in Vietnam is something I will definitely do. I will save some money to help the children in Nhà Bảo Trợ Phú Thượng ,and at the same time, I will appeal to my fellow students to raise funds to help them somewhat.I also want to contribute a little bit of youth to help the community by participating in volunteer clubs and teaching English to disadvantaged children when I have time.

Here are my thoughts, ideas and aspirations. Wishing The Duc Son Child and all benefactors from far away good health, success in life.

Bui Thi Thuy Tien, who just graduated from the Pharmacy University of Hue

Hello,

My name is Bui Thi Thuy Tien, born in 2001 in Thua Thien Hue. I was adopted into the Phu Thuong center in 2017. I live with my elderly grandmother and



my father works as a farmer. Unfortunately, my mother passed away from a serious illness.

Currently, I have just graduated from the nursing bachelor program at Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy. Next, I plan to attend a practical training course in diagnosing and treating patients at a hospital for 9 months to obtain a nursing certificate. After completing the program in Vietnam, I plan to work in Germany under their nursing program.

I am extremely grateful to DucSonChild Association for the valuable scholarships they have awarded me over the years. The support from DucSonChild has given me the opportunity to go to school and pursue my dream of becoming a healthcare nurse for my family and the community. I have used all of the precious funds to pay for

tuition, buy books, and learn foreign languages. Especially during the Covid-19 pandemic, thanks to the help of generous benefactors, I was able to overcome the most difficult times and continue attending school.

I hope to have more opportunities for personal development, to experience life and work environments abroad while I am still young, in order to learn from various experiences and establish international connections. From there, I can share my own story as well as the difficulties faced by Vietnamese children with international friends. I want to participate in community projects that help children develop foreign languages, computer skills, and provide more opportunities for working abroad. This would be a great experience and key for personal growth for young people like me.

I always make time to meet with the children at Phu Thuong to support their studies when I have free time. We chat and I always encourage them to see their difficult background as obstacles that they can overcome on their journey to adulthood. We are always a family and ready to help each other when needed.

I used to think I was the most unfortunate child until I met many children who faced even greater difficulties than me. I hope that

poor kids never give up on their dreams, and always strive to overcome challenges. Good people are always around us, and luck always comes to those who never stop trying.

Thank you!

Nguyen Thi My Oanh, who just graduated from the Pharmacy University of Hue



Dear donors from Duc Son Association

My name is Nguyen Thi My Oanh, a student who just graduated from university last August this year. I majored in Nursing at Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy. My family consists of me and my mother. My mother is old and often sick, so her income is quite unstable. During my 4 years in college, I was very fortunate to receive great help from

the Duc Son Association, which helped me with tuition fees and other expenses. With the money the association helped me, I could take care of myself and reduced the burden on my mother.

After graduating, I applied to the University where I studied and was accepted to work at the school's Training Department. Currently, I am starting a 2-month trial period and then hope to sign a contract. I am very grateful for the great love and help my donors and sponsors have given me. and I know there are many difficult students who always need help.

I think that in order to not disappoint the donors who helped me, I have to be a good person and help people in difficult situations like mine. First of all, for the children at Nha Bao Tro Phu Thuong, I will come back and support them somewhat within my allowable conditions. And I will never stop trying to help more than other poor kids

I want to share a message for other poor kids: " Where there is a will, there is a way". So always try your best on the path you are on.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank and wish the Association and wish good health. I hope Duc Son Child Association will continue to develop.



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