



## 2020 Annual Report to Donors

Dear Supporters,

I'm pleased to send you our second Annual Report. Inside, you'll find information about the achievements of the special needs children we serve in our pilot project at the Peace Village orphanage, along with news about our two new projects.

Our current program is giving desperately needed care to the most vulnerable kids—special-needs children abandoned at Quang Nam province's state-run orphanage. Now we are providing after-school tutoring to non-disabled children at the orphanage who have been struggling in school, and opening a day school for special-needs children in the larger community.

In this year of tragedy and suffering around the world, your contributions have helped alleviate pain in one corner of it. We hope you will give again this year. And if you have already given, thank you and look inside to see what you've helped us accomplish!

Sincerely,

Larry Borten, Founder

## Our New Projects

### Early Intervention Program

A \$10,000 donation received last year, along with a recent \$3,750 pledge, will allow us to expand our disability program to children in the community living with their families. The COVID pandemic delayed the needed government approvals, but we are finally getting started! We are now training new staff and sprucing up the building loaned to us by the local government. By December, we will have opened a day school for 15 to 20 children with Down Syndrome, mental retardation or other intellectual disabilities—children currently not attending school at all. These generous donations will pay for the project's first year. We will then seek individual sponsors for each child so we can continue this life-changing work. **If you're interested in providing for a child**, contact us at [Info@ChildcareVietnam.org](mailto:Info@ChildcareVietnam.org).

### Educational Enrichment Program at Peace Village

In addition to the children with disabilities we work with at Peace Village now, the orphanage houses 47 children without disabilities—children who from age 5 attend the regular neighborhood school but do not have parents to nurture and guide them to adulthood.

Research has demonstrated over and over again that children raised in institutions are more likely to fail educationally, and Nhu and Tu, two kids at Peace Village, illustrate the point. Due to behavioral and intellectual problems, they were forced to repeat first grade.



Nhu and Tu with teacher Lieu

However, after three afternoons a week with a CCV teacher, they both received good marks and advanced to second grade in September. **We hope to continue tutoring them this year.**

We have also hired a preschool teacher to lead daily enriching activities for the children under five, helping them to be better prepared when they reach school age.

**But we need to do more.** Huy, Hao and Kho started first grade this past year but did not graduate to second grade. We have hired a teacher to tutor them after school through the end of 2020. **But we need your help to continue supporting all five children in 2021. The cost of this program is just \$15/month per child.** If you want to sponsor one or more of these children, please let us know by writing to [Info@ChildcareVietnam.org](mailto:Info@ChildcareVietnam.org). Sponsors will receive a progress report for their child each semester.



Tu



Nhu



Huy



Hao



Kho

## Tuyet's Story

Tuyet is 16 years old and has Down syndrome. Her mother brought her to live at Peace Village when she was 5 years old. When we began our program in 2017, she was 13 and had never been to school. She could count to 8 but not add or subtract. She knew only four letters. She could not speak in sentences. Everyday tasks like hand washing were difficult and imperfect.

Today, Tuyet can form simple sentences. She knows how to subtract numbers and launder her own clothes. She has mastered the Vietnamese alphabet and its sounds. By the end of the school year in July, she was able to perform 80% of her goals with little or no help.



Tuyet loves going to our little schoolroom. I wish you could see her expression as the letters, words and sentences she has worked so hard to learn appear beneath her own determined pen. In fact, as she said to her teacher one day, soon she will be able to write a letter to her mom!

## Progress Report, 2019-2020

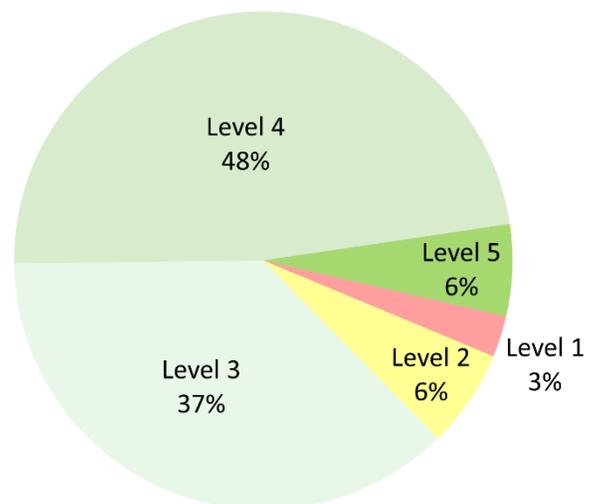
Tuyet is one of 16 children with physical or intellectual disabilities at Peace Village that CCV is helping to lead fuller lives. We provide an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) for each child. Goals are set in five areas: Physical Therapy, Literacy, Math, Communications, and Life Skills. At semester's end, we evaluate the child's success on a 1-to-5 scale for each goal.

Level 3 is attained by children reaching their goals with some assistance. Level 4 is achieved by those needing little or no assistance. At Level 5, the child has fully integrated the skill into his or her daily life.

**Here's how our children did last year.** Of the 488 goals set during two semesters:

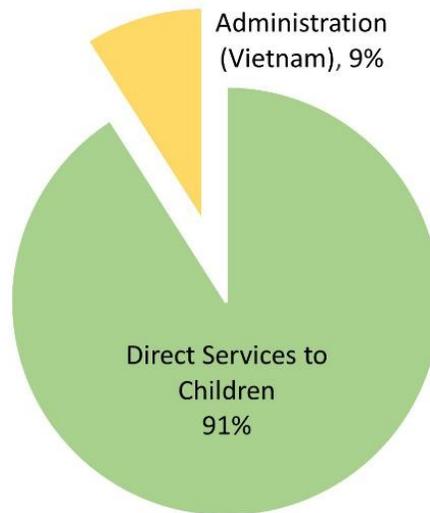
- Level 2: 31 goals were met
- Level 3: 181 goals were met
- Level 4: 233 goals were met
- Level 5: 29 goals were met

Generally, our expectations are satisfied when a child reaches Level 3. And so we are delighted by their consistent progress!



## How we used your donations in 2019

In 2019, donations for our current program totaled \$39,697. Together with earlier surpluses, we spent just under \$50,000. Here's where it went:



## How You Can Help Now

**Our program is possible only thanks to the donations, large and small, you have made.** An envelope is enclosed if you'd like to mail a check. You can also donate by card, PayPal or Zelle transfer through our web site, [ChildCareVietnam.org](http://ChildCareVietnam.org).

**We also need volunteers here in the U.S.** We are looking for a Treasurer to join our Board of Directors, and can always use help with our web site, social media presence, events, and other fundraising activities. Contact us at [info@childcarevietnam.org](mailto:info@childcarevietnam.org).

## Vietnam and COVID

Vietnam shares a border with China and receives millions of Chinese visitors each year, so its quick response to the January 2020 outbreak of COVID-19 in Wuhan was critical. The government immediately restricted domestic and international travel, implemented strict quarantine protocols, performed thorough contact tracing, and closed schools and universities. As of this writing, the nationwide infection count stands at 1,100 cases and 35 deaths.

Because Peace Village is a residential facility, it necessarily remained open. Until July 2020, there were no known cases of COVID-19 in the Tam Ky area and only a handful in the nearest large city, Danang. Except for a two-week lockdown in February, our staff was permitted to continue teaching and providing therapy. But in August, a second wave of the virus broke out, including two cases in Tam Ky and 101 in Quang Nam province, and we were forced to discontinue our activities for three weeks. During both of these closures, we continued to pay our staff their full salary. We hope future outbreaks will not force us to discontinue this practice.