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DILIGENCE**
Constant, Careful Effort

Schoolyard Gardens Thrive in Vietnam



As part of facility improvements to many schools and daycare centers in Vietnam, an organic vegetable garden is seen as an important addition to the curriculum. Because Vietnam is largely an agrarian-based economy, it is important that children learn food sustainability practices at an early age.

The smallest piece of land can be a garden.

Travelers who took part in the D.O.V.E. Fund visit to Vietnam this past January, visited several schools with gardens located just outside the classrooms. These gardens are well planned with careful consideration given to soil quality, irrigation and drainage. A teacher explained that the students are taught how to prepare the soil, plant seeds and nurture the crop with regular watering and weed removal. Lettuce, beans, peas, tomatoes and cabbage and sweet potatoes are just some of the vegetables grown in the student gardens.

For schools that have a garden and a kitchen, students learn when the produce is mature and ready for picking. They are also taught how to clean and prepare a wide variety of vegetables and deliver it to the kitchen staff for the days lunch.

The D.O.V.E. Fund is proud to help fund these gardens where students can develop habits of personal responsibility, self-reliance and accountability.



Kindergarten students admiring the growth of the vegetables in their schoolyard garden.



A young student watches over the young peppers in the school yard garden.



In the classroom, students can use the vegetable props for counting, organizing and free play.

It's Time to Mark your Calendars for 2 D.O.V.E Fund Special Events



The D.O.V.E. Fund Annual Golf Outing

South Toledo Golf Club
Friday, June 9, 2023



The D.O.V.E. Fund Annual Charity Auction

The Pinnacle, Maumee, OH
Saturday, August, 19, 2023

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**D.O.V.E. Fund Delegation Visits Schools in
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Le Thi Kim Ngan express her
appreciation for the D.O.V.E.
Fund Scholarship assistance.

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Do Nguyen Scholarship Recipient

Le Thi Kim Ngan

Quang Tri High School Graduate

Now a Freshman Attending Da Nang
University of Economics

Major: Tourism



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Dear Customer, We are writing to let you know that the AmazonSmile Program was officially shut down on February 20, 2023. In 2013, AmazonSmile was

launched to make it easier for customers to support their favorite charities. However, after almost a decade, the program has not grown to create the impact that we had originally hoped. We're continuing to pursue other areas where we can make meaningful change, including investments in programs that support disaster relief and families in need. If you'd like to continue supporting AmazonSmile charities, you can still donate to the organization's wish list. To learn more about our ongoing community support, check out our [community news](#).

Thanks to each of you who have selected The D.O.V.E. Fund as their charity on AmazonSmile.

Tax Tip: Use your RMD to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution to the D.O.V.E. Fund

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The D.O.V.E. Fund, an Ohio-based non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, is committed to helping the people of Vietnam through a wide range of humanitarian assistance. D.O.V.E. is an acronym for the Development of Vietnam Endeavors. The group, chartered in January 2000, has built 55 schools along with medical clinics, water purification plants and micro-finance projects throughout the country. We also provide financial aid to impoverished but deserving students through our "Young Doves" Scholarship Program.

Those interested in making a tax deductible contribution and learning more about the D.O.V.E. Fund should log on to www.dovefund.org

