



**DOVE
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Gifts of Love and Hope



By Marian Grems

The holidays are fast approaching and so begins the challenge to find the perfect gift for your friends and loved ones who have everything.

This year, instead of giving socks, candles, or gift certificates, consider a unique and meaningful gift that doesn't add clutter, isn't merely decorative, and will make a life changing difference to the neediest people in Vietnam.

Pause for a moment to consider the interests and passions of the people on your gift list. Make a donation, in their name, to a D.O.V.E. Fund project that captures their heart and you'll succeed in creating a gift that continues to give throughout the holiday season and beyond!

For the well-traveled person who is passionate about raising the standard of living across the globe:

Consider supporting the life-changing **Clean Water and Latrine project**. The privacy latrines are equipped with solar lights and provide clean water, a shower tap and facilities for washing clothes.

For the book lover on your list whose book shelves are overflowing:

The **Solar Light** project is a gift that lights up the night in communities where electricity isn't available and the ability to read sets with the sun.

The **Mobile Library** project provides carefully selected books in both English and Vietnamese to classrooms in impoverished areas of Vietnam.

For the educator on your gift list or for those who see education as a path for creating a better life:

The **Scholarship Program** provides academic assistance and hope for a brighter future to poor but deserving students. The D.O.V.E. Fund also provides scholarships to children of leper families in Pleiku.

For your friends and family members who want to help the physically or visually challenged:

Over 400 visually impaired persons in Quang Tri Province rely on the **Assistance for the Blind** program. They are in need of upgraded workshops, restrooms, and new kitchens to better perform their work and improve their living conditions.


For the humanitarian who wants to ease the suffering of others:

The **Agent Orange** project provides aid and comfort to victims of Agent Orange. People afflicted with Agent Orange poisoning suffer from severe birth defects, deformed limbs, blindness, early onset cancers of all types and disabling neurological trauma.

For the Vietnam veteran, friends and family members who served:

One way to thank them for their service is with a gift in their name that both honors their sacrifice and brings a sense of reconciliation with the past. A donation to any of our projects will not only carry the hope of a better future for the people of Vietnam but will bring healing to those who still carry the memories of war.

By the way, you can use your RMD to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution to the D.O.V.E. Fund. For those who qualify, new tax laws encourage charitable contributions from the Required Mandatory Distribution portion of your IRA. A Qualified Charitable Distribution is a withdrawal that is paid directly from your IRA to a qualifying charity. While income tax is normally due on each traditional IRA distribution, with a QCD, the account owner does not pay taxes on the amount transferred to charity. To learn more, check with your CPA or financial advisor.



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Christmas Party



THURSDAY DECEMBER 15TH

6:00PM - 9:00PM

STONE OAK COUNTRY CLUB

100 Stone Oak Blvd, Holland OH

\$65 Per Person, Cash Bar

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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

